

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at the Town Hall, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Simmons (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, Miss R. Siddall, W. N. Tasker and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Mr R. A. Hughes - Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Stan Walker, commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (family commitment), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), J. May (mayoral engagement) and A. J. Rutherford (mayoral engagement).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor D. Simmons advised that Councillor A. J. Rutherford had asked him to say a few words of thanks on his behalf as he and his Consort Councillor J. May were attending a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Deputy Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, and seconded by Councillor I. Armstrong, that Councillor D. Simmons be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Simmons be elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

The Town Council's most senior Member, Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, then invested Councillor Simmons with the Chain of Office, and the Town Clerk invited the newly appointed Mayor to sign the Declaration of Office.

The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that his Consort would be his wife, Mrs Valerie Simmons, and that Rev. Stan Walker had kindly agreed to be his Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor Simmons added that his chosen charities would be the Rhyl RNLI Lifeboat Station and the Conwy and Denbighshire Branch of the MS Society.

The Mayor invested the newly appointed Mayor's Consort with the Badge of Office and presented her with flowers.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that Councillor B. Mellor be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mellor be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Mellor with the Chain of Office.

The Town Clerk invited the newly appointed Deputy Mayor to sign the Declaration of Office. This done, the Deputy Mayor thanked Members of the Council for their nominations and advised that his Consort would be his wife Mrs Tony Mellor.

The Mayor invested the newly appointed Deputy Mayor's Consort with the Badge of Office and presented her with flowers.

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following Meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 16th April 2014 - Min. Nos. 150-163

Proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning - 16th April 2014 - Min. Nos. 70-73
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning - 7th May 2014 - Min. Nos. 74-77
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Finance & - 7th May 2014 - Min. Nos. 177-191
General Purposes
Committee

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE 2014/15 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Staffing Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor S. H. Ratcliffe and seconded by Councillor Miss R. Siddall that the schedule (circulated with agenda) be approved.

RESOLVED that Committee / Sub-Committee memberships as per Schedule 1 be approved for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

6. **ELECTION OF CHAIR – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that Councillor P. Prendergast be appointed

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast be elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

7. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James that Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roberts be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor that Councillor A. R. James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

9. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones that Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

10. ELECTION OF CHAIR – STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

11. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected Vice-Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

12. NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the schedule of appointed representation on outside organisations for the 2014/15 Municipal Year (circulated with agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the schedule be approved.

13. CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the existing appointed Additional Community Governors.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams that the following appointments be confirmed:

Councillor B. Blakeley – Ysgol Llywelyn
Councillor A. R. James – Ysgol Bryn Hedydd
Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James – Ysgol Christ Church
Councillor P. Prendergast – Ysgol Emmanuel
Councillor Ms J. Hughes – Ysgol Dewi Sant
Councillor W. N. Tasker – Ysgol Mair

RESOLVED *that the appointments be confirmed.*

14. CONFIRMATION OF TOWN COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the existing appointed Champions.

It was proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that the following appointments be confirmed:

Councillors J. May and A. J. Rutherford.

RESOLVED *that the appointments be confirmed.*

15. DESIGNATION OF APPROVED DUTIES

The Mayor requested confirmation that attendance by appointed representatives at the following:

- North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils
- Sustainable Denbighshire
- Training events for Chairs of Committees
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Project Reference Group

Be designated as approved duties.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones that the above be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the approved duties be confirmed.*

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule of meetings for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the Schedule be approved.*

17. SIGNATORIES

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Council's current account and investment account signatories for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

It was proposed by Councillor S. H. Ratcliffe and seconded by Councillor Miss E. M. Chard that the signatories be confirmed as:

The Chair & Vice-Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as Chair and Vice-Chair of Council
The Chair & Vice-Chair of Planning Committee
The Chair & Vice-Chair of Strategic and Operational Planning Committee

Together with the Town Clerk or the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED *that the signatories be confirmed.*

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further items of business the Mayor declared the meeting of Council closed.

Mayor:

Date: