

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
Lluchwr Town Council
held on 13th May 2019

PRESENT: Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, William Evans, Wendy Evans, H. Huelin, I. James, P. Parsons, C. Phillips, C. Richards, R. V. Smith, W. Smith, D J Walters, J. Williams, P. M. Williams and R. Williams.

(Welfare Hall, Loughor : 7.00pm – 7.15.pm.)

(Councillor I. James Chair)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor William Evans declared a prejudicial interest in minute 10 and left the Meeting while the item was discussed.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020

The Mayor asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor. It was moved by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor S. Beynon that Councillor William Evans be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Councillor William Evans formally accepted and was duly installed and presented with the Chain of Office of Mayor, by the immediate past Mayor, Councillor I. James.

(Councillor William Evans Chair)

Councillor William Evans signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor of Lluchwr Town Council.

Councillor Wendy Evans was installed as Mayoress and presented with the Chain of Office of Mayoress by the Mayor, Councillor William Evans.

4. INAUGURAL SPEECH OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor William Evans, thanked Councillor R. Williams for proposing him and Councillor S. Beynon for seconding the proposal. Councillor Evans thanked Members for their support in electing him to the Office of Mayor and that he was honoured and privileged to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the office. The Mayor said it was now 13

years since he had been Mayor and hoped the current term would be as good. The Mayor looked forward to meeting as many of the community and for as busy a year as possible. The Mayor stated he wished to promote the Town Council and that it was an honour to be Mayor again. The Mayor indicated that the charitable institution to be allocated funds would be the Town Trust. Councillor Evans thanked the outgoing Mayor and Consort for their support during his year as Deputy.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020

The Mayor, Councillor William Evans asked for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/2020. It was moved by Councillor R. Smith and seconded by Councillor P. Parsons that Councillor Jeff Bowen be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Councillor Jeff Bowen formally accepted and was installed and presented with the Chain of Office of Deputy Mayor, by the Mayor, Councillor William Evans. The Mayor welcomed the Deputy and looked forward to working with him.

Councillor Jeff Bowen signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor of Llŵchwr Town Council.

The Deputy Mayor said he was honoured to serve as Deputy and thanked Members for their support.

6. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

The Mayor called upon Councillor R. V. Smith to propose a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor I. James. Councillor R. V. Smith said he had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council. This had been the second occasion that Councillor James had served as Mayor (she had served previously in 2008/09); Councillor Smith commented that the work undertaken by the Mayor is not easy-you are constantly on duty. Councillor James had had a very busy year in office and had undertaken her duties diligently and professionally and had achieved a great deal in the community and raised a considerable amount for charity during the year in office particularly for Loughor Town Trust and Ty Llŵchwr.

Councillor James had represented the Council at a considerable number of events in the community and she and the Consort Mr. Peter James had both been fine ambassadors for the Council.

7. PRESENTATION TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

The Mayor presented the immediate past Mayor with a framed photograph of herself together with a Past Mayor's Badge and a photographic record of her year in office in appreciation of her work during her term of office and paid tribute to the manner in which she had undertaken her duties and responsibilities as Mayor throughout the Municipal Year.

8. RESPONSE BY THE IMMEDIATE PAST MAYOR

The immediate Past Mayor, Councillor I.James thanked Councillor R.V.Smith for the vote of thanks and his kind words. It had been a wonderful year and she wished to thank all her fellow Councillors for their help and support. The Mayor had been pleased to support her two chosen Charities namely the Town Trust and Ty Llchwyr-she was particularly glad to have assisted Ty Llchwyr as the community were now aware of their existence and offering help. The year had passed very quickly and she was honoured to have served the community and had enjoyed her year in office. She had attended many events including presentations to three 100 year olds and the Air Ambulance whose helicopter had now taken off on the three occasions she had made presentations. She thanked the Councillors and the Consort for their support. She had raised a considerable sum of money for charity and she extended her best wishes to the new Mayor for his year in office.

9. MINUTES

- (a) The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on the 14th May 2018 were **NOTED** by the Council.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 29th April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

(Councillor William Evans left the meeting while the following item was under discussion and the meeting was chaired by Councillor Jeff Bowen for this item).

10. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor's Allowance for 2019/2020 be £700.00.

11. DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2019/2020

It was **RESOLVED** that meetings of the Town Council in the 2019/2020 Municipal Year be held at 7.15pm on the following dates at the Welfare Hall, Loughor.

Monday 3 June 2019	Monday 4 November 2019	Monday 6 April 2020
Monday 1 July 2019	Monday 2 December 2019	Monday 27 April 2020
<i>August recess</i>	Monday 13 January 2020	Monday 18 May 2020 (Annual Meeting)
Monday 2 September 2019	Monday 3 February 2020	
Monday 7 October 2019	Monday 2 March 2020	

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Welfare Hall Management Committee shall comprise all

Members of the Council;

- (b) the Functions Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans, I James, P. Parsons, C. Phillips, C. Richards, R. V. Smith, D Walters J.Williams,P.M. Williams and R. Williams.
- (c) the Budget Working Party shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, William Evans, IJames, C. Phillips, R V Smith, C. Richards and the Chair of the Welfare Hall Management Committee.
- (d) the Joint Working Party with the Town Trust shall comprise Councillors Wendy Evans, C. Phillips, R. V. Smith, D. Walters, and P.M. Williams.
- (e) Regalia and Plate Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, William Evans, I. James, P. Parsons, C. Phillips, C. Richards, R. V. Smith, P.M.Williams and R. Williams.
- (f) Newsletter and IT Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, William Evans, I. James, C. Richards, W. Smith, D. Walters, J. Williams and R. Williams.
- (g) Electoral Review Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans, I. James, C. Phillips, C. Richards, R. V. Smith, P. M. Williams and R. Williams.
- (h) Health and Safety and Working Practices Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors J. Bowen, William Evans, IJames, C. Phillips, D. Walters, P. M. Williams and R. Williams.
- (i) Projects Sub-Committee membership shall comprise Councillors J.Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans, IJames, P. Parsons, C. Richards, W. Smith, D. Walters, J. Williams, P. M. Williams and R. Williams.
- (j) Local Development Plan Sub-Committee shall comprise of Councillors J. Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans, I. James, C. Phillips, C .Richards, R.V. Smith, W. Smith, D. Walters and P. M. Williams.
- (k) Ad Hoc Pay and Performance Sub-Committee shall comprise Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, Wendy Evans,

William Evans, I. James, C. Richards,
P. M. Williams and R. Williams.

13. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Council's representatives on the One Voice Wales Area Committee be Councillor Ireen James and the Clerk.
- (b) the Council's representative on the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee be Councillor Ireen James.
- (c) the Council be represented at meetings of the Gorseinon and Llŵchwr Lantern Parade by Councillors S.Beynon, I. James, P. M. Williams and the Clerk.
- (d) the Council be represented on the Community and Town Councils' Forum by Councillors J. Bowen, the Mayor and the Clerk.

14. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Lyn Llewelyn be appointed internal auditor for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

15. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS 2018/2019

It was **NOTED** that a list of attendances by members for the Municipal Year 2018/2019 was presented to Council.

16. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2019/2020 AND FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

It was **RESOLVED** that the above strategy and the Financial Risk Assessment be adopted.

17. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

Chair

