

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at the Town Hall, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Simmons (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, B. Mellor, B. F. Moylan, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, W. N. Tasker and Rev. Stan Walker.

Miss H. J. Windus - Personal Assistant & Secretary

1. OPENING OF MEETING & APOLOGIES

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. Stan Walker, commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (family commitment), B. Blakeley (other commitment), A. R. James (family illness), Mrs W. M. Mullen-James (indisposed) and from the Town Clerk, Mr G. J. Nickels (family illness).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor Simmons said a few words about his year in office and made reference to a number of "stand out" events he had been lucky enough to be invited along too. He thanked his fellow Councillors and the Council staff for their support and said that the last 12 months had been a very proud time for him which he had thoroughly enjoyed.

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE, and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons, that Councillor B. Mellor be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mellor be elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

Councillor Simmons then invested Councillor Mellor with the Chain of Office, and invited the newly appointed Mayor to read aloud and sign the Declaration of Office.

The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that his Mayoress would be his wife, Mrs Tony Mellor, and that Father Charles Ramsay had kindly agreed to be his Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor Mellor added that he would be supporting one of the Armed Forces charities and that his focus would be on strengthening the community and championing Rhyls continued regeneration.

Councillor Simmons invested the newly appointed Mayoress with the Badge of Office and presented her with flowers.

On behalf of the Town Council Councillor Mellor thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their service over the last 12 months and presented Councillor Simmons with a large Town Crest and Civic Medal. Councillor Mellor then presented Mrs Simmons with flowers.

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 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones, that Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roberts be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Roberts with the Chain of Office and presented her with flowers before inviting her to read aloud and sign the Declaration of Office.

This done, the Deputy Mayor thanked Members of the Council for their nominations and advised that her Consort would be her mother Mrs Glenda Roberts.

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 - 15th April 2015 - Min. Nos. 130-145

Proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 15th April 2015 - Min. Nos. 59-61

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

Planning Committee - 29th April 2015 - Min. Nos. 62-65

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

Proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** as a correct record and confirmed for action.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the membership of the Councils Committees and Sub-Committees as per the attached schedule for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor B. Mellor that the schedule (circulated with agenda) be approved.

RESOLVED that Committee / Sub-Committee memberships be approved for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

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 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast be elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

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 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor W. N. Tasker and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

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 2015/16 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

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 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones and seconded by Rev. Councillor S. F. Walker, that Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

10. **ELECTION OF CHAIR – STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

11. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker, that Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mullen-James be elected Vice-Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

12. **ELECTION OF CHAIR – STAFFING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Chair of the Staffing Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor D. Simmons, that Councillor A. J. Rutherford be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Chair of the Staffing Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

13. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – STAFFING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Staffing Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker, that Councillor P. Prendergast be appointed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast be elected Vice-Chair of the Staffing Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

14. 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 2015/16 Municipal Year (circulated with agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor A. J. Rutherford and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast, that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the schedule be approved.

15. CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the existing appointed Additional Community Governors, as per the attached schedule.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and seconded by Councillor Miss R. Siddall, that the following appointments be confirmed:

Councillor B. Blakeley – Ysgol Llywelyn
Councillor A. R. James – Ysgol Bryn Hedydd
Councillor Mrs W. M. Mullen-James – Ysgol Christ Church
Councillor Miss R. Siddall – Ysgol Emmanuel
Councillor Ms J. Hughes – Ysgol Dewi Sant
Councillor Miss C. L. Williams – Ysgol Mair

RESOLVED that the appointments be confirmed.

16. CONFIRMATION OF TOWN COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

In accordance with Council Policy on Annual Appointments, the Mayor requested confirmation of the existing appointed Champions.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Chard, that Councillors J. May and A. J. Rutherford be confirmed as the Town Council's Champions for the Rhyl Physical Activity Programme.

RESOLVED that the appointments be confirmed.

17. DESIGNATION OF APPROVED DUTIES

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

- North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils
- Sustainable Denbighshire
- Training events for Chairs of Committees
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Project Reference Group

be designated as approved duties.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss R. Siddall and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts that the above be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the approved duties be confirmed.*

18. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor W. N. Tasker that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the Schedule be approved.*

19. SIGNATORIES

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Council's current account and investment account signatories for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Butterfield MBE and seconded by Councillor A. J. Rutherford that the signatories be confirmed as:

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

Together with the Town Clerk or the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED *that the signatories be confirmed.*

20. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: