

# ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**20<sup>th</sup> May, 2005**

**The Mayor:**

**Councillor H.G.Rawlings**

**Councillors:**

H.M.Bebell, J.R.Bryant, C.J.Crowley, A.P.H.Davies, D.K.Davies, D.W.Davies, Mrs.G.E.Davies, L.J.Davies, Mrs.C.Edwards, J.D.Edwards, A.H.Evans, P.E.Evans, D.V.Funning, M.B.Gunter, Mrs.J.Hopkins, H.N.James, Mrs.L.H.James, M.L.James, E.Jones, Mrs.J.Jones, M.I.Jones, Mrs.O.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, A.S.Lewis, Mrs.M.A.Lewis, P.G.Lloyd, E.Loaring, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, Dr.J.D.Morgan, J.Myers, G.D.Owen, Mrs.S.M.Penry, P.A.Rees, C.E.Richards, P.D.Richards, B.Roblin, J.Rogers, Mrs.P.E.Spender, T.J.Sullivan, A.Taylor, A.H.Thomas, Mrs.P.J.Thomas, P.M.Thomas, A.J.Tutton, D.Vaughan, W.D.Walters, J.Warman, I.D.Williams, Mrs.L.G.Williams, S.R.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 the Reverend Cyril Laskey.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor J.Warman, seconded by Councillor H.M.Bebell, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor D.K.Davies be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2005/2006 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Keith Davies then subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance administered by the Chief Executive and made a formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Mayoress for the Civic Year would be Mrs. Sue Davies and the Mayor's Chaplain would be the Reverend Mark Williams.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor P.G. Lloyd, seconded by Councillor D.W.Davies, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor E.Jones be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2005/2006 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Elwyn Jones 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. Doreen Jones.

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

The Outgoing Mayoress, Mrs. Rita Rawlings, invested the Mayoress with her Insignia of Office.

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4. **MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor, Councillor Keith Davies, then made his Mayoral Address and also took the opportunity to acknowledge the services of the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

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

On behalf of the Council, Councillor C.Morgan was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Glyn Rawlings, for the manner in which he and his Mayoress had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor P.A.Rees was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor then presented the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Glyn Rawlings, with his Past Mayor Medallion and a Photographic Album, and the Mayoress presented the Outgoing Mayoress with her Past Mayoress' Brooch.

6. **RESPONSE BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Glyn Rawlings, in response to the vote of thanks, offered the Mayor and Mayoress his congratulations and took the opportunity to thank those who had given him support and encouragement throughout his Mayoral Year, including Members and Officers of the County Borough Council and his Chaplain.

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

On the motion of Councillor E.Loaring, seconded by Councillor P.A.Rees, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that, pursuant to Part 4, Section 1(1.1) of the Constitution, Councillor D.Vaughan be appointed Leader of the Council and Councillor A.H.Thomas be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2005/2006.

**Report of the Chief Executive**

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2005/06**

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, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005. However, in order to ensure the efficient operation of the Council's Member system, Council was advised that the previous Cabinet and all other Committee Membership arrangements be continued until that Special Meeting is convened.

**RESOLVED:** that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, subject to the continuation of the previous Cabinet and all other Committee Membership arrangements up to that date.

The Mayor then declared the meeting closed.

**MAYOR**