

Knutsford Town Council

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Minutes of the forty-seventh Annual Town Meeting of Knutsford held at 7pm on Thursday 7th March 2019 at St John's Church

47/001 Attendance

In attendance was the Town Mayor, Cllr Peter Coan, Town Clerk, Adam Keppel-Green and 65 members of the public.

47/002 Welcome from the Mayor of Knutsford

The Mayor welcomed all those in attendance and the shortlisted nominees for the Town Awards. Cllr Coan referred to the publication of the Town Council's Annual Report.

47/003 To note the minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were noted.

47/004 Town Awards

The Town Mayor introduced the Town Awards and invited Ian Cass, Managing Director of the sponsors, the Forum of Private Business, to present the awards.

Civic Awards were presented to:

1. Beryl Jenyons - in recognition of her outstanding voluntary contribution to the Welcome
2. Rob Walley - for leadership of 2nd Knutsford Scouts which has seen fundraising, membership and volunteering increase
3. Ronnie and John Mills - for their work with Knutsford Stroke Club where they have held a number of roles for almost 30 years

The Community Award was presented to Canute Lunch Club for their work combating loneliness through providing a weekly lunch club

The Youth Award was presented to Lenny Turner, Jake Phillips & Eleanor Woods for organising an annual charity concert which has raised thousands of pounds for charities

The Business Award was presented to Oliver Valves for their ongoing support of local charities.

A special award was made to the Knutsford Air Cadets for establishing a marching band for civic parades.

The first Extra Mile Award was made to Bob Garner, Town Ranger at Knutsford Town Council for engendering true community through his entertaining use of twitter and we demonstrating immense pride in everything he does.

47/005 To note the upcoming referendum on the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Stewart Gardiner addressed the meeting and highlighted that the referendum on the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan would be held on 14th March. Cllr Gardiner encouraged residents to read the plan and participate in the referendum.

47/006 Open Forum

A resident addressed the meeting and encouraged the community to vote 'YES' in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum stating that without it there was the risk of unfettered development. Mr Cussons further spoke in relation to the Makers Market stating that he considered emergency access during the market was insufficient and that the Town Council imposed the market on town centre residents without consultation. The Town Mayor stated he would arrange for the Town Council to discuss his concerns.

A non-resident spoke in relation to the War Memorial Cottage Hospital expressing their opposition to the redevelopment of the site. They further stated that they felt the centennial war memorial desecrated the statue and that the statue should be removed from the memorial and returned to its original plinth. The Town Mayor stated that the Baronian family had consented to the use of the statue for the centennial memorial.