



NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2005-06



INTRODUCTION BY THE TOWN MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ROBERT ROBERTSON

I would like to welcome you all to the annual Town Meeting of Newhaven Town Council and to thank you for taking an interest in what your local town councillors have been up to over the past year.

I have greatly enjoyed my year of office as Mayor and the opportunities this has given me to meet so many of my fellow townspeople. It has also been a great honour to represent the town at a number of more formal occasions.

As many of you may know, I have been an active member of the local branch of the Royal British Legion for many years, and so it has been a particular pleasure for me to have been Mayor during the year when the Town Council achieved the long desired goal of moving the town's First World War memorial to the War Memorial Gardens in South Way. The original location at the junction of Chapel Street and Fort Road had become an inconvenient and even dangerous place, both for the holding of Remembrance Day services and for ordinary people who simply wanted to look at the memorial, read the names on it or lay flowers, because of the huge increase in road traffic since the memorial was first erected. There had also been several occasions in recent years when the memorial or its railings had been damaged by vehicles. The gardens are a much more fitting and attractive location for the memorial. The opportunity was taken to move the Canadian Memorial within the gardens at the same time and to refurbish both this and the Transport Memorial, so that the three memorials now stand in a semi-circle, providing a much better location for the holding of services and the laying of wreaths and flowers. The Legion have provided a second flagpole so that the Union flag can hang proudly beside the Canadian flag, and further improvements may be made to the gardens over the next year or so.

This year also saw the honouring of the names of the people of Newhaven who died as a result of the Second World War in a Book of Remembrance. This too was the fulfilment of a wish which had been long held by local people. Unlike after the First World War, no memorial was erected in the town after the Second World War and many of our older residents were becoming afraid that the names of their comrades and friends would be forgotten and lost. The Town Council undertook the researching of the names, with the help of the Newhaven Historical Society and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and the handsomely bound and decorated book was produced in time for the 60th Anniversary of VE Day which was celebrated in May 2005. The book was formally opened by my predecessor as Mayor, Councillor Jo Lewry, at the special VE Day event at the Fort, at her last official function as Mayor. This event was financed by the Town Council through a successful lottery bid and nearly 1000 free tickets were distributed to local people.

Many of you may also know that another of my particular interests is Newhaven in Bloom, of which I am Chairman. This small group of local residents works hard every year to make our town more beautiful by providing floral displays and hanging baskets in public places, as well as by organising the annual competition between local gardeners and taking part in the regional competition on behalf of the town. This year we took home the bronze award and the West Beach Improvement Group took home the award for the best volunteers. To raise funds for Newhaven in Bloom, I invited many of my fellow Mayors and other local dignitaries to let their hair down and join me in a game of crazy golf at Paradise Park at the end of March. We made quite a spectacle dressed in our badges, chains and other regalia and raised a sum of money which will be put to very good use around the town this summer.

I have greatly enjoyed my year as Mayor and have attended a wide range of events on behalf of the town, from formal occasions such as the Commemoration of the Dieppe Raid

or the presenting of awards, to less formal occasions such as having my face painted at the Southdown School Summer Fair or the It's a Knockout tournament organised by the Lions Club.

One of my most enjoyable moments as Mayor was starting the Mayoral Parade at the Fish Festival organised by NCDA with local people and children from Start Art and Smart Art. I felt very proud, marching alongside the Sea Cadets, who this year celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, and the Newhaven Youth Marching Band, who were awarded the freedom of the town last year.

As many people will know, Revd Martin Miller took up his post as the new Rector of St Michael's Church this year. He invited my family and I to midnight communion – I hadn't realised before that the Mayor never sleeps! It was most enjoyable, however, and on Christmas Day I presented chocolates to some of the town's residents.

I have been pleased to be able to support Haven Life Magazine, which I feel has started some great new ideas to bring life and character into the town, such as the pram race and the pub of the year and other competitions.

I felt very honoured to invite the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs P Stewart-Roberts and the High Sheriff, Mr David Tate, to Newhaven to show them the new developments in the town, which will open up new opportunities for local people. Contacts made during my mayoral year even took me to China! I know, however, that my most abiding memory of this year will be of all the ordinary local people, children and adults, young, middle aged and elderly, that I have met during the course of the year, working hard and enjoying themselves and who make Newhaven such a great place to live.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for giving me the honour of being the first citizen of the town, and to thank the Town Clerk and his staff for all their help and support over the past year.

Robbie Robertson
Town Mayor

REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR JUDITH OST

The past year has been a very busy year for the Town Council and one which has seen the successful completion of a number of projects to enhance and promote the town. The Council is keen to work in partnership with other local organisations and authorities and one such partnership project last summer was the production of a new tourist leaflet and map called "Welcome to Newhaven". This was jointly financed by the Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA), Newhaven Strategic Network and Newhaven Town Council, and has been well received by both visitors to the town and by local businesses.

The "What's On in Newhaven" leaflet, which was launched by the Town Council just before last year's Town Meeting, has gone from strength to strength during the year. There have now been five editions, each covering a three month period and giving details of a wide range of local events to suit all tastes. The leaflet has gone a long way towards killing the old myth that "nothing ever happens in Newhaven" and has proved very popular with local people. The January-March 2006 edition saw a change over from a simple A4 format to a third of A4 folded leaflet which fits into pockets more easily.

Looking ahead, the Town Council is on the point of joining in with 21st century information technology too, as it prepares to launch its own website. Work on this is now nearing completion and it is hoped to be on line very soon, enabling local residents and people on the other side of the world to access all sorts of information about the town in general and the workings of the Town Council in particular.

The Mayor has already mentioned one project to enhance an area of the town for which the Town Council is directly responsible – the improvements made to the War Memorial Gardens in South Way. A major improvement has also been made to the children's play area at the Lewes Road Recreation Ground, which was replaced with completely new, much more exciting equipment this year. Consultations were held with the children at the nearby Meeching Valley School to find out exactly what the children wanted before the equipment, costing around £30,000, was installed. The result has proved very successful and popular with users. Looking ahead at the Lewes Road Recreation Ground, the Town Council is looking at ways of addressing the worsening winter flooding which has been occurring here. Expert advice is being obtained as to why this is happening and what might be done to resolve the problem. The improvements we would like to make will be expensive and the Town Council are looking at ways to raise the money, most probably through lottery or other bids and in partnership with others.

There has been a great upsurge of interest in allotment gardening in the town over the last couple of years, which had resulted in a long waiting list for the Town Council's allotments at the Cemetery in Lewes Road. Complaints were often received that several of the allotments there were not being cultivated, which seemed very unfair to those on the waiting list. As a result, a number of changes have been made this year to the way the allotments are rented out to people. Allotment holders are now asked to sign an annual agreement which stipulates amongst other things that they will cultivate the allotment to an acceptable standard. Over the last year, inspections were carried out on the allotments periodically to see which ones were not being cultivated, and these tenancies were not renewed. In January of this year, several of the allotments which had become available because of this were divided into two, making them a much easier size for many people to cope with, and they have all now been re-let to people on the waiting list.

The removal of the town's First World War Memorial from its site at the junction of Chapel Street and Fort Road has left an empty space in the middle of this small traffic island, and the Town Council has been considering what to do with this. I am pleased to be able to announce that the Town Council has succeeded in obtaining funding of £5000 from the

Awards for All Lottery Fund to allow a very exciting project for this site to go ahead. In co-operation with the Area Partnership Development Worker, a competition is to be held this Spring for a sculpture to be designed for this site by local young people, with the help of local artists and historians, on the theme of Newhaven's Maritime history. The winning design will be chosen by local residents and constructed by local businesses. It is hoped to have completed the project in readiness for a special unveiling event on 1st July.

The Town Council is also currently involved in discussions with the Highways Authority about the possibility of enhancing the roundabout in The Drove by McDonalds during the forthcoming year. Initial thoughts are that this should also reflect the maritime importance of the town.

I am sure that many local residents will feel that enhancement and improvement works like these will be completely overshadowed by the threatened building of an incinerator at North Quay. This issue has dominated the life of the town during the first few weeks of 2006, following the submission of the planning application just before Christmas, and will no doubt continue to loom large for all of us. The Town Council has continued to work hard to oppose this monstrous proposal in every way it can. Long before the planning application was received, we began talks with Town and Parish Councils from nearby Towns and Villages and with environmental organisations such as DOVE and Friends of the Earth, to discuss the best way forward and how to present a united front against the incinerator.

Once the application was submitted, these talks intensified and an enormous amount of work was put in over the Christmas period to produce the front and back cover feature for the Leader newspaper which was published in the New Year, calling on everyone in the local area to object and suggesting the most effective points to raise. This was jointly financed by this Town Council and by Telscombe and Seaford Town Councils. A similar feature was also run inside the Sussex Express. Additionally, the Town Council held surgeries over several Saturdays, helping people to write letters of objection, whilst DOVE gave letter writing help at Sainsbury's.

At the same time as this activity was taking place, the Town Council was working at Government level lobbying the Deputy Prime Minister with regard to the Waste Local Plan, which is the overall policy for Waste Management being adopted by East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council and which sets out the principle of having an incinerator at Newhaven. We feel that there are a number of very good reasons why the Waste Local Plan should have been "called in" by the Deputy Prime Minister, in the same sort of way as the plans for a football stadium at Falmer were "called in" and decided by him. Unfortunately, the Deputy Prime Minister has now announced that the Plan will not be called in. The Town Council is discussing with others whether there are legal grounds to challenge the Plan and will continue to fight fiercely against the incinerator on behalf of the residents of the town.

There are, of course, also a number of other, lower key, but nonetheless important and persistent threats to the ambience of our town. One which I know greatly irritates local residents is the problem of litter in our streets, which has been hotly discussed at many a Town Meeting. Although street cleaning is not strictly speaking the responsibility of the Town Council, we do take an active role in all matters relating to the town and where possible work in partnership with the appropriate bodies to address problems. Last summer the Town Council participated in a very successful multi organisational initiative called "Clean Streets Newhaven" whereby for three months extra resources were concentrated on Newhaven Town Centre and other parts of the town, including increased animal warden patrols, increased PCSO patrols, increased litter bin emptying, the provision of chewing gum bins, tackling landowners about litter and the appearances of buildings and a one-off clean up of rubbish in eye-sore areas. I believe that this made a real difference to the appearance of the town. For the past few years, the Town Council have also organised

annual “Spring Cleans” of the town by Councillors and other volunteers, targeting litter blackspots in the town, and this year’s took place on Sunday 19th March.

Another source of anxiety for local residents is anti-social behaviour, and again the Town Council works closely with both the local police and with local residents affected by this to try and facilitate solutions. The arson at Tideway School in April was an instance of anti-social behaviour which has had a profound effect on the town’s young people and their families and the Town Council offered what help they could to the school and other involved bodies in the immediate aftermath of the fire, and later lobbied the Government and the County Council for funds to be made available for the rebuilding of the school. The County Council have recently agreed to finance a £10 million project to replace the destroyed and damaged parts of the school with new facilities fit for the 21st century and to make other improvements.

The Town Council are represented on the Newhaven Strategic Network, which is where the Town, District and County Councils come together with the voluntary sector and with local businesses to continue to progress the regeneration of the town. The Network has many working groups, each looking at how we can improve different aspects of the town, for example the Local Area Transport Strategy Group which is overseeing the works to improve the Town Centre, which are being financed and facilitated by the County Council. We do our best to represent the view of local residents and businesses on this subject, although this is often difficult because of their diversity. This group is also involved with developing an overall transport strategy for the town. Other working groups within the Network include the Newhaven Children and Young People’s Initiative (NCYPI), the Green Spaces Group, the Tourism and Culture Group, Education and Training Group and a Businesses Group. Although the Town Council does not have much money to put towards some of the larger projects proposed by the Network, we do our best to make sure that local people are properly consulted on what is proposed. We also have representatives involved with a number of other groups and organisations – there is a full list in the section of this document entitled “the Role of the Town Council”.

As well as talking to other organisations the Town Council can also offer financial support to bodies which benefit local residents. The Town Council has for several years helped to finance the Citizens Advice Bureau in Newhaven and this year has given extra help to keep the Money Advice Service running, which we know is so important to many local people. Financial support has also been given to the organisation of the Maritime Festival, to Newhaven in Bloom and to the new youth club set up at Lewes Road. A new Regeneration Manager has just been appointed by the Newhaven Strategic Network to lobby for funds to further the regeneration of the town, and this post has been partly funded by the Town Council. The annual small grants scheme continues to be in great demand and offers very valuable funding to local voluntary groups.

Finally, I would like to mention the fact that the Town Council are working towards achieving “Quality Status”. This government led initiative looks to raise standards at town and parish level and sets high values in being representative of the community, being effectively and properly managed, demonstrating a commitment to partnership working, working closely with voluntary groups and acting as a point of information for local services.

The town of Newhaven will face many challenges, both old and new, in the coming years. Please be assured that the Town Council will continue to work hard on behalf of the people of Newhaven to represent your views and try to make the town a home we can all be proud of.

Councillor Judith Ost
Leader of Newhaven Town Council

THE ROLE OF NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

There are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Newhaven - East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and Newhaven Town Council.

East Sussex County Council's responsibilities include:

- ♦ Highways, including roads, footpaths, pavements, alleyways, street lighting, the cutting of grass verges, etc
- ♦ Education - schools, adult education, etc.
- ♦ Social services, including the provision of care homes, etc
- ♦ Waste sites, such as the tip in Lewes Road

Lewes District Council's responsibilities include:

- ♦ Housing
- ♦ Deciding planning applications
- ♦ Rubbish collection from premises in the town; provision of recycling facilities
- ♦ Street cleansing
- ♦ Environmental health
- ♦ Provision of leisure and sports facilities, such as the Seahaven Pool, recreation grounds
- ♦ Collection of Council Tax on behalf of all three tiers of local government
- ♦ Licensing of taxis

Newhaven Town Council is the equivalent of a village parish council. It receives annually a small percentage of the money raised by Council Tax, known as "the Precept". This money can be spent on the provision of various things that are of particular benefit to the local community and which the Town Council feel are not adequately provided by the other two tiers.

Eighteen local people serve as Councillors on the Town Council. They are all volunteers and receive no pay for the work they do on behalf of the town. Elections are held every four years.

There are full meetings of the Town Council about every six weeks throughout the year, which take place at Meeching Hall, in Fort Road. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and there is a short period at the beginning of each meeting put aside for questions from the public and for the receipt of petitions.

An important part of the role of the Town Council is to represent the views of the town in response to various public consultations.

On a regular basis our Planning Applications Committee meet to look at planning applications received by the Planning Authority and to pass on to them our comments. The Town Council always try to represent the views put forward by local people in this regard, although sometimes this can prove difficult when an application is controversial and has both vocal support and opposition amongst local residents. Nevertheless, members of the Planning Applications Committee take a vigilant approach in representing the local viewpoint, and encourage objectors/supporters of planning applications to attend meetings and put forward their views.

At the present time, Newhaven Town Council provides the following for the local community:

- ♦ The Town Council **offices** in Fort Road act as an information point for local residents. The offices were the subject of a major refurbishment in 2003-4 and are now much more people friendly, with easy public access from street level. Internally there is now

a lift for the less agile or parents with buggies and the interior is light, modern and convenient. The building also has a private interview room and a small meeting room. Current planning applications may be viewed there during normal office opening hours. Leaflets and posters are displayed concerning local events, places of interest and other items of general interest. A Planning Officer from the District Council visits the offices to hold a Planning Surgery twice a month. The Registrar visits the offices once a week to allow local residents to register births and deaths. The meeting room is in regular use in hosting meetings connected with the Newhaven Strategic Network, Anti-Social Behaviour, Tourism Group, West Beach Improvement Group and the Local Area Transport Strategy. The offices are owned by the Town Council.

