

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

17th May, 2013

The Mayor: Councillor D.M.Peters

The Deputy Mayor: Mrs. M.A.Lewis

Councillors: H.M.Bebell, Mrs.P.Bebell, A.Carter, Mrs.A.Chaves, Mrs.C.Clement, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, Mrs.J.Dudley, M.Ellis, J.S.Evans, C.P.Golding, M.Harvey, S.K.Hunt, H.N.James, I.B.James, Mrs.L.H.James, R.James, A.Jenkins, Mrs.D.Jones, E.E.Jones, M.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, 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, S.Rahaman, H.G.Rawlings, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Taylor, A.H.Thomas, A.L.Thomas, R.Thomas, J.Warman, D.Whitelock, Mrs.L.G.Williams, Mrs.A.Wingrave and A.N.Woolcock

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 The Reverend Canon Dr. B.M.Lodwick.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the motion of Councillor J.Rogers, seconded by Councillor R.G.Jones, it was:-

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs. M.A.Lewis be elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2013/2014 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Mrs. Marion Lewis 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. Eric Lewis and the Mayor's Chaplain would be Mrs. M.Crockett, Deacon of Tabernacle Chapel, Cwmavon.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor H.N.James be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2013/2014 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Hugh James then 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.

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

The Outgoing Mayoress, Mrs. Rita Peters, 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. Marion Lewis, 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 J.D.Morgan was pleased to extend a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Martyn Peters, for the manner in which he and his Mayoress had carried out their Mayoral duties. Councillor A.Llewelyn was pleased to endorse the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council.

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

6. **RESPONSE BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Martyn Peters, 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 H.G.Rawlings, seconded by Councillor E.E.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 2013/2014.

Report of the Chief Executive

8. **ADMINISTRATION ISSUES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2013/14**

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, 22nd May, 2013.

RESOLVED: that the Administration Issues, as set out in the circulated report, be considered at the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 22nd May 2013.

The Mayor then declared the Meeting closed.

MAYOR