

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Town Hall, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll (Mayor)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley, J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, C. Davies, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Ms G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, G. J. Pickering, A. J. Rutherford, W. N. Tasker, D. A. J. Thomas and T. 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**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillor D. W. Lee (work commitment).

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

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll, thanked her Chaplain and friend, Father Charles Ramsay, for his support over the past 12 months and for finding the time to attend Council meetings despite his very busy workload, and in particular, for her lovely Civic Service at St. Mary's in July last year, which everybody really enjoyed.

Councillor McCarroll went on to thank her fellow Councillors for their support and kind words during her year in office, as well as the Town Council officers for their assistance, especially with her 10 special Mayor's Receptions she had hosted from March to May this year, which included six of Rhyl's primary School Councils. Councillor McCarroll stated that she had really enjoyed the visits and the opportunity to listen to what the children had to say about Rhyl and answer their many questions about how the Town Council conducts its business and the role of the Mayor.

Councillor McCarroll thanked her Consort, Mrs Martha O'Kane, and also her daughter Mrs Briege Kemp, for accompanying her to the 120 events she had attended in and around the town. Adding that it had been a real privilege to have been invited to so many functions and to have met so many hard working and compassionate residents all doing their bit to enhance their communities.

The Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/2012.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield, and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones, 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 Mayor of Rhyl for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

The retiring Mayor invested Councillor Mullen-James 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, and stated that she intended to speak at greater length after the Inaugural Dinner.

Councillor Mullen-James confirmed that her Consort for the coming year would be her husband, Mr Alan James, and that Rev. Prebendary John Glover had kindly accepted her request to be her Chaplain.

The retiring Mayor invested the newly appointed Mayor's Consort with the Badge of Office.

The Mayor thanked the retiring Mayor for representing the Town Council and Rhyl with such energy over the past year along with her ever support daughter Mrs Briege Kemp and presented her with a large Town Crest and Civic Badge to mark her year in office.

### **3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones that Councillor W. N. Tasker be elected.

It was further proposed by Councillor I. A. Gunning and seconded by Councillor Ms D. Hannam that Councillor J. B. Bellis be elected.

On being put to the vote it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor W. N. Tasker be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Tasker 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 McCarroll, for her work over the last 12 months, adding that he was looking forward to supporting the Mayor during the next. The Deputy Mayor advised that his Consort would be his partner Mr Peter Prendergast.

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 - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - Min. Nos. 115-122

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and ***RESOLVED as a correct record***

Planning Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - Min. Nos. 80-82

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

Planning Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Min. Nos. 83-85

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

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Min. Nos. 231-239

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 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield and seconded by Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James 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 2011/2012 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 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Davies and seconded by Councillor J. B. Bellis that Councillor I. A. Gunning be appointed.

It was further proposed by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones that Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield be appointed.

On being put to the vote it was ***RESOLVED*** that Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

**7. ELECTION OF CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor J. B. Bellis and seconded by Councillor I. A. Gunning that Councillor M. C. Espley be appointed.

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

On being put to the vote it was ***RESOLVED*** that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

**8. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor J. B. Bellis and seconded by Councillor I. A. Gunning that Councillor T. Thomas be appointed.

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

On being put to the vote it was ***RESOLVED*** that Councillor Ms G. A. Jones be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2011/2012 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 2011/2012 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield that the existing membership be confirmed.

***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 2011/2012 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.

It was proposed by Councillor I. A. Gunning and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones that the existing membership be confirmed.

**RESOLVED** that membership be approved.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the membership of the above Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year as follows:

Councillors Ms G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones and Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, together with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor I. A. Gunning and seconded by Councillor M. C. Espley that the existing membership be confirmed.

**RESOLVED** that membership be approved.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor G. J. Pickering and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones that the schedule be confirmed.

As the Council's representative, Councillor Ms G. A. Jones requested that SOVA Cymru be removed from the schedule as it no longer existed.

**RESOLVED** that SOVA Cymru be removed and the Schedule approved.

**13. AWARD OF CIVIC BADGES**

To mark their 12 years of service to the Town Council and to the community the Mayor presented Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs M. McCarroll and D. A. J. Thomas with Civic Badges.

**14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule of meetings for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor M. C. Espley and seconded by Councillor Ms G. A. Jones that the schedule be approved.

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule be approved.

**15. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Mayor: .....

Date: .....