



## **BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting**

**DATE:** Tuesday 3rd June 2025  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllr Christine Mollard, Mayor of Bedale (Chairing), Christine Brown (Asst Clerk, minutes) and 15 others

#### **1) Welcome**

The Mayor of Bedale, Cllr Christine Mollard welcomed all to the meeting. There were no apologies received.

#### **2) Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were **AGREED** as a true record of the meeting.

#### **3) 2024-25 Mayor's report of Bedale Activity**

The Mayor invited Cllr John Howe, Mayor of Bedale for the year 2024-25, to deliver his report on the business of the town and Bedale Town Council, which is attached. The Mayor thanked Cllr Howe for his hard work during his term of office and presented him with a past mayoral badge.

#### **4) Presentation on the 96-year history of Carrick's Fish Limited**

An interesting and informative presentation was delivered describing the history of Carrick's Fish Limited and the challenges faced in the early years of the business and during the war. It was also explained how the business has evolved and adapted, with the inclusion of fruit and vegetables and by delivering to markets and local businesses further afield.

#### **5) Bedale Community Award Presentation**

Community Awards were presented to Carrick's Fish Limited. The citation, which was read out by the Mayor, is attached to these minutes. The Mayor presented the citation and a certificate to the recipients and thanked them for all their hard work and commitment to Bedale over the years.

#### **6) Questions and comments from parishioners**



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There were none. However, following the recent resignation of John Noone from Bedale Town Council, the Mayor formally thanked him for his support and contribution to the Council and for long service to the residents of Bedale.

The Meeting Closed at 7.20pm, with refreshments served afterwards.

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## Chair's Report 2024-25

Cllr Howe reported the following:

As Mayor, it had been a pleasure to accept an invitation to attend Benkhill Lodge, where a resident was celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, to present flowers and other gifts. He was joined by Kevin Hollinrake MP for this occasion

The Mayor had attended four services at Ripon Cathedral: the oakleaf service, carol and Advent service, Plough Monday (for the agricultural community), and Candlemas.

There had been close liaison with Richmond Borough, Bedale Town Council's closest municipal neighbour, including the mayor making for Cllr Bob White who sadly died during his term of office.

The Mayor had attended Yorkshire Day which took place in York and included a parade from the Guildhall to York Minster.

In November, the Bedale Bonfire and Fireworks event was again an incredible success and Cllr Howe thanked Bonfire Committee for their hard work. Although Cllr John Noone was not involved last year it was felt that his contribution over very many years was reflected in the continued success of the evening.

Remembrance Sunday was again very well attended. Bedale also welcomed a representative from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant's office and Kevin Hollinrake MP.

The Christmas Lights turn on and the fair was again a great success. The lights were switched on by Kevin Hollinrake MP.

A feature on BBC Breakfast news saw Bedale Community Library highlighted as an example of community involvement in running a library, to allow it to continue to operate. At the time of this news item, the Mayor had formally thanked the Trustees and volunteers for their hard work in running the library. Cllr Howe wanted to again note that Bedale is immensely proud of the library and those who willingly give their time to make it a success.

It was noted that the major event of the year was the celebration of VE Day in Bedale Park. Bedale Town Council followed the national guidance for this event, reading a declaration of peace and thanks and then lighting the beacon. The event included



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entertainment with rendition of 1940s songs. A service of thanksgiving for VE Day was celebrated at St Gregory's the following Saturday and was followed by the planting of a tree of Remembrance by the Becksides at the Riverside Club.

Cllr Howe thanked Cllr Mollard for her attendance at YLCA meetings throughout the year and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their help and support through his year of Office.

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## **BEDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025**

### **BEDALE COMMUNITY AWARD**

#### **CARRICK'S FISH LTD**

Carrick's Fish was founded after the First World War by Herbert Carrick who, in order to lessen the burden on his parents and family, left his home in Hartlepool and set off south to make his mark on the world.

Herbert Carrick came to Yorkshire and began selling fish brought down from the coast on his first motorcycle. He started from rented premises in Snape before acquiring Yew Tree House, which is still the base of the enterprise.

Herbert first attended Bedale Market in 1929. He was subsequently joined in the business by his sons Peter and John, at which point fruit and vegetables were included in their sales. They also began to attend markets further afield and deliver directly to local businesses.

Over the years the firm has trained and given employment to hundreds of local people and has been a rock of support to the local community.

The business is now continued by the next generation of Carrick's including Martin, Kevin Nicola and Laura, (and who knows who may come next!).

Carrick's has been the centre of Bedale market for almost 100 years, attending come rain, shine, war, and almost any problem imaginable. The business continues to grow and diversify, and we look forward to helping celebrate their centenary on the Market in 2029!

The Town Council is proud to have the Carrick family and business as part of Bedale's story and is delighted to recognise them with this award.