



BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 6th June 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllr Amanda Coates, Mayor of Bedale (Chairing), Nick Reed (Town Clerk) and **13 others**

1) Welcome

Cllr Coates welcomed parishioners to the meeting

2) Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th June 2022 were **AGREED** as a true record of the meeting.

3) Annual Report

The Mayor of Bedale, Cllr Amanda Coates, welcomed all to the meeting. She then delivered her report on the business of the town, and Bedale Town Council, for the year 2021-22, which is attached.

4) Bedale Community Awards

Community Awards were presented to Mr Colin Tipton and Mrs Sheila Tipton. The citations, which were read out by Mr Martyn Coombs, and Cllr John Noone respectively, are attached to these minutes. The Mayor presented the citation and a certificate to each of the recipients and thanked them for all their hard work and commitment to Bedale over the years.

5) Questions and comments from parishioners

The Meeting Closed at 7.30pm, with refreshments served afterwards.



Chair's Report 2022-23

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting of 2023 stating that there had been a wonderful start to the year, with a wide range of events and activities.

It was noted that the Illuminated Address for Royal Air Force Leeming, held last summer, had been very successful event in the town. This was followed by an array of other annual events, including the increasingly popular bonfire celebrations and Bedale Christmas market. In the summer months, Bedale is delighted to host monthly Banquets, the annual Scouts and Guides Festival, dog shows, a fun fair and weekly car boot sales. Additionally this year, the Mayor hosted a highly successful afternoon tea event Bedale Hall, to raise funds for local organisations.

On behalf of the whole community, the Mayor thanked the many voluntary groups in Bedale including; Bedale Tourist Information Centre, Bedale Library, Bedale Museum, Bedale Hall, Meals on Wheels, Bedale Litter Busters and Volunteer Mini- bus. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers for their ongoing service and commitment.

It was noted that new equipment has been installed in the play area at Southfield, and that work is carried out on a continuous basis, to maintain equipment and street furniture in order to uphold and enhance the appearance of Bedale town. Council members continue to work hard to maintain standards in the town and are greatly assisted by members of the community alerting the Town Council to their concerns. The Mayor also confirmed that Bedale Town Council will routinely lobby other councils on behalf of residents, to ensure their concerns are addressed.

Thank you.

Cllr Amanda Coates (Mayor)



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BEDALE COMMUNITY AWARD

COLIN TIPTON

Colin was born in Newcastle, where he was an altar boy, and worked for his father at Tipton & Morley Garage in Barnard Castle, before taking over Bedale Garage in the Market Place in the centre of town in 1974.

He has been a playing member of the Bedale Squash and Racketball Club and is still a very active playing member at Bedale Golf Club and a founder member of the Thursday Walking Group.

It is at the Bedale Sports Club and Community Centre where Colin has shown magnificent voluntary commitment, chairing the association for many years and showing great leadership and vision. Since standing down as Chair in 2019, Colin now concentrates on making sure the bar operates successfully. He is at the club almost every day checking stock levels, sorting the heating, collecting the bar takings and generally making sure everything is functioning correctly.

Colin is also the essential go-to, odd job man for anything that needs doing around the site using his excellent DIY skills for the benefit of everyone else. The iconic global motto 'service before self' best describes Colin's commitment to the community.



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SHEILA TIPTON

Sheila was born in Perth in Scotland and started her career at Darlington Structural Linings, Taylor Woodrow, and the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle where she met her future husband Colin. She moved to Bedale to work in Bedale Garage when the premises were on the Market Place, where The Greengrocer is now.

Sheila served the community as a special police officer for many years, and for more than thirty years has been heavily involved with the Bedale Sports Club and Community Centre. She has been treasurer for many years, a voluntary role she continues to perform with great excellence.

Sheila also organises the annual fund-raising 100 club, managed the Crowdfunder for the Adrian Grayson Function Room, collates all the social bookings for the diary and organises the voluntary bar staff for functions. Her selfless dedication to working for others is exemplary.