

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Council's Annual General Meeting (remote) held on 12th May 2021 at 6.20pm-7.25pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: T. Flynn (Mayor), G. Percival, P. Penlington, G. Frobisher, J. Thompson-Hill, B. Murray, A. Tomlin, K. Jones, P. Duffy, G. Sandilands, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, T. Jones, R. Flynn, S. Frobisher.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk / Financial Officer, Mrs C. Evans – Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Rev J. Marsden – Mayor's Chaplain, Mr N. Highfield, Mrs L. Fearn.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: M. German, G. Davies.

1 WELCOME AND PRAYERS

Mayor welcomed guests, referred to housekeeping rules and invited Rev J. Marsden, Mayor's Chaplain to address those present prior to meeting commencement.

Prayers were offered seeking help and guidance for Council in its work, and the desire for peace and prosperity for all in town and throughout the world.

The Mayor thanked his Chaplain for his services and guidance throughout a most difficult year and would be offering a small gift as token of his appreciation.

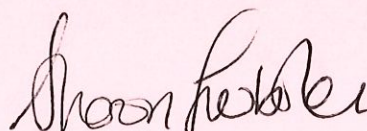
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings in accordance with legislative requirements.

3 MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Cllr T. Flynn, Mayor spoke about a most challenging and difficult year caused by global Covid 19 pandemic, which had impacted upon local community, economy and every household.

The meeting then received a pre-recorded video in which the Mayor thanked fellow Councillors, staff and people of Prestatyn and Meliden for their support and kindness throughout his term in office. He expressed his pride in the town, and especially those key workers, NHS staff, carers, retailers, public authorities, volunteers and individuals who all fight against the pandemic to help keep people safe.



8 CIVIC INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND CONSORT

Due to Covid 19 Pandemic Restrictions the Civic Investiture would need to be arranged at a future meeting. Cllr T. Jones announced that her partner David Evans would be Consort.

9 COUNCIL / COMMITTEE STRUCTURES / TERMS OF REFERENCE

Details of Committee structures and terms of references had been circulated with agenda papers. Councillors were reminded that all members were appointed to Standing Committees. Sub Committees and Panels were nominated by parent committee as and when appropriate.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported there had been no requests for amending Terms of Reference or Standing Orders.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Committee Structure and terms of Reference for Standing Committees, Sub Committees and Working Panels be accepted.
- 2) That all eighteen Councillors be appointed members of Standing Committees.
- 3) That Chair and Vice Chair of Standing Committee be appointed by each Committee unless determined otherwise by Council.

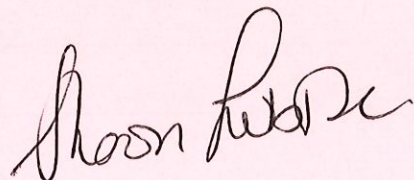
10 COUNCIL MINUTES

Tow Clerk/Financial Officer referred to Local Government and Elections Act 2021, and also to request from Cllrs A. Tomlin and G. Sandilands to review production and publication of Council minutes. A written paper had been circulated with agenda for consideration.

Reference was made to increasing use of electronic communications since introduction of socially distanced and/or remote meetings in response to Covid 19 restrictions. Further opportunities and additional IT solutions for holding of meetings were currently under consideration e.g. public participation, councillor and public remote attendance alongside physical meetings, and remote recordings of meetings.

RESOLVED

- 1) That draft minutes of council meetings be circulated electronically to all Councillors once approved by Chairman/Vice Chairman.
- 2) That hard copy agenda and minute books continue to be circulated to all Councillors unless written notice is received by Town Clerk's office to contrary.
- 3) That ongoing legislative changes and guidance about future use of remote video meetings, Councillor and public attendance, timescales upon minute production and publication be kept under review.



Prestatyn and District Environment Association		Cllrs G. Sandilands, A. Sampson, R. Flynn	Cllrs G. Sandilands, A. Sampson, R. Flynn
Prestatyn and District Festival of Walking	Monthly	Cllrs A. Sampson, G. Sandilands	Cllrs A. Sampson, L. Muraca, G. Sandilands
Prestatyn "You'll Never walk Alone" Volunteer Walk Leaders group	Monthly	Cllr A. Sampson	Cllr A. Sampson
Prestatyn Youth Club	Every 4-6 weeks	Cllrs P. Duffy, S. Frobisher	Cllrs P. Duffy, S. Frobisher
RVS – King's Hall Newydd y Brenin Management Committee	6 weekly	Cllr A. Sampson	Cllr A. Sampson
Ysgol Bodnant	Per term	Cllr A. Sampson	Cllr A. Sampson
Ysgol Melyd	Every half term	Cllr T. Jones	Cllr T. Jones
Ysgol Penmorfa	Per term	Cllr P. Duffy	Cllr P. Duffy
Ysgol y Llys	Every 2 months	Cllr P Penlington	Cllr G. Percival
Ysgol Clawdd Offa	As called	Cllr G. Davies	Cllr G. Davies

13 ATTENDANCE LIST 2020/21

Details had been circulated to Councillors. Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported upon difficulty of recording attendances caused by a combination of electronic consultations and latterly remote meetings. Some members had experienced IT connectivity problems at different times of year for all or part of remote meetings.

RESOLVED That updated Council Attendance List 2020/21 be accepted with caveats due to electronic difficulties encountered.

14 CHRISTMAS WORKING HOURS

Details of Christmas working options had been circulated with agenda.

RESOLVED That this item be deferred pending introduction of new management personnel.

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Council and Committees be accepted as follows:-

Full Council 07.04.21

Pursuant to Minute 145 - Financial Institutions and banking closures. In response to question raised by Cllr G. Percival, Cllr G. Sandilands confirmed there had been no further updates about Cambrian community-based banking in town. However, Welsh Government had expressed support for expansion of this sector and had recently discussed both targets and timescales for expansion programme.

Town Planning Committee 07.04.21

(Cllr R. Flynn advised she would circulate latest information from DCC regarding outline planning development application 43/2021/0166 - 7 Tre Borth, Prestatyn considered 17.03.2021)