

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 via hybrid meeting, commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs D. L. King (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. M. Evans, S. Feeney, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Ms J. L. McAlpine, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, D. Simmons, A. Walker, 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 Anthony Nnamah, commenced proceedings by leading all those wishing to take part, in prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting, particularly the newly elected councillors and the civic guests.

### **2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION**

Councillor King thanked her Consort, her fellow councillors, Father Nnamah and her family and friends for their much needed and appreciated support throughout her year in office.

Councillor King said that it hadn't all been lockdowns, and that her year had begun with acknowledging the creators of the brilliant postbox toppers that started to appear throughout Rhyl during the first lockdown, that helped to rise smiles at a much-needed time.

Another highlight was officially opening a brand-new business here in Rhyl, Harrisons Bistro, which she was delighted to see going from strength to strength.

Councillor King had also enjoyed supporting the Osborne Trust. A charity established to help the children of parents diagnosed with cancer.

A fun day at Botanical Gardens, raising the green flag at Marine Lake, her Civic Service at St. Mary's Church, Christmas Pops, the re-scheduled RNLI event, the Boxing Day Dip, the opening of a new 'not for profit' veterinary surgery in Rhyl and of course the town council's own events on the high street.

Councillor King announced that she had raised £270.40 for the Alzheimer's Society Cymru and had supported the RNLI in raising £1,461.

Councillor King said that she had thoroughly enjoyed her time as Mayor.

In accordance with council policy on annual appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the office of mayor for the municipal year 2022/2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that Councillor Mrs D. L. King be nominated to serve another year given the disruption caused during the last 12 months by the Covid pandemic.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor King was elected.

Councillor King 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 Anthony Nnamah had kindly agreed to continue to be her Chaplain. 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 Cmyru, Rhyl RNLI and the North Wales Women's Centre here in Rhyl.

The Mayor was presented with flowers and presented her Consort with the badge of office and a gift.

### **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 2022/23 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine be nominated for another year.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor McAlpine was elected.

The Mayor invested Councillor McAlpine 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 again be Ms Charlotte Taylor-Smith.

The Mayor presented Councillor McAlpine with flowers and Ms Taylor-Smith with the badge of office and flowers.

#### 4. **MINUTES**

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

Council - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Min.Nos. 132-141

Proposed by Councillor Mrs D. L. King and seconded by Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 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.

#### 5. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / SUB-COMMITTEES / SCHOOL GOVERNORS FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Mayor requested that members confirm the appointments as shown in the schedule (circulated with agenda) which were as follows:

- that membership of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be all members of the Council.
- that membership of Planning Committee will initially be all members of the Council but will be reviewed at the next meeting of Council on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- that membership of all other committees and sub-committees will be deferred until the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** that the appointments were approved.

#### 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 2022/2023 municipal year.

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Rutherford was elected.

#### 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 2022/2023 municipal year.

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mellor was elected.

**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 2022/2023 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James that Councillor Ms J. L. McAlpine be appointed.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor McAlpine was elected.

**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 2022/2023 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones that Councillor D. Simmons be appointed.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Simmons was elected.

**10. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Mayor requested members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2022/2023 municipal year as shown on the schedule (circulated with agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** that the schedule was approved.

**11. SIGNATORIES**

The Mayor requested members' confirmation of the signatories for the council's current and investment accounts for the 2022/2023 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James 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.*

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....15.06.2022.....