

At the **ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18th May 2016 in the Council Chamber, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor B. Mellor (Mayor)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, A. R. James, Ms. J. McAlpine, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall, D. Simmons, T. Thomas, Rev. Stan 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 Charles Ramsay commenced proceedings by leading all present in Prayer.

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors I. W. Armstrong (indisposed), Mrs E. M. Chard (indisposed), Ms J. Hughes (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), B. F. Moylan (indisposed) and W. N. Tasker (indisposed)

Further to minute no.86 of the 2nd March 2016, the Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Councillor Armstrong advising of his current condition and requesting that the Council consider granting him a further period of dispensation.

RESOLVED that Councillor Armstrong be granted dispensation for absence until the end of October 2016.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND INSTALLATION

Councillor Mellor said a few words about his year in office and made reference to the vast array of events he had been invited to attend. He thanked his fellow Councillors and 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 2016/2017.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Chamberlin-Jones, and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast that Councillor Miss Sarah Roberts be elected.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roberts be elected Mayor of Rhyl for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Mellor then invested Councillor Roberts with the Chain of Office, presented her with flowers and invited the newly appointed Mayor to read and sign the Declaration of Office.

The Mayor thanked her proposer and seconder for their nominations and their kind words and confirmed that her Mayoress would be her mother Mrs Glenda Roberts and that Rev. Andy Grimwood had kindly agreed to be her Chaplain for the year ahead. Councillor Roberts added that her theme for the year would be “finding your voice”, empowering people in Rhyl to express themselves, be heard and ultimately help make changes for the better.

Councillor Roberts’ added that her chosen charity for the year ahead would be the Aloud charity, dedicated to changing young boys lives, and who would be performing later at her Mayor Making evening.

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

On behalf of the Town Council Councillor Roberts thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their service over the last 12 months and presented Councillor Mellor with a large Town Crest and Civic Medal. Councillor Roberts then presented Mrs Mellor 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor James be elected Deputy Mayor of Rhyl for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor James with the Chain of Office and inviting him to sign the Declaration of Office.

This done, the Deputy Mayor thanked Members of the Council for their nominations and advised that his Deputy Mayoress would be his wife, Councillor Mrs Win M. Mullen-James.

The Mayor invested the newly appointed Deputy Mayoress 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 - 20th April 2016 - Min.Nos.145-160

Proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss S. L. Roberts and **RESOLVED** as a correct record

Planning Committee - 20th April 2016 - Min.Nos. 64-66

Proposed by Councillor A. R. James and seconded by Councillor P. Prendergast and **RESOLVED** as a correct record.

5. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE TOWN

The Mayor formally announced the appointment of Mr Peter Robinson as the town's second Honorary Freeman and advised that Mr Robinson would receive the award at a special meeting to be held in June.

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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Prendergast be elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor James be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Chard be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Rutherford be elected Chair of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee for the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED that consideration be deferred to the meeting of the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

13. **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 J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams that Councillors Ms J. McAlpine and A. J. Rutherford be confirmed as the Town Council's Champions for the Rhyl Physical Activity Programme.

RESOLVED that the appointments be confirmed.

14. **AWARD OF CIVIC BADGE**

On behalf of the Town Council, the Mayor presented Councillor Mrs Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones with the Council's Civic Badge to mark her 12 years of service to the Town Council and the Rhyl community.

15. **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 Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE and seconded by Councillor Miss C. L. Williams that the above be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the approved duties be confirmed.*

16. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the schedule of meetings for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year (circulated with Agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor B. Mellor and seconded by Councillor A. R. James that the schedule be confirmed.

RESOLVED *that the schedule be approved.*

17. **SIGNATORIES**

The Mayor requested Members' confirmation of the Council's current account and investment account signatories for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Prendergast and seconded by Councillor A. R. James that the signatories be confirmed as:

The Chair & Vice-Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
(Councillors P. Prendergast and A. J. Rutherford respectively)

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as Chair and Vice-Chair of Council
(Councillors Miss S. L. Roberts and A. R. James respectively)

The Chair & Vice-Chair of Planning Committee
(Councillor A. R. James and Mrs E. M. Chard respectively)

The Chair & Vice-Chair of Strategic and Operational Planning Committee
(Councillor A. J. Rutherford and Mrs W. M. Mullen-James respectively)

Together with one of the following Officers:

Mr G. J. Nickels (Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Miss H. J. Windus (Deputy Town Clerk)

Mr A. O. Williams (Finance Officer)

RESOLVED *that the signatories be confirmed.*

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Mayor:

Date: