

WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday, 13 April 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: The Town Mayor Councillor L. Sims, Deputy Mayor Councillor H.B. Wegg, and Councillors Miss E.A. Carlisle, P. Clapp, Mrs C.R. Cox, J.R. Farmer, L. Forster, A.R. Green, M. Hill S. King, D. Oliver, E.E. Penn, L.W. Purt, M. Willet, T. Wright,

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.B. O'Dell and Mrs A.R. Purt

2. The Mayor welcomed those present to the Annual Assembly

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday 14 April 2003 at 7.30pm, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Town Mayor as a true and correct record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Resolutions

No resolutions were received by the closing date of 26 March 2004. One resolution was received on 30 March 2004 concerning 'That street drinking is banned in specific areas of Wisbech'.

The Motion was addressed to the Mayor by Councillor L. Forster and it was agreed by the Chairman of the Council that the motion should be considered by the meeting.

It was confirmed that groups and individuals were creating no go areas by their habitual drinking in areas of the town; The Horsefair, Market Place, St Peter's Church Gardens, the Lower Garden at the river and Freedom Bridge area to name but a few.

One member felt that it was an 'incredibly bad idea'.

There followed further discussion of the matter referring to the fact that the police already had the power to deal with law breakers.

It was then put to the Meeting that the way forward might be that Council write to Fenland District Council reminding it of its letter in September asking for an update on the talks with police and stating that the Town Council supported banning drinking alcohol in the streets where there was a proven problem.

The motion was carried 12 votes to one against.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Town Mayor

Date