

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN
THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON, ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2014 AT 7.06 PM**

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Councillors: J P Radford-Gaby (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams	Miss J A Hornsby	M Knight
R J L Boase	J Martin	Mrs N Roberts
Mrs F N E Boase	M Upton	A R Harrison
M H Thomas	Mrs G A Geer	

Officers: Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P J Lavelle (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Mrs J Chambers (Administrative Assistant)
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)
Mrs A Boxer (Town Centre Management Project Assistant)

The Meeting was preceded with Prayers offered by Reverend Jane Bradbury.

1. Election of Town Mayor for 2014/15

(1) The Mayor declared his Term of Office ended and thereupon invited nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Councillor Radford-Gaby, seconded by Councillor Harrison, "That Councillor Michael Henry Thomas be elected Town Mayor for the year 2014/15".

There being no other nominations, the Town Clerk advised that the election would be conducted by means of the 'long vote' and upon an open call of the Members present, the voting was recorded as follows:-

Councillor R Williams	-	Declined to vote
" R J L Boase	-	Voted for Councillor Michael Henry Thomas
" Mrs F N E Boase	-	- ditto -
" M H Thomas	-	Declined to vote
" J P Radford-Gaby	-	Voted for Councillor Michael Henry Thomas
" Miss J A Hornsby	-	- ditto -
" J Martin	-	- ditto -
" M Upton	-	- ditto -
" Mrs G A Geer	-	- ditto -
" M Knight	-	- ditto -
" Mrs N Roberts	-	- ditto -
" A R Harrison	-	- ditto -

It was thereby

RESOLVED – that Councillor Michael Henry Thomas be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

(2) The retiring Mayor, the newly-elected Mayor and the Town Clerk were conducted by the Town Beadle to the Mayor's Parlour for the robing of the new Mayor whilst the Members of the Council signed the record indicating the manner in which they had voted.

(3) Upon returning to the Council Chamber, the newly-elected Mayor took the Chair and following letters and cards of congratulations being read by the Town Clerk, Councillor Thomas made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(4) The retiring Mayoress, Mrs W A Radford-Gaby, invested the new Mayoress, Mrs B Thomas, with her Chain of Office. The retiring Mayoress then presented the new Mayoress with a bouquet.

(5) The Mayor made his speech following which he formally appointed Canon David Miller as his Chaplain.

(6) A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress proposed by the Mayor, was seconded by Councillor R J L Boase and the Mayor presented Councillor Radford-Gaby with a Town Plaque. Councillor Radford-Gaby responded.

(7) The Mayoress, Mrs Thomas, then presented the retiring Mayoress, Mrs Radford-Gaby, with a bouquet.

2. Appointment of Sergeants-At-Mace

Messrs Frederick Gordon Angove and Paul James Cooke, having been appointed by the Mayor as Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year, were duly sworn to Office by the Town Clerk.

3. Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Roberts, seconded by Councillor Knight, it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mark Upton be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. The Deputy Mayor then made his speech.

4. Adjournment

On the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was

RESOLVED – that the Council Meeting stood adjourned until 7.15 pm on Thursday, 15th May 2014 in the Council Chamber.

Meeting closed 7.48 pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor