

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, was held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

1/16 **Welcome & Opening Prayers**

The retiring Mayor, Cllr. S Rowlands, welcomed Past Mayors, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and his fellow Members to the meeting and invited Cllr. D A MacRae to offer the Welsh Opening Prayer, followed by the Rev. Kate Johnson who offered the English Opening Prayer.

2/16 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J A MacLennan;  
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae;  
D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; B. C. Roberts; S. Rowlands;  
R.G. Waters; A. Wood;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

3/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: D.Hancock; G. Maddison; T. Rowlands;  
Dignitaries: CCBC Chief Executive Iwan Davies;

4/16 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (which were approved and signed at the following Ordinary Meeting of the Council) were RECEIVED.

5/16 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The retiring Mayor Cllr S Rowlands welcomed all to the meeting and gave an overview of his Mayoral year by stating that it had been an honour to represent the Town as Mayor and thanked the public for their support during his year. Cllr Rowlands, stated that he had been the youngest ever and Mayor thanked Cllr John MacLennan for his support as Deputy Mayor, the Rev. Kate Johnson for acting as his Chaplin for the past year and the Clerk and staff for their support. Cllr Rowlands stated that it had been an eventful year with six new members on the Council whose contribution has been fantastic, he then went on to outline the matters that had arisen during the year such as success story of the Post Office, the focus on the Town Centre, with a designated cleaner and the pigeon project, which goes to aid a thriving place for businesses to grow. There had been numerous events that he has attended during the year and Cllr Rowlands gave his appreciation to all the clubs and societies in the Town, which included the Concert at St Paul's, that raised over a £1000 for St Kentigern's Hospice.

Cllr Rowlands then went on to thank all the Mayors that they have met during the year and for their support, his wife Natasha for her support and encouragement and stated that it had been an honour to be Mayor and an honour to serve the Town of Abergele.

7/16 **Election of Town Mayor for the year 2016/17**

- The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2016/17.

The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. John MacLennan, was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr B C Roberts and seconded by Cllr. S Jones-Roberts.

**There being no further nominations, Cllr. John MacLennan indicated his willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect him as Town Mayor for 2016/17.**

8/16 **Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. MacLennan with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. MacLennan read aloud in Welsh and 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 thanked the Mayoress in her absence on behalf of the Council.

9/16 **Address by the New Mayor**

Cllr MacLennan thanked members, Cllr Rowlands and Natasha for their support, stating that it is a difficult act to follow and hopes to build on the good work of the Council, during these difficult times with budget constraints. He then thanked Rev Kate Johnson for agreeing to be his Chaplin for the forthcoming year. The Clerk and her team for their support and is looking forward to the various events to attend during the year. Cllr MacLennan stated that it was exactly 20 years ago when he first became a member of the Council and then indicated that his wife, Margaret, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress and she was duly invested with the Ensignia of Office.

10/16 **Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2016/17**

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2016/17. Cllr. Delyth MacRae was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. Waters and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Medicott.

**There being no further nominations, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Cllr. MacRae as Deputy Mayor for 2016/17.**

11/16 **Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. MacRae came forward from her seat on the floor of the chamber and she was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.

She 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. MacRae thanked the Mayor and his fellow Members for the confidence placed in him and indicated that her husband, Cllr Chris MacRae had kindly agreed to act as her Consort. The Mayor invested Cllr Chris MacRae with the

Ensignia of Office

12/16 **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**  
It was **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

13/16 **Appointment of Committees**  
It was **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

14/16 **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)