

## ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010**

**The Mayor:** Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Mrs.L.H.James

**Councillors:** H.M.Bebell, C.J.Crowley, Mrs.A.P.Davies,  
D.K.Davies, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, J.Dinham,  
Mrs.J.Dudley, M.B.Gunter, S.K.Hunt, H.N.James,  
I.B.James, M.L.James, Mrs.D.Jones, Mrs.O.Jones,  
S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, Mrs.M.A.Lewis,  
F.H.Little, A.R.Lockyer, S.J.Mason, J.Miller,  
Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan, Mrs.S.M.Penry,  
H.G.Rawlings, P.A.Rees, Mrs.B.Richards,  
P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Siddley, D.J.Sparkes,  
T.J.Sullivan, J.C.Tallamy, A.Taylor, A.J.Taylor,  
A.H.Thomas, J.Warman, I.D.Williams,  
Mrs.L.G.Williams, L.W.Willis and A.N.Woolcock

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The Mayor welcomed Members of Council and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of Council. Prayers were then given by Reverend Anthony Cochram.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor A.Taylor, seconded by Councillor J.Sullivan, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Mrs.L.H.James be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2010/2011 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Mrs. Lella James then subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance administered by the Chief Executive and made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Mayor's Consort for the Civic Year would be Mr. Cyril James and the Mayor's Chaplain would be Father John Patrick Thomas.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor M.L.James, seconded by Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor H.M.Bebell be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2010/2011 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Harry Bebell then made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Deputy Mayoress for the Civic Year would be Mrs. Paula Bebell.

3. **INVESTITURE OF MAYORESS AND DEPUTY MAYORESS**

The Outgoing Mayoress, Mrs. Susan Sudnik, invested the Mayor's Consort with his Insignia of Office.

The Mayor's Consort invested the Deputy Mayoress with her Insignia of Office.

4. **MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs.Lella James, then made her Mayoral Address and also took the opportunity to thank Members for their support in electing her as Mayor and to acknowledge the services of the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

5. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

On behalf of the Council, Councillor Mrs.O.Jones was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Pam Thomas, for the manner in which she and her Mayoress had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor L.W.Willis was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor then presented the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Pam Thomas, with her Past Mayor's Medallion and a Photographic Album, and the Mayor's Consort presented the Outgoing Mayoress with her Past Mayoress' Brooch.

6. **RESPONSE BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs. Pam Thomas, in response to the vote of thanks, offered the Mayor and Mayor's Consort her congratulations and took the opportunity to thank those who had given her support and encouragement throughout her Mayoral Year, including Members and Officers of the County Borough Council and her Chaplain.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

On the motion of Councillor H.G.Rawlings, seconded by Councillor S.Jones, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that, pursuant to Part 4, Section 1(1.1) of the Constitution, Councillor A.H.Thomas be appointed Leader of the Council and Councillor P.A.Rees be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2010/2011.

**Report of the Chief Executive**

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2010/11**

The Chief Executive reported that, as it was not practicable for the various administration issues to be dealt with at the Annual Meeting, it was intended to convene a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

**RESOLVED:** that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at the Special Meeting of Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, subject to the continuation of the Executive Members and the Chairs and Vice Chairs up to the date of the adjourned Meeting.

The Mayor then declared the Meeting closed.

**MAYOR**