

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 19th May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor G. J. Pickering (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs P. M. Butters, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, Ms D. Hannam, Ms G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, Miss N. R. E. Roose-Lloyd, W. N. Tasker and D. A. J. Thomas.

Mr G. J. Nickels	-	Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas	-	Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus	-	Personal Assistant & Secretary

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Prebendary John Glover, Father Charles Ramsay commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. B. Bellis (other commitment), C. Davies (indisposed), I. A. Gunning (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed) and G. Williams (family illness).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

The retiring Mayor, Councillor G. J. Pickering, said how proud he had been to represent the Town Council and the people of Rhyl over the last 12 months and thanked his fellow Councillors for entrusting him with the position and for their continued support throughout.

Councillor Pickering went on to thank his Consort, Councillor Ms G. A. Jones, for her invaluable support and friendship whilst accompanying him to the many events he had attended.

He thanked his Chaplain, Rev. Glover, for doing a wonderful job as usual, and wished him well for the remainder of his time as one of the Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd's Deputies. A much deserved honour.

Councillor Pickering wanted to thank his employers, Harold Smith Accountants, for their flexibility in allowing him to attend engagements during office hours, and last but by no means least, his mother and the rest of his family for their patience and support.

Councillor Pickering referred to the many events he had been lucky enough to be invited to during his year in office, his charity abseil down the Skytower, welcoming school children from Telford to Rhyl, the Royal buffet on HMS Illustrious in Liverpool with Prince Andrew and fellow local

Mayors, Rhyl's Air Show, 'Fun in the Sun' weekend, the Welsh Guards Homecoming Parade and of course the Mayor's Gala Awards Evening at the Pavilion Theatre.

Councillor Pickering was delighted to confirm that Rhyl's community spirit was indeed alive and well, as he had seen it in abundance at every local event he had attended, and finally he wished the Mayor Elect the very best for her forthcoming year.

The Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

It was proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker, and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield, that Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll be elected.

There being no further nominations it was ***RESOLVED*** that *Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll be elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.*

The retiring Mayor invested Councillor McCarroll with the Chain of Office, and the Town Clerk invited the newly appointed Mayor to sign the Declaration of Office. This done, the newly elected Mayor took the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

The newly elected Mayor, thanked her proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words, giving her this great opportunity to represent Rhyl as its First Citizen.

Councillor McCarroll stated that her chosen charities and projects for the year ahead would be the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Y Dyfodol (the charitable arm of the Clwyd Alyn Housing Association) and the Rhyl Branch of the Royal British Legion, and that she would be focussing on strengthening the relationship between the Town Council and the community it serves over the next 12 months.

The Mayor confirmed that her Consort would be her sister Mrs Martha O'Kane and that Father Charles Ramsay had very kindly accepted her request to be her Chaplain for the forthcoming year.

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

The Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor for representing the Town Council and Rhyl so impeccably over the past year along with his Consort, Councillor Jones, and presented him with a large Town Crest and a Civic Badge to mark his year in office, and flowers for Councillor Jones.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor G. J. Pickering that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be elected.

There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Mullen-James 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 the out-going Mayor, Councillor Pickering, for his excellent work over the last 12 months and added that she was looking forward to supporting the Mayor during the next. The Deputy Mayor advised that her Consort for the year would be her husband Mr Alan James.

The Mayor invested the newly appointed Deputy Mayor's 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 - 21st April 2010 - Min. Nos. 141-151

Proposed by Councillor G. J. Pickering and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning - 21st April 2010 - Min. Nos. 62-67
Committee

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

Planning - 5th May 2010 - Min. Nos. 68-73
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Finance & - 5th May 2010 - Min. Nos. 220-244
General Purposes
Committee

Proposed by Councillor D. A. J. Thomas and seconded by Councillor B. Blakeley and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

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

The Mayor invited nominations for the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor D. A. J. Thomas be elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

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

The Mayor invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and seconded by Councillor G. J. Pickering that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

8. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Miss M. A. Jones that Councillor M. C. Espley be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor M. C. Espley be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

9. APPOINTMENT OF CIVIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the membership of the above Sub-Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year as follows:

Councillors B. Blakeley, Ms D. Hannam and Mrs P. M. Jones, together with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that membership be approved.

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the membership of the above Sub-Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year as follows:

Councillors Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Miss M. A. Jones and G. J. Pickering, together the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that membership be approved.

11. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the membership of the above Sub-Committee for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year as follows:

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley and Mrs L. M. Edwards, together with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that membership be approved.

12. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

RESOLVED that the Schedule be approved.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule of meetings for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

RESOLVED that the Schedule be approved.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: