

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held on Thursday 8 May 2014 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

1/14 **Welcome & Opening Prayers**

The retiring Mayor, Cllr. A Wood, welcomed Past Mayors, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and his Fellow Members to the meeting and invited Cllr. G. P. Davies to offer the Welsh Opening Prayer, followed by the Rev. Paul Flavell who offered the English Opening Prayer.

2/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae;
R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.E.H. Pitt; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands;
T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

3/14 **Apologies for Absence**

None were received

4/14 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 9th May 2013 (which were approved and signed at the following Ordinary Meeting of the Council) were RECEIVED.

5/14 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The Retiring Mayor Cllr A Wood, gave a brief address stating that it had been an honour and a privilege to be the Town Mayor. Cllr Wood thanked the Staff of the Town Council for their support and members for their input during the year with special thanks to the Deputy Mayor Cllr B Roberts. Cllr Wood gave a brief overview of his year, which included attending 71 events, some ad-hoc, which was extra special at Christmas, together with the coffee mornings, the new platform in Pentre Mawr Park, the PACE dinner, and Fireworks. Cllr Wood also included Town Schemes such as the Christmas decorations and the mini Christmas trees. Cllr Wood added that the Mayors surgery had been successful this year and had attended many site meetings, and met many residents. Looking to the future and the past the Town Council are proud to be involved in the WW1 Commemorations and on a personal note is working towards allotments and open spaces for the area. He is proud to represent Abergele as a Town and County Councillor. Cllr Wood made special thanks his Mayoress and his late father and thanked to his mother Pat and the Town Clerk Mandy for their support. Closing Cllr Wood stated that he had enjoyed his year, had been proud to represent the Town and would be proud to do it again in the future.

6/14 **Election of Town Mayor for the year 2014/15**
- The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2014/15.

The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. B C Roberts, was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr J MacLennan and seconded by Cllr. R G Waters.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. B C Roberts indicated his willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Town Mayor for 2014/15.

7/14 **Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. B C Roberts with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. Roberts read aloud (in Welsh and in English) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, 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, and presented a bouquet of flowers as a small token of appreciation, on behalf of the Council to the outgoing Mayoress.

8/14 **Address by the New Mayor**

The new Town Mayor thanked his fellow members for the confidence placed in him to represent the Town and thanked all the visiting Mayors, Dignitaries and family for attending. The new Mayor stated that there had been many changes to the Town since he was last Mayor in 2005/06 and sited Tannery Court, St David's Church, the Gwyrch Medical Centre and Hafod y Parc to name but a few. The new Mayor stated that the new Town Council website was now up and running, the Centenary of WWI to commemorate a point in time of history and that the Civic Sunday would be on the 6th July. The new Mayor thanked all for attending and gave special thanks to David Jones MP, Secretary of State for Wales and his wife Sarah for attending.

Cllr. Roberts then indicated that his wife, Shirley, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress and she was duly invested with the Ensignia of Office and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

9/14 **Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2014/15**

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2014/15. Cllr. S. Rowlands was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. K J Sudlow and this was SECONDED by Cllr. M Bird.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. S. Rowlands indicated his willingness to accept the Office and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Deputy Mayor for 2014/15.

10/14 **Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. Rowlands 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 English) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the

Council.

Cllr. Rowlands thanked the Mayor and his fellow Members for the confidence placed in him and indicated that his wife, Natasha, had kindly agreed to act as Deputy Mayoress. The Mayor invested Mrs Rowlands with the Ensignia of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers

11/14 **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 5th June 2014.

12/14 **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:
a) **General Purposes and Planning Committee**
b) **Policy and Finance Committee**
c) **Executive/Estimates Committee**

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

13/14 **Conclusion of Meeting to be followed by photographs**
The Mayor thanked everyone for attending, invited guests to join members for refreshments.

Meeting closed at 7:25pm

Signed
(Chairman)