

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 via video conference, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, A. S. Johnson, B. Jones, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs D. L. King, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, T. Thomas, Mrs M. A. Walker 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, Father Charles Ramsay, commenced proceedings by leading all those wishing to take part, in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. A. Ball and Miss S. L. Roberts.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting, particularly the newly elected councillor for the Brynheddyd ward, Mrs M. A. Walker and all civic and personal guests.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor Chard thanked her fellow councillors and town council officers for their support throughout her two years in office, extended for a further year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the two years, there had been numerous highlights. She had thoroughly enjoyed her time as Mayor of Rhyl and was now reluctantly handing over the reigns!

In accordance with council policy on annual appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the office of mayor for the municipal year 2021/2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that Councillor Mrs D. L. King be nominated.

RESOLVED that Councillor King was elected.

Councillor King put on the chain of office and read aloud and signed the declaration of office.

The Mayor thanked her proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that her Consort would her fellow town councillor Councillor Pete Prendergast and that Father Charles Ramsay had kindly agreed to be her Chaplain until he leaves Rhyl for Dolgellau shortly. Councillor

King advised that she looked forward to the next 12 months and to working with and supporting the community, and that her chosen charities would be the Alzheimer's Society and Rhyl RNLI.

Councillor Prendergast then put on the badge of office.

On behalf of the Town Council Councillor King thanked the retiring Mayor for her service over the last two years and referred to the town crest, civic medal and flowers Councillor Chard had received and which were all on display behind her in her home.

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 2021/22 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine be nominated.

RESOLVED that Councillor McAlpine was elected.

The Mayor invested Councillor King 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 Ms Charlotte Taylor-Smith.

Ms Taylor-Smith put on the badge of office.

During the debate a Member questioned whether it was appropriate for Councillors to attend the meeting with their cameras switched off. The Town Clerk confirmed that this was admissible.

4. **MINUTES**

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

Council - 21st April 2021 - Min.Nos. 84-93

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M Chard and seconded by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 21st April 2021 - Min.Nos.33-35

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

Planning Committee - 5th May 2021 - Min.Nos.36-38

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 - 5th May 2021 - Min.Nos.34-47
Purposes Committee

Proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

5. PRESENTATION TO FATHER CHARLES RAMSAY

The Mayor presented Father Charles with a large town crest in recognition of his service to Rhyl over the years and said how much he would miss and that Rhyl's loss was very much Dolgellau's gain.

Father Charles said that he was very touched and thanked the town council for the crest and indeed for his involvement in town council business, where he had forged some long-lasting friendships.

6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / SUB-COMMITTEES / SCHOOL GOVERNORS FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Mayor requested that members confirm the appointments as shown in the schedule (circulated with agenda).

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

7. 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 2021/2022 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford was elected.

8. 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 2021/2022 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley that Councillor B. Mellor be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mellor was elected.

9. 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 2021/2022 municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected.

10. 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 2021/2022 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams that Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor McAlpine be elected.

[Councillor A. S. Johnson left the meeting to attend to a personal matter]

11. 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 SOP Committee for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected.

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

In accordance with council policy on annual appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the SOP Committee for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor requested that members confirm the appointments as shown in the schedule (circulated with agenda).

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

14. **DESIGNATION OF APPROVED DUTIES**

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

- Training of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council and its standing committees
- North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils (and associated Regional Transport Committee)
- Sustainable Denbighshire
- Betsi Cadwaladr University North Denbighshire Project Reference Group
- Attendance of Mayor or Deputy Mayor at civic events in Denbighshire, Flintshire and Conwy.

be designated as approved duties.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** that the approved duties be confirmed.

15. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Mayor requested members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2021/2022 municipal year as shown on the schedule (circulated with agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** that the schedule was approved.

16. **SIGNATORIES**

The Mayor requested members' confirmation of the signatories for the council's current and investment accounts for the 2021/2022 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that the signatories were 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.

17. ADDITIONAL ITEM: TOWN COUNCIL'S INSURANCE PROVIDER

The Town Clerk reported that the town council's provider was about to change and asked for delegated authority to be granted to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee to appoint a new provider by the end of May 2021.

RESOLVED that authority to act was given to the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Before the Mayor closed the meeting, the civic dignitaries present all thanked the Mayor for inviting them to the meeting and wished her well with her forthcoming year in office.

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

Mayor:

Date: