

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 13th May 2014 at 6:15pm – 7:20pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: J. Szabo (Mayor), B. Paterson, C. Guy, P. Penlington, J. McLellan, R. Cooper, G. Frobisher, G. Sandilands, P. Duffy, T. Lawler, T. Jones, J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer; Mr T Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs J. Taylor – Mayoral Secretary/Customer Services Officer, Mrs R. Astle – Community Events and Town Support Officer, Ms S. Edwards – Health and Community Development Manager, Miss J. Griffiths – Clerical/Website Assistant, Rev Canon Clive Southerton – Mayor's Chaplain. Invited Guests, Public and Press.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor J. Davies, Mrs L Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant

#### **1 PRAYERS**

Prior to meeting Canon Clive Southerton offered prayers seeking guidance and wisdom in all our work for the public good.

#### **2 WELCOME**

Cllr J. Szabo, Mayor welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and gave instruction on housekeeping rules.

Cllr James Davies was congratulated on his recent election as Member of Parliament. Council also recorded its thanks to Mr Chris Ruane for his past services as Member of Parliament.

#### **3 REVEREND CANON QUENTIN BELLAMY**

Council expressed its appreciation for past work of Rev Canon Quentin Bellamy who had recently taken on a new position as the Parish of Colwyn and Llanellian.

#### **4 MAYORAL ANNUAL ADDRESS**

Cllr J. Szabo (retiring Mayor) offered her thanks to everyone who had supported her during her Term in Office, and especially at local community events. Moira Turner, Sue Sweeney and her Consort Lynn Prior had all been stalwarts providing support throughout a year in which there had been many remarkable and memorable activities.

The Prestatyn Sandcastle record building event showed a town publicly working together with people, businesses and Council all supporting each other. Although the attempt failed

due to weather conditions it was covered by national media and it was a very proud moment. Similarly the restoration of Prestatyn War Memorial displayed a town recognising its past and the ultimate sacrifice made by many to protect future democracy.

These are new and changing times for a town being revitalised and increasingly busy. The return of High Street bus services, refurbishment of North Wales Indoor Bowls Centre, ongoing redevelopment of Nova Centre, proposed Scala reopening, and continuing town centre investment by private and public sector means the town is improving and in good order. It is a year in office that will never be forgotten.

## **5 MAYOR OR PRESTATYN 2015/16**

Cllr J. Szabo (retiring Mayor) invited nominations for office of Mayor of Prestatyn for ensuing Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr P. Penlington seconded by Cllr C Guy that Cllr B. Paterson be appointed.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** That Cllr B. Paterson be appointed Mayor of Prestatyn 2015/16.

## **6 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Councillor B. Paterson thanked Council for its support and read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance. He announced that Helen Paterson would be his Mayoress and invited her to the rostrum and also thanked invited guests, family, friends and public to the meeting.

The Town's motto translated means 'I Grow, I Rejoice' and this is particularly pertinent looking at the changes in Town over the last few years. It seems the town has become a phoenix rising from the ashes as Bowls Centre has reopened, Nova being redeveloped, Scala reopening soon and Parc Prestatyn retail park phase 2 under construction. Salford Children's Holiday Camp has also been saved by combining strength of public support from both Salford area and Prestatyn.

There remains a lot of challenges ahead as Town Council is looking to manage and/or ensure continuation of County Council non statutory services e.g. flower beds, CCTV, public conveniences. The future of Ty Nant Site and central car park is unknown as Denbighshire County Council seek expressions of interest in the site whilst running a public consultation exercise.

I look forward to the challenge ahead and being Mayor of Prestatyn and Meliden 2015/16.

## **7 CIVIC INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

Cllr J. Szabo invested new Mayor Cllr B. Paterson with his Chain of Office. Mrs H. Paterson was invested as Mayoress and presented with bouquet of flowers. Cllr J. Szabo (retiring Mayor) was presented with token gift and Ms L. Prior (retiring Consort) was also presented with bouquet of flowers. Canon Clive Southerton, retiring Mayor's Chaplain was also thanked and presented with token gift.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr J. Szabo and Ms L. Prior be thanked for their Term in Office 2014/15

## **8 DEPUTY MAYOR 2015/16**

Cllr B. Paterson (Mayor) invited nominations for post of Deputy Mayor for ensuing Municipal Year. It was proposed by Cllr D. Turner seconded by Cllr B. Cooper that Cllr B. Murray be appointed. Cllr L. Muraca proposed and Cllr T. Jones seconded that Cllr A. Sampson be appointed and vote taken accordingly.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr B. Murray be appointed Deputy Mayor 2015/16.

## **9 CIVIC INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2015/16**

Cllr B. Paterson, Mayor invested Cllr B. Murray, Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office. Cllr B. Murray announced that Mrs Susan Sweeney would be his Consort. Mrs Sweeney was invested with her Badge of Office and presented with bouquet of flowers.

Cllr B. Murray (Deputy Mayor) thanked fellow Councillors for their support and on behalf of Rhyl Town Council had been asked to congratulate Prestatyn's Mayor.

