

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 6:15pm – 7:15pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: M. Eckersley (Mayor), A. Pennington, G. Frobisher, A. Horobin, G. Jones, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, P. Curtis, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, S. Frobisher, G. Percival, S. Edwards

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer; Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Rev Q. Bellamy – Mayor’s Chaplain. Public and invited Guests.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors : G. Green, P. Duffy, M. German, I. German, P. Newell.  
Mrs J. Taylor – Customer Services/Administrative Officer.

### **1 ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

Council stood for one minute silence as a mark of respect for former Councillor Carol Thomas who had recently passed away

### **2 PRAYERS**

Rev Q. Bellamy, Mayor’s Chaplain offered prayers.

### **3 MAYOR OF PRESTATYN 2011/12**

Cllr M. Eckersley (Mayor) invited nominations for office of Mayor of Prestatyn for ensuing Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr G. Jones seconded by Cllr J. Thompson-Hill that Cllr A. Pennington be appointed. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr Pennington be appointed Mayor of Prestatyn 2011/12.

### **4 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Cllr A. Pennington thanked Council for its support. He was looking forward to representing Town that had many attractions including rich history, culture and strong community spirit. His chosen Mayoral Charities for year would be St Kentigerns Hospice and Hope House Children’s Hospice. He informed Council that Ms G. Glass would be his Consort.

## **5 CIVIC INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND CONSORT**

The retiring Mayor invested new Mayor Cllr A. Pennington with his Chain of Office. The retiring Mayoress, Mrs R. Eckersley invested Ms G. Glass with her Consort's Chain of Office and presented with bouquet. Cllr M. Eckersley retiring Mayor was presented with Town Shields and retiring Mayoress Rosemary Eckersley was presented with bouquet of flowers.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr M. Eckersley and Mayoress R. Eckersley be thanked for their Term in Office.

## **6 RETIRING MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**

Cllr M. Eckersley presented his retiring speech and highlighted a number of events attended during his term in office including Classic Car Show, Flower Show and Prestatyn Carnival. He had also been impressed by group of young army personnel who had run length of Offa's Dyke Path over eight days in their own time to raise funds for charity Help for Heroes just days before their deployment to Afganistan.

He had appreciated the warm welcome received whilst visiting a number of residential homes, community hospital and care facilities. Similarly he had enjoyed hosting many visitors to Mayor's Parlour and Council Chambers especially local school children.

The year had been marked by invitations to attend many prestigious award ceremonies that helped raise profile of Town. These included Wales in Bloom, Community Endeavour Awards, Scottish Power Awards, Design Awards for Scala and Walkers Are Welcome. Prestatyn Town Football Club was congratulated on its promotion and current success. Ysgol Melyd was also congratulated on full marks in recent Estyn report.

A total of three thousand pounds had been raised for his chosen Mayoral Charities and this would be distributed between Meningitis UK and Help for Heroes. Prestatyn Air Cadets would also be recognised for their support and attendance at various Mayoral events throughout year.

Thanks were offered to Mayoress Rosemary, Council staff, local businesses and everyone who had contributed to his year in office. Rev Q. Bellamy, Mayor's Chaplain was also thanked and presented with a token gift of appreciation.

## **7 DEPUTY MAYOR 2011/12**

Cllr A. Pennington, Mayor invited nominations for office of Deputy Mayor for ensuing Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr G. Frobisher seconded by Cllr G. Percival that Cllr A. Sampson be appointed. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr A. Sampson be appointed Deputy Mayor of Prestatyn 2011/12.

## **8 CIVIC INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2011/12**

Cllr A. Pennington, Mayor invested Deputy Mayor Cllr A. Sampson with his Chain of Office. The Deputy Mayor thanked Council for its support and announced that his Consort would be named at a future date.

## **9 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE STRUCTURES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE 2011/12**

Details of structures, terms of reference and membership of committees had been circulated with agenda.

**RESOLVED** That Committee Structures, Membership of Committees and Terms of Reference be accepted.

## **10 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2011/12**

Details of proposed Schedule of Meetings had been circulated with agenda. Reference was made to number and length of meetings and occasional difficulties that arose when three meetings held on same evening. It was suggested that additional meetings may be required to alleviate time constraints on some evenings. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer advised that he envisaged occasional special meetings would be called during year to discuss topical issues e.g. Scala and Stadium/Tesco developments. He hoped these special meetings may present opportunity to relieve some of the pressure occurring at standing committees.

**RESOLVED** That Schedule of Meetings 2011/12 be accepted.

## **11 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2011/12**

Details of external bodies seeking Council representation had been circulated with agenda.

