

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Pontardawe Town Council held on Monday
14th May 2018 at Trebanos Hall, Swansea Road, Trebanos at 6.45pm**

10758. Present Councillor Mrs L Purcell (presiding), Ms S Northcott, G Davies, V Hotten, H Evans, Ms C Ford, A Nicholson, J Jones, G Nicholson, A Richards, Ms R Smith, W Thomas, R Smith, K Flynn and Mrs R Phillips

Apologies: None.

10759. Election of Mayor/Chairman 2018/19:

Councillor Mrs L Purcell was nominated by Councillor Ms S Northcott and seconded by Councillor R Smith for the post of Mayor and Chairman of Pontardawe Town Council. She was voted unanimously into Office.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs L Purcell be Mayor and Chairman of Council for 2018/19.

Councillor Nicholson thanked Council for the privilege of undertaking the role of Pontardawe Town Mayor and thanked Councillor Purcell for assisting as Deputy and the Clerk Mrs D Phillips for their help and support during his year in office.

10760. Election of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19:

Councillor J Jones was nominated by Councillor G Davies and seconded by Councillor V Hotten for the post of Deputy Mayor of Pontardawe Town Council.

Councillor Ms C Ford was nominated for the post by Councillors Mrs R Phillips and seconded by Councillor G Nicholson.

A vote was taken by show of hands. The result was:

Councillor J Jones – 4 votes.

Councillor Ms C Ford – 8 votes.

Plus, abstentions.

Councillor H Evans then stated he wished to resign his seat as a Town Councillor and left the meeting.

Resolved that Councillor Ms C Ford be Deputy Mayor for 2018/19 and that Councillor H Evans resignation be accepted.

10761. Adoption of Standing Orders for 2018/19:

Resolved to adopt Standing Orders for 2018/19.

10762. Adoption of Financial Regulations for 2018/19:

Resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations for 2018/19.

10763. Mayor's Allowance 2018/19:

Council stated that the Mayor's Allowance was utilised by the Mayor on the reception for the Civic Service, suitable attire, donations, raffles, flowers, gifts for community events and travel expenses for additional Civic receptions throughout the year and therefore was a fund for expenses rather than payment for the post. It was therefore agreed that Councillor Purcell should receive the funds despite being a County Borough Member.

The Clerk confirmed that on the advice of One Voice Wales, this was permissible.

Resolved that the allowance remain at £950 per annum for the 2018/19 year and that as it was to cover additional expenses within the post, then Councillor Purcell should receive it.

10764. Election of Members – Policy and Resources Committee:

The members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, A Nicholson, Ms S Northcott, R Smith, V Hotten and Ms R Jones.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10765. Election of Members – Planning Committee:

The members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, G Nicholson, Ms S Northcott, A Nicholson and W Thomas.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10766. Election of Members – Finance Committee:

The members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms R Jones, A Richards, V Hotten, R Smith, G Nicholson and J Jones.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10767. Election of Members – Personnel Committee:

The members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms S Northcott, V Hotten, K Flynn, Ms R Jones and W Thomas.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10468. Election of Members – Development Committee:

The members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, V Hotten, J Jones, G Davies and G Nicholson.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10769. Election of Representatives – One Voice Wales:

The representatives of Council at the meetings of One Voice Wales to be Councillor Ms C Ford.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10770. Town/ Community Council Liaison Committee:

The representative of the Council to be the Mayor and Councillor G Davies with V Hotten as deputy.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10771. Election of Members to Pwllfawatkin Committee:

The representatives of the Council on the above Committee are to be Councillors R Smith, Mrs L Purcell, J Jones and V Hotten, with Councillor G Nicholson as standby.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10772 Election of Members – Landfill Tax Grant Board (WREN):

The representatives of Council on the above Committee to be Councillor G Davies

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10773. Election of Members – Cwmnant Lleichi Liaison Committee:

The representatives of the Council on the above Committee to be Councillors G Nicholson and R Smith.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10774. Election of Members to the Cwmdu Committee:

The representatives of Council on the above Committee to be the Mayor, Councillor G Nicholson, R Smith, Ms R Jones, V Hotten and J Jones.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10775. Arena/ Riverside Project:

The representatives of the Council on the above Committee to be Councillor J Jones with Councillor V Hotten as Deputy.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10776. Gwrhyd Liaison Committee:

The representatives of the Council on the above Committee to be Councillor G Davies and V Hotten.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10777. Bank Reconciliation check:

The Member responsible for financial checks under Financial Standing Orders to be Councillor A Nicholson.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10778. Dementia Friendly Champion:

The Dementia Friendly Champion for Pontardawe Town Council is to be Councillor W Thomas.

Resolved that the above be accepted.

10779. End of Financial Year Accounts 2017/18:

Resolved that the end of year accounts be accepted and signed by the Mayor on behalf of Council.

Signed

Dated

