

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. R. James (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. 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

On behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, Rev. Juliet Fraser commenced proceedings by leading all present in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. A. Ball, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and Mrs P. M. Jones.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor James spoke briefly about his year in office and how difficult it was to pick out particular highlights when the events he had attended were so varied and each admirable and worthy in their own right.

When pushed he referred to his Civic Sunday and Remembrance Sunday services, the fantastic Air Show and the very recent Mayor's May Day.

Councillor James was delighted to announce that he had raised just over £2,000 for the Macmillan Cancer Support and had made donations to the Foryd Community Centre's foodbank to the value of just over £500.

Councillor James thanked his fellow councillors and council staff for their support over the last 12 months, and thanked his Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Win Mullen-James, his Chaplain, Rev. Andy Grimwood, and his family and friends for their support, that he really couldn't have done without.

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2018/2019.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Ms J. McAlpine that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be nominated.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James was elected.

Councillor James then invested Councillor Mullen-James with the chain of office and invited her to read aloud and then sign the declaration of office.

The Mayor thanked her proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that her Mayoress would be her daughter Ms Catherine Patterson and that Rev. Andy Grimwood had kindly agreed to be her Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor Mullen-James advised that her theme for the year ahead would be equality, fairness, kindness, and building communities to be proud of.

Councillor Mullen-James' chosen charities would be the Rhyl based North Wales Women's Centre and the Glan Clwyd branch of the British Heart Foundation.

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

On behalf of the Town Council Councillor Mullen-James thanked the retiring Mayor for his service over the last 12 months and presented him with a town crest and a civic medal.

The Town Clerk thanked Councillor Mullen-James for her service as Mayoress over the last 12 months and presented her with flowers.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 SECTION 86 – DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR FOR THE DERWEN WARD

Following the resignation of Miss Ellie Jones, the Town Clerk formally announced the vacancy in the office of Town Councillor for the Derwen ward.

Notices would be displayed in the ward, on the Wellington Community Centre noticeboard and would be published on the town council's website and Facebook page on Friday 18th May; requesting 10 Local Government Electors of the Derwen ward to submit written requests for an election to be held to fill the vacancy. Otherwise the council would need to co-opt to fill it.

RESOLVED that the information was noted.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams that Councillor Mrs Ellie Chard be nominated.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard was elected.

The Mayor invested Councillor Chard with the Chain of Office and invited her to sign the Declaration of Office.

This done, the Deputy Mayor thanked members of the Council for their nominations and advised that her Deputy Consort would be her husband Mr Dudley Chard.

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

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings of Council and committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 21st March 2018 - Min.Nos.132-142

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 21st March 2018 - Min.Nos. 57-59

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 4th April 2018 - Min.Nos. 60-62

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Planning Committee - 2nd May 2018 - Min.Nos. 63-66

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

To Confirm or otherwise:

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 4th April 2018 - Min. Nos.131-146

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 2nd May 2018 - Min. Nos.147-161

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

6. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEWOMAN

Further to min.no.112 of the Special Meeting of Council held on 7th February 2018, the Mayor formally announced that Mrs Elaine Shirley Williams was appointed and would be presented with the certificate and town crest at the meeting of Council to be held on 20th June.

RESOLVED that the announcement was noted.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / SUB-COMMITTEES / SCHOOL GOVERNORS FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Mayor requested that members confirm the appointments as shown in appendix 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** that the appointments be approved.

8. **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 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford was elected.

9. **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 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that Councillor B. Mellor be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mellor was elected.

10. **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 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected.

11. **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 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor McAlpine be elected.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR – STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING (SOP) COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. L. King that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected.

13. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING (SOP) COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M Chard that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected.

14. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor requested that members confirm the appointments as shown in appendix 2.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** that the appointments be approved.

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

be designated as approved duties.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor and **RESOLVED** that the approved duties be confirmed.

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year as shown in appendix 3.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** that the schedule be approved.

17. SIGNATORIES

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the signatories for the Council's current and investment accounts for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

It was proposed by Councillor K. R. Jones and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams 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.*

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: