

# Abergele Town Council

## DRAFT MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at 6.45p.m. at the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 280/07 **Appointment of Chairman**

**In the absence of the Retiring Mayor, Cllr. C.J. MacRae, it was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. B.C. Roberts, Immediate Past Mayor, as Chairman for the commencement of the meeting.**

### 281/07 **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

Cllr. B.C. Roberts welcomed the Distinguished Guests, Past Mayors, Fellow Members and Members of the Public to the Town Hall for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Reverend John Barnett read an opening prayer.

### 282/07 **Attendance Register**

The Immediate Past Mayor, Cllr. B.C. Roberts (Chairman)  
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; D.A. Byrne; G.P. Davies; R.M. Medlicott;  
J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow;  
R.G. Waters  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)  
Former Town Mayors, Guests and Members of the Public

### 283/07 **Apologies for Absence**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. C.J. MacRae  
Cllrs: M. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R. MacRae;  
Past Mayors: Mr G. Thomason; Mrs D. Groombridge  
David Jones, M.P.; Darren Millar, A.M.  
Leader, Chairman and Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council

### 284/07 **Disclosure of Interest**

None recorded.

### 285/07 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.**

### 286/07 **Address from the Retiring Mayor**

Cllr. B.C. Roberts read out an address on behalf of the Retiring Mayor, Cllr. C.J. MacRae, in which he apologised for his unavoidable absence and

thanked his fellow councillors for the opportunity of representing the Council during his year of office.

Cllr. MacRae commented on the fundraising events he had held during the year, which resulted in over £2,500 being raised for local charities. He congratulated those from Abergele who had special achievements or had received awards during the year and mentioned the events held to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning with Roissy-en-Brie. Other highlights of his year included the production of the new Town Guide and, whilst on holiday, a visit to the Town Hall in St. George, Utah. Finally, he thanked Delyth for being Mayoress and for her unstinting work with the Council and also the Clerk and staff at the Town Hall, for their assistance and support.

**287/07 Election of Town Mayor for the year 2007/08**

Nominations were invited for Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Gwyneth P. Davies was proposed by Cllr. D.A. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. C.A. Billington.

There were no further nominations and Cllr. Davies indicated her willingness to accept the office.

The nomination was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**288/07 Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Immediate Past Mayor, Cllr. B.C. Roberts, invested the new Mayor, Cllr. Gwyneth P. Davies with the mayoral Chain of Office, congratulated her and wished her well for the coming year.

Cllr. Davies read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the document was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

**289/07 Address by the New Mayor**

The new Town Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies, offered thanks to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress, for all they had done in the town over the past 12 months, and to the Reverend John Barnett, Superintendent of St.Paul's Church, for agreeing to be the Mayor's Chaplain for the year ahead.

Cllr. Davies informed those present that she had now lived in Abergele for over 50 years and was interested not only in its past, but in its present and future too. She undertook, health permitting, to work unstintingly for the people of Abergele during the year ahead.

Cllr. Davies indicated that her good friend, Mrs Sylvia Craycroft, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress and she invested her with the Mayoress' Ensignia of Office.

290/07 **Election of Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor were invited.

Cllr. Ron Peacock was proposed by Cllr. C.A. Billington and seconded by Cllr. J.E.H. Pitt.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. Peacock indicated his willingness to accept the office and the nomination was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cllr. Peacock was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office and he read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

Cllr. Peacock thanked everyone for the confidence placed in him and indicated that his wife, Mrs Roslyn Peacock, had kindly agreed to act as Deputy Mayoress. The Mayor invested Mrs Peacock with the Ensignia of Office.

291/07 **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

**It was RESOLVED to DEFER the appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies to the first Ordinary Meeting of the Council.**

292/07 **Appointment of Committees**

It was RESOLVED to confirm continued delegation of full decision making powers to the two Standing Committees of the Council:

- a) General Purposes and Planning Committee
- b) Policy and Finance Committee

It was NOTED that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each of these committees would be elected at the first meeting of that committee, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

293/07 **Conclusion of Meeting**

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies, thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.

The Meeting Closed at 7.15 p.m.

..... Chairman