Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 13th May, 2010 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

001/10 Welcome & Opening Prayer

The retiring Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae, welcomed Past Mayors, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and her Fellow Members to the meeting and invited The Reverend Shirley Griffiths and Ifor ap Gwilym to read an opening prayer in English and Welsh.

The Retiring Mayor then congratulated The Reverend Shirley Griffiths on her appointment as Archdeacon of Wrexham and presented her with a wooden plaque, as a token of appreciation for her work in Abergele over the past eight years.

002/10 Attendance Register:

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medlicott;

P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts;

S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley

Past Mayors, Guests and Members of the Public

003/10 Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; J. Stubbs Darren Millar, A.M.

004/10 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 14th May, 2009, which were approved and signed at the June Ordinary Meeting of the Council, were RECEIVED.

005/10 Address by the Retiring Mayor

The retiring Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae read out a brief address, stating that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve the local community and to carry out at least 176 civic duties during the past year, which had been varied and occasionally humbling. Specific thanks were given to the many volunteers in the town, her husband and consort, Chris MacRae, the Staff at the Town Hall, the Reverend John Barnett (Mayor's Chaplain), George Frost of the Abergele Camera Club and her fellow Councillors. Special thanks were offered to Councillor Richard Waters, who was not only the longest standing Member of the Council but has also over the past year achieved 100% attendance for all Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings of which he is a member (57 meetings in total). The retiring Mayor concluded by wishing the new Mayor and Deputy a successful year.

006/10 Election of Town Mayor for the year 2010/11

- The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2010/11.

The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Malcolm Medlicott, was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr J.A. MacLennan and seconded by Cllr. A. Wood.

There being no further nominations, CIIr. Medlicott indicated his willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Town Mayor for 2010/11.

007/10 Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. R.M. Medlicott with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. Medlicott read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (in Welsh and English), which was then countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The new Mayor then took the Chair and invested the retiring Mayor with a Past Mayor's medallion, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and presented the retiring Mayor's Consort, Mr Chris MacRae, with a small token of appreciation, on behalf of the Council.

008/10 Address by the New Mayor

The new Town Mayor thanked his fellow members for the confidence placed in him and thanked the Retired Mayor, Cllr. Delyth MacRae, for her help and guidance during the year and particularly for her leadership.

009/10 Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2010/11

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2010/11.

Cllr. John A. MacLennan was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. R.G. Waters and this was SECONDED by Cllr. M. Bond.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. MacLennan indicated his willingness to accept the Office and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Deputy Mayor for 2010/11.

0010/10 Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. J.A MacLennan came forward from his seat on the floor of the chamber and he was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office. He then read aloud (in Welsh and English) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

Cllr. MacLennan thanked the Mayor and his fellow Members for the confidence placed in him and indicated that his wife, Margaret, has agreed to act as Deputy Mayoress. The Mayor then invested her with the Ensignia of Office.

0011/10 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 3rd June 2010.

0012/10 Appointment of Committees

It was RESOLVED to confirm continued delegation of decision making powers to the following Standing Committees of the Council, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference:

- b) General Purposes and Planning Committee
- c) Policy and Finance Committee
- d) Executive/Estimates Committee

It was NOTED that the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each of these Committees will take place at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

0013/10 **Conclusion of Meeting, to be followed by photographs**The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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