## **10 COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE 2015/16**

Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that there were no proposed changes to Council structures or Terms of Reference. However, Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would require updating later this year due to changes in legislation affecting Town/Community Council operations and a report would be prepared accordingly.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Council Committee Structures and Terms of Reference 2015/16 be accepted.
- 2) That all Councillors be Members of Committees.
- 3) That Chairs and Vice Chairs be appointed as follows:-

#### Finance and Management Committee

Cllr J. Szabo (Chair) Proposer: Cllr B. Cooper      Seconded: Cllr J. McLellan  
Cllr J. Thompson-Hill (ViceChair) Proposer: Cllr A.Sampson      Seconded: Cllr T.Lawler

#### Town Planning Committee

Cllr P. Penlington (Chair)      Proposer: Cllr G. Sandilands      Seconded: Cllr D. Turner  
Cllr D. Turner (Vice Chair)      Proposer: Cllr P. Penlington      Seconded: Cllr C. Guy

#### Community Development and Town Regeneration Committee

Cllr J. McLellan (Chair)      Proposer: Cllr P. Penlington      Seconded: Cllr B. Murray  
Cllr C. Guy (Vice Chair)      Proposer: Cllr J. Szabo      Seconded: Cllr D. Turner

#### BMX Pump Track Working Group

Cllrs C. Guy, A. Sampson, P. Duffy, J. Szabo, B. Murray

## **11 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2015/16**

Details of proposed Schedule of Meetings had been circulated with agenda.

**RESOLVED** That Schedule of Meetings 2015/16 be accepted

## **12 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

**RESOLVED** That Representatives on Outside Bodies be appointed as follows:-

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
ATC – Prestatyn Air Training Corps 2193 Squadron	Bi monthly	Cllr G. Sandilands
Community Association – Meliden	As called	Cllrs G. Frobisher, B. Paterson
Community Association – North West	Quarterly	Cllrs J. McLellan, J. Szabo
Community Association – Ty Caradoc	4/5 per annum	Cllrs A. Sampson, L. Muraca, J. Thompson-Hill, J Davies
Community Building - Ty Pendre	As called	Cllrs J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca
CYTUN (Churches Together)	Every 6 weeks	Cllr D. Turner
Denbighshire CCTV	As called	Cllr A. Sampson Cllr G. Frobisher (Alt)
Dyserth, Meliden, Cwm Relief in Sickness Fund (four year term)	1 or 2 per year	Cllr B. Paterson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Friends of the Ffrith Association	Monthly	Cllr D. Turner
Meliden Enhancement Sub Committee (MRAG)	Quarterly	Cllrs G. Frobisher, B. Paterson
NWATC - North Wales Association of Town Councils	Quarterly	Cllrs J. McLellan, J. Szabo, Town Clerk/Financial Officer Vacancy
Offa's Dyke Society	Quarterly	Cllr A. Sampson
Prestatyn Business Forum	6 weekly approx	Cllr G. Sandilands, J Davies Cllr P. Duffy (Alt)
Prestatyn Carnival Association Committee	Monthly	Cllr B. Paterson (Mayor) Cllr C. Guy
Prestatyn and District Festival of Walking Committee	Monthly	Cllrs A. Sampson, T. Jones
Prestatyn 'You'll Never Walk Alone' Volunteer Walk Leaders Group	Monthly	Cllr D. Turner
Prestatyn Youth Club	Every 4-6 weeks	Cllrs P. Duffy, T. Lawler
Rhuddlan Borough Talking Newspaper	3 monthly	Cllr L. Muraca

RVS – King’s Hall Newydd y Brenin Management Committee	6 weekly	Cllr A. Sampson
Ysgol Bodnant	Per term	Cllr J. McLellan
Ysgol Melyd	Every Half Term	Cllr B. Paterson
Ysgol Penmorfa	Per Term	Cllr J. Szabo  Cllr P Duffy to contact DCC regarding County vacancy.
Ysgol y Llys	Every 2 months	Cllr P. Penlington
Ysgol Clawdd Offa	As called	Cllr A. Sampson

### **13 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE 2014/15**

Details circulated with agenda for information purposes only. The Mayor reported that Council had an impressive average attendance record of eighty-five percent and he congratulated all Town Councillors.

### **14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 137 Notice of Audit 2014/15. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that External Auditor had changed date of Audit to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### **15 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

That Minutes of other meetings be accepted as follows:-

Town Planning Committee 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Town Planning Committee 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### **16 ROMAN EVENT**

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer updated Council on the latest position regarding proposed town event this weekend which had been affected by arrival of Irish Travellers on Bastion Road Fields, Prestatyn. A number of negotiations had taken place with travellers and field would be vacated tomorrow. However, Denbighshire County Council had concerns about public safety and had withdrawn its permission to use the field this weekend.

Discussions were ongoing with Prestatyn Town Football Club located on the adjoining land, and they had kindly offered use of their facility. The Community Events and Town Support Officer was busy progressing risk assessments and was in talks with various operators to ensure the show could take place at the new venue.

17 **MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN 2015/16**

Cllr B. Paterson announced that Reverend John Harvey would be the Mayor's Chaplain.

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