**RESOLVED** That Representation on Outside Bodies be appointed as follows subject to confirmation of continuance from Councillors absent from tonight's meeting:

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
ATC – Prestatyn Air Training Corps 2193 Squadron	Bi-monthly	Cllr G. Frobisher
Clwyd Leisure Ltd	Yearly- AGM	Cllr P. Newell
Coastal Access Committee	As called	Cllrs A. Horobin, P. Newell M. Eckersley (observer)
Community Association – Meliden	As called	Cllrs P. Newell, G. Frobisher
Community Association – North West	Quarterly	Cllrs G. Green, A. Pennington
Community Association – Ty Caradoc	4/5 per annum	Cllrs J. Thompson- Hill, J. Davies, L. Muraca, A Sampson
Community Building - Ty Pendre	As called	Cllrs J. Thompson-Hill, S. Frobisher
CYTUN (Churches Together)	As called	Cllr A. Horobin
Denbighshire Fairtrades Forum	Quarterly	Cllrs A. Horobin, G. Percival

DVSC – Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council	Quarterly	Vacancy
Dyserth, Meliden, Cwm Relief in Sickness Fund (four year term)	2 per year	Cllr P. Newell, Town Clerk
Friends of the Ffrith Association	As called	Cllr G. Jones
Gronant Dunes – Local Nature Reserve (Denbighshire County Council)	2 per year	Cllrs A. Horobin, P. Newell
Prestatyn Business Growth Partnership (formerly LABGI)	Bi-monthly	Cllrs M. Eckersley, G. Percival
Meliden Enhancement Sub Committee	Bi-monthly	Cllr G. Frobisher Vacancy
Meliden Youth Association	Quarterly	Cllr G. Frobisher
North Hoyle Community Funds	As called	Cllr S. Frobisher
NWATC - North Wales Association of Town Councils	Quarterly	Cllrs A. Pennington S. Frobisher J. Thompson-Hill Town Clerk
Offa's Dyke Association	AGM	Cllr A. Sampson
PDBA – Prestatyn and District Business Association	Monthly	Cllrs J. Thompson-Hill J. Davies
Police Authority Community Forum	Quarterly	Cllr G. Jones
Prestatyn Arts Group	As called	Cllrs A. Sampson S. Frobisher
Prestatyn Carnival Association Committee	Monthly	Mayor (ex officio) 2 x vacancies
Prestatyn Leisure Centre Users Forum	3 per year	Cllrs P. Duffy J. Thompson-Hill
Prestatyn Walking Festival Committee	As called	Cllrs M. Eckersley A. Sampson
Prestatyn 'You'll Never Walk Alone' Volunteer Walk Leaders Group	Quarterly	Cllr A. Sampson
Prestatyn Youth Club	Every 4-6 weeks	Cllrs P. Duffy J. Thompson-Hill
Rhuddlan Borough Talking Newspaper	3 monthly	Cllr P. Newell
Scala Board of Trustees	As called	Cllr A. Sampson
WRVS – King's Hall Newydd y Brenin Management Committee	6 weekly	Cllrs P. Duffy A. Sampson
Ysgol Bodnant – Infants	Per term	Cllr L. Muraca
Ysgol Bodnant – Juniors	Per term	Cllr P. Duffy
Ysgol Melyd	Every Half Term	Cllr P. Newell

Ysgol Penmorfa	Per Term	Cllr G. Jones
Ysgol y Llys	Every 2 months	Cllr G. Frobisher
Ysgol Clawdd Offa	As called	Cllr P. Curtis

## 12 ATTENDANCE LIST

Details circulated with agenda.

## 13 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Full Council held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 229 Diamond Jubilee Project PM 199 – Town Clerk/Financial Officer provided a brief update on progress and referred to Fields in Trust (Queen Elizabeth II) criteria that required landowners consent for projects. None of the sites identified to date belonged to Town Council although Denbighshire County Council had confirmed that they were willing to participate with joint approach in respect of Coronation Gardens, Prestatyn.

## 14 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Pursuant to Minute 230 Royal Wedding Party – Cllr G. Percival referred to good support from local traders and informed Council that Ronald McDonald House, Alder Hey Hospital had benefitted from funds raised on the day.

Pursuant to Minute 234 Prestatyn High Street – The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that Denbighshire County Council had recently confirmed they would be undertaking immediate repairs to High Street pending full resurfacement work.

Town Planning Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## 14 MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN 2011/12

Cllr A. Pennington announced that Father Derek Rigby would be Mayor's Chaplain.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

