

# ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**16<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

**The Mayor:** Councillor Mrs. M.A.Lewis

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor H.N.James

**Councillors:** H.M.Bebell, Mrs.P.Bebell, A.Carter, Mrs.A.Chaves, Ms.C.Clement-Williams, A.P.H.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, M.Ellis, J.S.Evans, C.P.Golding, S.K.Hunt, I.B.James, Mrs.L.H.James, A.Jenkins, Mrs.D.Jones, E.E.Jones, M.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan, Ms.C.Morgans, Mrs.S.Paddison, Mrs.K.Pearson, Mrs.S.M.Penry, M.Protheroe, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.Taylor, A.J.Taylor, A.H.Thomas, R.Thomas, J.Warman, D.Whitelock, I.D.Williams, Mrs.A.Wingrave and A.N.Woolcock

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Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor welcomed Members of Council and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of Council. Prayers were then given by the Mayor's Chaplain Mrs Meirwen Crocket, Deacon of Tabernacle Chapel, Cwmavon.

## 1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor C.Morgan, seconded by Councillor E.V.Latham, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Hugh James be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2014/2015 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Hugh 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 Mayoress for the Civic Year would be Mrs Janice James and the Mayor's Chaplain would be The Reverend Zoe King, Area Dean of Neath and Priest in Charge Llansawel, Briton Ferry.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor J.Warman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. A.Wingrave, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Arthur Davies be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2014/2015 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Arthur Davies 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. Lynda Goode.

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

The Outgoing Mayor's Consort, Mr. Eric Lewis, invested the Mayoress with his Insignia of Office.

The Mayoress invested the Deputy Mayoress with her Insignia of Office.

4. **MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor, Councillor Hugh James, then made his Mayoral Address and also took the opportunity to thank Members for their support in electing him as Mayor and to acknowledge the services of the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort.

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

On behalf of the Council, Councillor J.Rogers was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Marion Lewis, for the manner in which she and her Consort had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor R.G. Jones was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor then presented the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs Marion Lewis, with her Past Mayor's Medallion and a Photographic Album, and the Mayoress presented the Outgoing Mayor's Consort with his Medallion.

6. **RESPONSE BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs. Marion Lewis, in response to the vote of thanks, offered the Mayor and Mayoress 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 Mrs K.Pearson seconded by Councillor A.R.Lockyer, 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 2014/2015.

**Report of the Chief Executive**

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2014/15**

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, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.

**RESOLVED:** that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

The Mayor then declared the Meeting closed.

**MAYOR**