

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

15th May, 2009

The Mayor: Councillor M.B.Gunter

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

Councillors: H.M.Bebell, C.J.Crowley, D.W.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, 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, H.G.Rawlings, P.A.Rees, Mrs.B.Richards, C.E.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, 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 Canon Stephen Ryan.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2009/2010 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Mrs. Pam Thomas 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. Susan Sudnik and the Mayor's Chaplain would be Reverend Anthony Cochram.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor W.B.Walters, seconded by Councillor T.J.Sullivan, it was:-

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs.L.H.James be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2009/2010 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Mrs. Lella James then made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the Civic Year would be Mr. Cyril James.

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

The Outgoing Mayoress, Mrs. Mary Gunter, invested the Mayoress with her Insignia of Office.

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4. **MAYORAL ADDRESS**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs.Pam Thomas, 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 P.A.Rees was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Gunter, for the manner in which he and his Mayoress had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor A.N.Woolcock was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor then presented the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Gunter, 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 Malcolm Gunter, 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 Mrs.L.G.Williams, seconded by Councillor C.E.Richards, 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 A.N.Woolcock be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

Report of the Chief Executive

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2009/10**

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, 20th May, 2009.

RESOLVED: that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at the Special Meeting of Council on the 20th May, 2009, 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