

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, S. Harris, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, Miss E. L. Jones, K. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms M. V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas and Miss C.L. Williams.

Gareth Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus - Deputy Town Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillor J. A. Ball (indisposed).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor Roberts said a few words about her year in office referring to presenting Rhyl residents who had celebrated their own 90th birthdays in the same year as Her Majesty the Queen, with commemorative coins and Town Council medals as a particular highlight. Councillor Roberts said that she had seen Rhyl communities thriving amid this time of regeneration and had been struck by the people of Rhyl's willingness to help themselves and others.

Councillor Roberts had thoroughly enjoyed her time as Mayor and thanked her fellow Councillors, Council staff, family and friends for their support throughout and wished the incoming Mayor the very best for their year ahead.

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2017/2018.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor James was elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Councillor Roberts then invested Councillor James with the chain of office and invited him to read aloud and then sign the declaration of office.

The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that his Mayoress would be his wife and fellow Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and that Rev. Andy Grimwood had kindly

agreed to be his Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor James advised that his theme for the year would be 'inclusion and community' and over the next 12 months, he will be looking to further raise the profile of Rhyl, working with colleagues to ensure the regeneration continues and engaging with the communities and people of Rhyl to meet their needs and interests.

Councillor James' chosen charities would be Macmillan and the Foyd Centre.

Councillor James then invested his Mayoress with the badge of office and presented her with flowers.

On behalf of the Town Council Councillor James thanked the retiring Mayor and Consort for their service over the last 12 months and presented Miss Roberts with a large town crest, a civic medal and flowers. Councillor James then presented Mrs Roberts 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 2017/2018 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones that Councillor P. Prendergast be nominated.

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast was elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Prendergast with the Chain of Office and invited him to sign the Declaration of Office.

This done, the Deputy Mayor thanked Members of the Council for their nominations and advised that his Deputy Consort would be Mr Bill Tasker.

The Mayor invested the newly appointed Deputy Consort with the Badge of Office.

4. **MINUTES**

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

Council - 19th April 2017 - Min.Nos.152-164

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and

RESOLVED as a correct record

Planning Committee - 19th April 2017 - Min.Nos. 65-67

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

5. **AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS / ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST**

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) detailing payments for approval and signature.

The Town Clerk was pleased to advise that the Council's Events and Marketing Manager, Gunsmoke Communications' Rachael Wheatley, had successfully drawn down grant funding of £4,500 from the Big Lottery Fund for the 'SeaFest' event on 29th May.

RESOLVED that:

- i) *Council approved the payments which were duly signed off by Councillors James and Prendergast.*
- ii) *thanks and congratulations be passed to Ms Wheatley on securing grant funding.*

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 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed

RESOLVED that *Councillor Rutherford was elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine that Councillor B. Mellor be appointed.

RESOLVED that *Councillor Mellor was elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that Councillor Ms J. McAlpine be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor McAlpine be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

10. 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 for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council and its Standing Committees

be designated as approved duties.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that the above be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the approved duties be confirmed.

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year (circulated with agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and seconded by Councillor Ms J. Hughes that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the schedule be approved.

12. SIGNATORIES

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the signatories for the Council's current and investment accounts for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that the signatories be confirmed as:

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

Together with one of the following officers:

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Finance Officer

RESOLVED *that the signatories be confirmed.*

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: