

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

16th May, 2008

The Mayor: Councillor A.Taylor

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor M.B.Gunter

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

The Mayor welcomed Members of Council and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of Council. Prayers were then given by Father M.Gibbons.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor M.B.Gunter be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2008/2009 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Malcolm Gunter 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. Mary Gunter and the Mayor's Chaplain would be Canon Stephen Ryan.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor Mrs.O.Jones, seconded by Councillor L.W.Willis, it was:-

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs.P.M.Thomas be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2008/2009 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Mrs. Pam Thomas 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.Susan Sudnik.

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

The Outgoing Mayoress, Mrs. Annette Taylor, invested the Mayoress with her Insignia of Office.

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4. **MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Gunter, 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 Mayoress.

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

On behalf of the Council, Councillor J.Dinham was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Anthony Taylor, for the manner in which he and his Mayoress had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor Mrs.L.H.James was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

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

6. **RESPONSE BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Anthony Taylor, 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 D.Lewis, 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 2008/2009.

Report of the Chief Executive

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2008/09**

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, 28th May, 2008.

RESOLVED: that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on the 28th May, 2008, subject to the continuation of the office of the re-elected Executive Members and the re-elected Chairs and Vice Chairs up to the date of the adjourned meeting.

The Mayor then declared the Meeting closed.

MAYOR