

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Thursday 11 May 2023

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D. Owen (Chair) presiding

Councillors D. Addaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, B. Crease, R. O'Gorman, A. Hughes, R. Mansell, A. Manship, A. R. Owen & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

The Retiring Chair stated what a varied year she had experienced Chair of Connah's Quay.

The Chair advised that her first official appointment as role of Chair started with her Civic Sunday at St. Marks Church, from then she had attended many Civic Services and Charity events throughout Flintshire. During the year she had gained so much experience and confidence and had been honoured to serve as Chair of Connah's Quay.

The Chair advised that some of her highlights during the year had been attending local events, judging local competitions for primary schools, visiting and supporting local business, attending care homes and even celebrating a local residents 100th birthday. Her most memorable time was the reading of the proclamation of Prince Charles after the sad passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and who is now our King, King Charles III.

The Chair spoke of her charity ball that was held in the Civic Hall, what a lovely evening and great success in raising £2000 for Blood Bikes. The Chair presented Blood Bikes with a cheque.

The Chair advised that she would also donate to other local organisations which would be arranged in the next few days.

The Chair thanked all her fellow Councillors for the support and guidance they had shown her throughout her year. The Chair also thanked the Clerk Suzanne who had been a tower of strength to her. Special thanks were passed to Sarah and Helen from the Admin Team and every staff member of the Town Council who had been there for help and assistance during her year and beyond, without them the Town Council would not function.



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The Chair passed on her personal thanks to her consort, her husband Allen who is always by her side supporting her in every possible way. She advised that she would truly be lost without him.

Finally the Chair wanted to wish the new Chair and consort well in the forthcoming year.

1. CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair. Councillor A. Manship was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A. Manship be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

(Councillor A. Manship in the Chair at this point).

2. PRESENTATIONS

The Retiring Chair presented the Chair with the Chain of Office.

3. SUMMONS OF MEETING

The Summons of meeting was received.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors W. Catterall, A. Dunbobbin, D. Richardson & P. Shotton.

5. CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 - SECTION 83(4)(A)

Councillor A. Manship duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the Chair in the presence of the Clerk as Proper Officer.

6. VICE-CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor A. R. Owen was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:



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That Councillor A. R. Owen be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

7. PRESENTATIONS

The Chair presented Councillor A. R. Owen with the Vice-Chair's Chain of Office.

8. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

RESOLVED:

The continuation of the following existing appointments for a period of four years from the respective dates of appointment be acknowledgement:-

(i) Bryn Deva C.P. School Councillor E. S. Faulkner (May 2021)
 (ii) Ysgol Caer Nant Councillor A. S. Wren (May 2022)
 (iii) Wepre C.P. School Councillor B. Crease (May 2022)

Councillor D. Richardson was nominated to be appointment of School Governor for Golftyn C.P. School.

Councillors Voted:

10 in favour

0 against

0 abstained

RESOLVED:

(iv) Golftyn C.P. School Councillor D. Richardson (May 2023)

(b) OTHER BODIES

Nominations were sought for the following appointments:

(i) Connah's Quay Old Peoples Association – 2 Required

Councillors D. Owen and R. Mansell were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors D. Owen and R. Mansell are appointed for a period of one year.



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(ii) North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils – 3 Required

Councillors B. Crease, A. R. Owen and A. Manship were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors B. Crease, A. R. Owen and A. Manship are appointed for a period of one year.

(iii) Wrexham-Bidston Rail User's Association – 1 Required

Councillor D. Owen was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor D. Owen is appointed for a period of one year.

(iv) Flintshire County Council Llwyni Strategy Consultative Board – 2 Required

Councillors B. Crease, and A. Wren were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors B. Crease and A. Wren are appointed for a period of one year.

(v) Parc Adfer Community Liason Group – 1 Required

Councillor J. B. Attridge was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors J. B. Attridge is appointed for a period of one year.

(vi) Connah's Quay & Shotton Interservices Committee – 1 Required

Councillor R. Mansell was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor R. Mansell is appointed for a period of one year.

9. STANDING ORDERS

Nominations were sought for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the following Committees.



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(i) Planning Committee

That Councillor A. Wren be nominated as Chair and Councillor R. Mansell be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. Wren

Vice-Chair - Councillor R. Mansell

(ii) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That Councillor B. Crease be nominated as Chair and Councillor A. R. Owen be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor B. Crease

Vice-Chair - Councillor A. R. Owen

(iii) Recreation & Entertainment Committee

That Councillor A. Manship be nominated as Chair and Councillor L. Attridge be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. Manship

Vice-Chair - Councillor L. Attridge

(iv) Audit & Governance

That Councillor J. B. Attridge be nominated as Chair and Councillor B. Crease be nominated as Vice-Chair along with Councillor R. O'Gorman. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:



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Chair - Councillor J. B. Attridge

Vice-Chair - Councillor B. Crease

3rd Member - Councillor R. O'Gorman

(v) Town Regeneration Committee

That Councillor D. Richardson be nominated as Chair and Councillor D. Addaway be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor D. Richardson

Vice-Chair - Councillor D. Addaway

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

- (a) That membership continues to be constituted of all Members of the Council.
- (b) That elections of Chair and Vice-Chair take place at the first meeting of the Committee.
- (c) That meetings will be held as and when required.

11. MEMBERS' PANEL ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

Nominations were sought for the Member's Panel. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are be and are hereby elected for the ensuring year:

Councillor J. B. Attridge

Councillor B. Crease

Councillor A. R. Owen

Councillor D. Owen

Councillor R O'Gorman

Councillor W. Catterall

Councillor R. Mansell



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12. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

That Councillor J. B. Attridge be nominated as Leader of the Council and Councillor B. Crease be nominated as Deputy Leader of the Council. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Leader of the Council - Councillor J. B. Attridge

Deputy Leader of the Council - Councillor B. Crease

13. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023/24

RESOLVED:

That Council and Committee Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month.

14. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW) DETERMINATIONS 2023 - 2024

Determinations of the IRPW for 2023 – 2024 were as follows:

- (a) Determination 44: Mandatory Accept
- (b) Determination 45: Mandatory Accept
- (c) Determination 47: Optional Accept
- (d) Determination 48: Optional Accept
- (e) Determination 49: Optional Not Accepted
- (f) Determination 50: Optional Not Accepted

15. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked Councillors for electing him as Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council and advised how he felt honoured and privileged in doing so.

The Chair commented that during his year as Vice-Chair how he had gained valuable knowledge of the role that is required to be undertaken as Chair. He gave his thanks to the Retiring Chair Councillor Debbie Owen for her time as Chair and also her Consort Councillor Alan Owen.

The Chair advised that his aim is to deliver the role as Chair to the best of his ability, ensuing the reason as elected Members we were all there to serve the Town as one and make it an even better place by listening to the residents and the needs of Connah's Quay.



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The Chair concluded the meeting by inviting all present to stay and join him for refreshments after the meeting finishes.

The Chair presented Councillor J. B. Attridge with an Ordnance Survey of Connah's Quay from 1968. Councillor Attridge thanked the Chair.

Confirmed 7 June 2023

Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 6.50pm