

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Llwrchwyr Town Council held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor held on the 15th May, 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Walters(Chair)
Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, A. Davis, I. James, P. Parsons,
A. Phillips ,C. Phillips, C. Richards,
R. V. Smith, W. Smith, N. Walters, M. Williams and J. Williams.

(Welfare Hall, Loughor : 7.01pm – 7.33 pm.)

1. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i)On Friday the 28th April the Council hosted its Awards Evening-it was a lovely occasion. All the recipients were grateful for their Council Awards- they were much appreciated.

(ii)On Sunday the 30th April the Mayor attended St. Mary's Church, Swansea for a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort. It was a good Service- enjoyable.

(iii)The Mayor wished to place on record his thanks both on behalf of himself and the Lady Mayoress to all those who had assisted him during his two year period of Office-it had been a privilege to represent the Town Council.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors M. Davis, K. Roberts and R. Williams.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Walters declared a prejudicial interest in minute 9 and left the Meeting while the item was discussed.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

The Mayor asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor. It was moved by Councillor C. Phillips and seconded by Councillor R. Smith that Councillor D. Walters be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Councillor D. Walters formally accepted and was duly installed and presented with the Chain of Office of Mayor by the immediate past Mayor, Councillor J. Bowen.

Councillor D. Walters signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor of Llwrchwyr Town Council.

Councillor N. Walters was installed as Consort and presented with the Chain of Office of Consort.

5. INAUGURAL SPEECH OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor D. Walters thanked Councillor C. Phillips for proposing him and Councillor R. Smith for seconding the proposal. Councillor Walters thanked Members for their support in electing him to the Office of Mayor.

Councillors Walters wished to thank Councillor Bowen for accepting the responsibility of being Mayor for a two year period-the immediate past Mayor had done an amazing job and Councillor Walters wished to thank him and the Lady Mayoress.

The Mayor confirmed that he would be supporting two Charities in his period of Mayoralty-

Loughor Inshore Rescue Lifeboat-the Service has a hovercraft to maintain as well as other essential outgoings.

Loughor Town Trust-important to support the Trust in its endeavours to re open the Town Hall-the Hall could be an essential part of the Community. The Mayor then wished to thank all Members in advance for their support during the forthcoming twelve months-as well as the usual Council Events the Mayor intended to hold a Quiz and Curry Night and the Lady Mayoress intended to host Craft Fayres.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

The Mayor, Councillor D. Walters asked for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. It was moved by Councillor A. Phillips and seconded by Councillor J. Bowen that Councillor Christine Richards be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Councillor Christine Richards formally accepted and was installed and presented with the Chain of Office of Deputy Mayor, by the Mayor, Councillor D. Walters. The Mayor welcomed the Deputy and looked forward to working with her.

Councillor Christine Richards signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor of Llŵchwr Town Council.

The Deputy Mayor said she was honoured to serve as Deputy and thanked Members for their support.

7. PRESENTATION TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

The Mayor presented the immediate past Mayor with a framed photograph of himself together with a Past Mayor's Ribbon and Badges in appreciation of his work during his term of office and paid tribute to the manner in which he had undertaken his duties and responsibilities as Mayor throughout the Municipal Year.

8. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on the 16th May 2022 were received for information by the Council.

(Councillor D. Walters left the meeting while the following item was under discussion and the meeting was chaired by Councillor C. Richards for this item).

9. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor's Allowance for 2023/2024 be £700.00.

10. DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2023/2024.

It was **RESOLVED** that meetings of the Town Council in the 2023/2024 Municipal Year be held at 7.15pm on the following dates at the Welfare Hall, Loughor (and also on a remote basis if required).

Monday 5 June 2023	Monday 6 November 2023	Monday 8 April 2024
Monday 3 July 2023	Monday 4 December 2023	Monday 29 April 2024
<i>August recess</i>	Monday 15 January 2024	Monday 13 May 2024 (Annual Meeting)
Monday 4 September 2023	Monday 5 February 2024	
Monday 2 October 2023	Monday 4 March 2024	

11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that

(a) the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees shall comprise all Members of Council.

(b) the Functions Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, M. Davis, I James, P. Parsons, C. Phillips, C. Richards, K. Roberts, R. V. Smith, D. Walters, N. Walters, J. Williams, and M. Williams

(c) the Budget Working Party shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, M. Davis, C. Phillips, R V Smith, C. Richards D. Walters and the Chair of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees.

(d) the Joint Working Party with the Town Trust shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, A. Davis, P. Parsons, C. Phillips, K. Roberts, and D. Walters.

(e) Newsletter, IT, Website, and Social Media Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, A. Davis, A. Phillips, C. Richards, K. Roberts, W. Smith, D. Walters, J. Williams, and M. Williams.

(f) Health and Safety and Working Practices Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, I. James, C. Phillips, D. Walters, and M. Williams.

(g) Policy, Pay and Personnel Sub Committee shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, M. Davis, I. James, C. Richards, D. Walters and J. Williams.

(h) Clerk's Appraisal Panel shall comprise the Mayor, the immediate Past

Mayor and Councillor R.V. Smith.

(i) Staff Appraisal Panel shall comprise the Clerk and the Chair of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees.

12. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Council's representatives on the One Voice Wales Area Committee be Councillors I. James and the Clerk.
- (b) the Council's representative on the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee be Councillor Ireen James.
- (c) the Council be represented at meetings of the Gorseinon and Llŵchwr Lantern Parade by Councillors S. Beynon, I. James, N. Walters and the Clerk.
- (d) the Council's be represented on the Community and Town Councils' Forum by Councillor J. Bowen and the Clerk.

13. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Lyn Llewelyn be appointed internal auditor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

14. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS 2021/2022

It was **NOTED** that a list of attendances by Members for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 was presented to Council.

15. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2023/2024, FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2023/2024 AND ASSET REGISTER 2023/2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the above Strategy, Financial Risk Assessment and Asset Register be adopted.

16. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

Chair