

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 15th May 2013 at the Town Hall, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W. N. Tasker (Mayor)

Councillors I. A. Armstrong, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels - Town Clerk
Mr R. A. Hughes - Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Father Charles Ramsay, Rev. Stan Walker commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Blakeley (family commitment) and B. Mellor (on holiday).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

The retiring Mayor, Councillor W. N. Tasker, thanked the Council and its staff for their support during the last 12 months, particularly his Consort, Councillor Pete Prendergast, his Deputy, Councillor Andy Rutherford and his Deputy Consort, Councillor James May. A year, he said, that had flown by and one that he would always cherish. Councillor Tasker briefly ran through his year in office, referring to a number of events and functions that had been particularly enjoyable and poignant. Councillor Tasker wished the incoming Mayor well for his forthcoming year.

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard, that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

The retiring Mayor invested Councillor Rutherford 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 Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that his Consort would be his partner and fellow Town Councillor, Councillor James May, and that Rev. Stan Walker had kindly

agreed to be his Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor Rutherford added that his chosen charities would be St. Kentigern's Hospice in St. Asaph, the Rhyl RNLI Lifeboat Station and the Rhyl Children's Theatre Club based in Rhyl's Little Theatre.

The Mayor added that his focus would be on 'town and community' with an emphasis on listening to and properly engaging with the Rhyl electorate to ensure that Rhyl's future is shaped with their input.

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

Councillor Rutherford thanked the retiring Mayor and his Consort for promoting and representing Rhyl and the Town Council so well during their year in office, and presented Councillor Tasker with a large Town Crest and Civic Badge.

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 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that Councillor D. Simmons be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Simmons be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Simmons 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 advised that his Consort would be his wife Mrs Valerie Simmons.

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

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following Meetings of Council and Committees were submitted for approval as a correct record:

Council - 17th April 2013 - Min. Nos. 99-109

Proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 17th April 2013 - Min. Nos. 68-74

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

Planning - 1st May 2013 - Min. Nos. 75-77
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor A. R. James and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

Finance & - 1st May 2013 - Min. Nos. 186-203
General Purposes
Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

5. **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 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast be elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

6. **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 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones that Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roberts be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

7. **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 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M. McCarroll and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons that Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

8. 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 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor S. H. Ratcliffe and seconded by Councillor B. F. Moylan that Councillor A. R. James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor James be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

9. APPOINTMENT OF STAFFING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Staffing Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts that the membership of the committee be confirmed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, A. R. James, P. Prendergast, A. J. Rutherford and D. Simmons be appointed.

10. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIVIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Civic and Social Events Sub-Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Simmons and seconded by Councillor J. May that the membership of the committee be confirmed.

RESOLVED that Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, and Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed.

11. NOMINATIONS OFR MEMBERSHIP OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor B. F. Moylan that the membership of the committee be confirmed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, J. May, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall and D. Simmons be appointed.

12. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Welsh Language Scheme Sub-Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor A. R. James that the membership of the committee be confirmed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Ms J. Hughes, S. H. Ratcliffe and Miss R. Siddall be appointed.

13. NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the schedule of appointed representation on outside organisations for the 2013/14 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the schedule be approved.

14. DESIGNATION OF APPROVED DUTIES

The Mayor requested confirmation that:

- (i) The Training of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council and its Standing Committees be designated as approved duties under the Rhyl Town Council Members Allowance Scheme.
- (ii) appointments of representatives to serve on the North Wales Association of Town & Larger Community Councils and on Sustainable Denbighshire be designated as approved duties under the Rhyl Town Council Members Allowances Scheme due to meetings being held outside of the town boundaries.

It was proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor I. W. Armstrong that the above be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the approved duties be confirmed.

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Schedule of meetings for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the Schedule be approved.

16. SIGNATORIES (2013/14)

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Council's current account and investment account signatories for the Municipal Year 2013/14 (Finance Officer's report circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones that the signatories be confirmed as:

- The Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
- The Vice Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
- The Mayor, as Chair of Full Council
- The Deputy Mayor as Vice Chair of Full Council
- The Chair of Planning Committee
- The Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Together with the Town Clerk or the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED *that the signatories be confirmed.*

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: