

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 017/08 **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

The retiring Town Mayor, Cllr. Gwyneth P. Davies welcomed the Past Mayors, distinguished guests, ladies, gentlemen and fellow Members to the meeting.

The Reverend Shirley Griffiths read two opening prayers, one in English and one in Welsh.

### 018/08 **Attendance Register**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies (Chairman)  
Cllrs: M. Bird; M. Bond; G.R.K. Brown; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott;  
D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts;  
S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)  
Former Town Mayors, Guests and Members of the Public

### 019/08 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow

### 020/08 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The Retiring Town Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies, gave a brief address about her year in office. Cllr. Davies was pleased to have been able to support the fundraising efforts of the Abergele Committee for the Urdd Eisteddfod, which takes place in the County later this month. Thanks were expressed to the following: the residents of Abergele, fellow Members, Council staff, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress and the retiring Mayoress, Sylvia Cracroft.

### 021/08 **Election of Town Mayor for the year 2008/09**

Nominations were invited for Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Ronald D. Peacock was proposed by Cllr. B.C. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. J.D. Mortimer.

There were no further nominations and Cllr. Peacock indicated his willingness to accept the office.

The nomination was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

022/08 **Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies, invested the new Mayor, Cllr. Ronald D. Peacock with the mayoral Chain of Office, congratulated him and wished him well for the coming year.

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

Cllr. R.D. Peacock then took the Chair.

The new Mayor invested the Retiring Mayor with the Past Mayor's Medallion and presented a bouquet to the Retiring Mayoress on behalf of the Council.

023/08 **Address by the New Mayor**

Cllr. R.D. Peacock gave a brief address, thanking Members for the confidence placed in him. He then indicated that his wife, Ros, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress and she was duly invested with the Ensignia of Office.

024/08 **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor were invited.

Cllr. Delyth A. MacRae was proposed by Cllr. M. Bird and seconded by Cllr. R.G. Waters.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. D.A. MacRae indicated her willingness to accept the office and the nomination was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

025/08 **Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. MacRae was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office and she read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in both Welsh and English, which was then countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

Cllr. MacRae thanked everyone for the confidence placed in her and indicated that her husband, Mr Chris MacRae, had kindly agreed to act as Deputy Mayor's Consort. The Mayor invested Mr MacRae with the Ensignia of Office.

026/08 **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

It was NOTED that the appointment of representatives to outside bodies had been carried out at the first Ordinary Meeting after the elections.

027/08 **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 election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for these committees would take place at the next meeting.

028/08 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.**

029/08 **Conclusion of Meeting and Presentations**

Before closing the meeting, the Mayor called forward the following past Members of the Council to receive a Certificate of Service:

- a) C.J. MacRae – 12 years service (1995-2007)
- b) R. MacRae – 12 years service (1996-2008)
- c) C.A. Billington – 9 years service (1999-2008)
- d) A. Lloyd-Roberts – 6 months service (2007-2008)

A special presentation was then made to past Member David A. Byrne, who had served the Council for over 30 years between 1974 and 2008. Cllr. R.G. Waters, as the next longest serving Member, was invited to say a few words about Mr Byrne's long and valued service.

The Meeting Closed at 7.25 p.m.

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