

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 14th May, 2009 at 6.45p.m. at the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

01/09 **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock, opened the meeting and welcomed the Past Mayors, distinguished guests, ladies, gentlemen and his fellow members to the Town Hall for the Annual Meeting of the Council. He then introduced the Reverend John Barnett, who read an opening Prayer.

02/09 **Attendance Register**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock (Chairman)
Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae;
R.M. Medlicott; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands;
T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters
Mrs C J Earley (Clerk)
Past Mayors, Guests and Members of the Public

03/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr. A. Wood
Past Mayors: C.A. Billington; C. Cooper; G. Thomason
Past Clerk: D. G. Jones
David Jones, MP and Darren Millar, AM

04/09 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock, gave a brief address. He thanked his wife, Ros, the Retiring Mayoress, Members of the Council and the Staff for all their support over the past twelve months. He also commented briefly on his duties over the course of the year, mentioning the highlights as being the opportunity to meet so many people in and around the town and particularly the young people, for example the members of Ysgol Glan Gele School Council, who recently visited the Town Hall.

05/09 **Election of Town Mayor for the year 2009/10**

The Chairman called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2009/10. Cllr. Delyth A. MacRae was PROPOSED by Cllr. G.P. Davies and SECONDED by Cllr. M.D. Bird.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. D.A. MacRae indicated her willingness to accept the Office and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect her as Town Mayor for 2009/10.

06/09 **Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. D.A. MacRae with the Mayoral Chain of Office.

Cllr. D.A. MacRae read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The new Mayor then took the Chair, invested Cllr. R.D. Peacock with the Past Mayor's Medallion and presented Mrs R. Peacock with a bouquet of flowers, on behalf of the Council.

07/09 **Address by the New Mayor**

The Town Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae thanked her fellow members for the privilege of being the first citizen of the historic market town of Abergele. She was honoured to be following in the footsteps of her Great Grandfather, Robert Roberts, who served as Chairman of Abergele & Pensarn District Council for 2 years during the First World War. Thanks were also given to the Reverend John Barnett, who had agreed to act as the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor informed members that, rather than supporting one or two particular charitable organisations, she hoped to support a number of local organisations in the town during her year of office. She then indicated that her husband, Chris MacRae, a former Member of the Council and Mayor on two occasions, had agreed to be her Consort. The Mayor then invested Mr C. J. MacRae with the Ensignia of Office.

08/09 **Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2009/10**

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2009/10. Cllr. R. Malcolm Medicott was PROPOSED by Cllr. J.A. MacLennan and SECONDED by Cllr. R.G. Waters.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. R.M. Medicott indicated his willingness to accept the Office and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Deputy Mayor for 2009/10.

09/09 **Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Mayor invested Cllr. R.M. Medicott with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office and he read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was signed by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council. He then thanked the Mayor and his fellow members for the confidence placed in him.

010/09 **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

It was RESOLVED to DEFER the appointment of representatives to outside bodies to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council, to be held on 4th June.

011/09 **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**

012/09 **Minutes**
It was NOTED that, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 15th May, 2008, had been approved and signed at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

013/09 **Conclusion of Meeting**
The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 7.20 p.m.

..... Chairman