- ◆ Four **social centres** are owned, maintained and run by the Town Council. They are available for hire by local organisations and individuals. They are Denton Social Centre, East Side Social Centre, Lewes Road Social Centre and Meeching Hall.
- ◆ Some of the town's **recreation grounds** are maintained by the Town Council. These are the Denton Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area, the Valley Road Play Area, and the Lewes Road Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area. Other local recreation grounds and play areas are the responsibility of Lewes District Council.
- ◆ Three **amenity areas** in the town are maintained by the Town Council. The Bay Vue Amenity Area in Bay Vue Road is owned by the Town Council and maintained as a grassed area with public seating. The Valley Ponds area is leased from Lewes District Council and looked after by the Town Council as a wildlife conservation area and amenity area for local residents. The strip of land known as the Rose Walk Amenity area (behind Southdown School, linking Church Hill and Rose Walk) is leased from East Sussex County Council and maintained as a grassed area by the Town Council.
- ◆ The town's **war memorials** are looked after by the Town Council. All three memorials – the Canadian Memorial, the Mercantile Marine Memorial (also known as the Transport Memorial) and the town's 1st World War Memorial – now stand together in the Memorial Gardens in South Way. Each year in August, the Town Council host a commemoration service at the Canadian Memorial on the anniversary of the Dieppe Raid in 1942. The Town Council also work in partnership with the Royal British legion to organize the annual service of remembrance during November
- ◆ The Town Council has produced a Book of Remembrance containing the names of the people of Newhaven who died as a result of the Second World War. This book was published to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the summer of 2005. Copies of it can be seen at the Town Council offices and at the Newhaven Local and Maritime Museum.
- ◆ **Newhaven Cemetery** is owned by the Town Council, which acts as the local burial authority. The Cemetery includes burial plots, a garden of remembrance for ashes interments, and a chapel which is used for some funerals.
- ◆ There are a small number of **allotments** at Newhaven Cemetery, which are let to local residents for a nominal annual fee. The allotments at East Side are owned and controlled by Lewes District Council.
- ◆ The Town Council own and fund the **CCTV cameras** in the town centre, which are operated and maintained by Sussex Police.
- ◆ The **Christmas Lights** in the town centre are owned and put up each year by the Town Council. A number of local businesses allow the Town Council use of their electricity supply for this purpose.

- ♦ The **floral boat** at the junction of Bridge Street and South Way is owned and maintained by the Town Council. The Town Council have also planted bulbs in grass verges in various locations in recent years. Additionally, support is given by the Town Council to Newhaven in Bloom, who provide many of the floral displays in the Town in the summer.
- ♦ A twice weekly free **mini bus service** to the Town Centre shops is provided by the Town Council for senior citizens living in outlying areas of the town, in partnership with the local Lions Club.
- ♦ The Town Council funds the provision of vouchers for local senior citizens giving a reduction in the purchase price of **senior citizen railcards**.
- ♦ Some of the **public seats** in the town are owned and maintained by the Town Council.
- ♦ There are 7 Town Council **noticeboards** around the town which are used for the display of Town Council minutes and agendas and a list of Town Councillors.

The Town Council are also consulted on wider matters, such as the Shoreline Management Plan for the coastline from Beachy Head to Selsey Bill, the Local Area Transport Strategy and the Local Development Framework plan. Issues raised by the Town Council include highlighting the importance of the breakwater in terms of sea defence for the harbour and Seaford Bay, and requesting that the Environment Agency should contribute towards its maintenance and repairs. The Council is also supporting the initiative for the town to have a much improved railway station and provision of a taxi rank, car parking and an interchange with buses.

The Town Council are represented on the following outside bodies:

- Access in Seaford and Newhaven Committee
- Acquisitive Crime Action Group
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Community Transport for the Lewes Area (CTLA)
- District Association of Local and Parish Councils Junction
- Newhaven in Bloom
- Newhaven, Peacehaven & Lewes Volunteer Bureau
- Newhaven Strategic Network
- Newhaven Transport Strategy Steering Group
- Parishes of the Lower Ouse (POLO)
- Pubwatch
- Seahaven and Lewes Victim Support
- Shakespeare Hall
- Turning the Tide

NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL STRUCTURE 2005-2006

Town Council Members

Denton and Meeching Ward

Graham Amy	71 Court Farm Road, Newhaven (<i>Lead Member for Partnership & Promotion</i>)
Carla Butler	6 Southdown Close, Newhaven
Julie Carr	73 Iveagh Crescent, South Heighton
David Fitton	Moonrakers, Church Hill, Newhaven
Pat Fitton	Moonrakers, Church Hill, Newhaven
Dennis Forsdike	14 Neills Close, Newhaven
Don Lewry	15 Cantercrow Hill, Denton
Jo Lewry	15 Cantercrow Hill, Denton
Robert Robertson	28 Western Road, Newhaven (<i>Mayor</i>)
David Rogers	74 Fort Road, Newhaven
Angela Simmons	Cedars House, 1 Heighton Road, Denton (<i>Lead Member for Community Services</i>)

Valley Ward

Helen Forsdike	14 Neills Close, Newhaven
Richard Honeyman	36 Lawes Avenue, Newhaven
Cynthia Kennedy	70 Elphick Road, Newhaven
Roderick Main	70 Elphick Road, Newhaven (<i>Lead Member for Planning</i>)
Judith Ost	Mary Ann's Cottage, Lewes Road, Newhaven (<i>Leader of the Council</i>)
Pat Ost	Mary Ann's Cottage, Lewes Road, Newhaven
Peter Wilson	Minstrels, 11 Piddinghoe Mead, Newhaven

Staff

Town Clerk	Ian Everest
Administration Manager	Sue Boyle
Administration Assistant (Part-time)	Jacky Cole
Works Manager	Simon Innis
Grounds Staff	Robin Deakin, Peter Shew, Tony Skinner
Caretaker (Part-time)	John Seymour

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. The Town Council's full accounts for the year 2005/06 will be available later in the year for public inspection.

For the purposes of the Annual Report, the following information gives a summary of the accounts.

2. Income

The Town Council's budget is comprised of the amount paid by residents of the town (via the Council Tax) and the amount raised by income from rentals, lettings, bank interest and other fees and charges.

2005/06

Precept (Council Tax)	£257145.00
Income (budgeted)	<u>£64550.00</u>
Total	£321695.00

3. Expenditure

The Town Council's expenditure is controlled by a budgeting and monitoring process which categorises expenditure into separate headings.

For the year 2005/06 the budgeted figures were

Administration/Office	£40750.00
Staff and Training	£163300.00
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance	£34300.00
Community Services	<u>£23100.00</u>
(CCTV Cameras, Christmas lights, grants, play areas, Citizens Advice Bureau, Newhaven in Bloom)	£261450.00

The Town Council also has an Earmarked Reserves Budget. This is used for projects for which it may be necessary to accumulate funding over a number of years or for special one-off funding demands.

During the year 2005/06, the following expenditure has been made from the Earmarked Reserves:

Newhaven CCTV – renewal of equipment	£2709.00
Halls refurbishment	£3746.00
Fort Road Sports Park – development contribution	£5000.00
Lewes Road Play Area	£30000.00
Partnership Contributions	£3600.00
War Memorials	£9000.00

4. During the year 2005/06, the following grants were awarded by the Town Council:

Access in Seaford & Newhaven Committee	£50
ABC Fund	£100
Castle Hill Group	£200
Crossover	£100
DISS	£100
Dragoon Explorer Scouts	£300
Elim Oasis Church	£200
Friends of Tidemills/Newhaven East Side	£300
Home-Start South Downs	£200
Junction	£100
Mankind UK	£100
Munchkins Parent and Toddler Group	£125
NCYPI	£125
NIPPERS	£150
National Coastwatch Association	£100
Newhaven Cricket Club (Youth Section)	£75
Newhaven Historical Society Local & Maritime Museum	£125
3 rd Newhaven Rainbows	£125
Newhaven Youth Marching Band	£200
Seahaven Community Crime Prevention Panel	£100
Shakespeare Hall	£100
Start Art and Smart Art	£125
The Cliffs Neighbourhood Watch	£100
U3A Newhaven & Peacehaven	£75
Victim Support Sussex (Lewes, Seaford & Newhaven)	£150
Vista for the blind and visually impaired	£100
Vitalise	£150
Volunteer Centre Sussex Downs	£75
West Beach Improvement Group	£250

Note:

The accounts of Newhaven Town Council are audited each year in compliance with the Audit Commission Act 1993 – Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/533).

The accounts for the year 2004/05 have been duly audited and certified by the external auditor.