

Annual General Meeting held by virtual platform due to Corvid 19 lockdown restrictions on the 18th May 2020 at 6.45pm

Present:

Councillor A Nicholson (presiding), Ms S Northcott, G Nicholson, J Jones, G Davies, H Davies, R Thomas, D Williams, Mrs L Purcell, A Richards, Mrs R Phillips, Mrs R Jones, W Thomas, and Ms C Ford

Apologies:

None

11422: Election of Mayor/Chair for 2020/21

Councillor J Jones was nominated as Mayor by Councillor A Nicholson and seconded however Councillor Jones stated that due to the unprecedented position during 2020 he felt that it would be prudent to maintain the status quo at present. Councillor Jones therefore thanked Council for his year in Office as the Deputy Mayor, but, declined the nomination as Mayor. Councillor Jones then nominated Councillor Nicholson for a further year. This nomination was seconded by Councillor A Richards. Councillor Nicholson was voted unanimously into Office.

Resolved:

Councillor A Nicholson be Mayor and Chair of the Council for 2020/21.

Councillor Nicholson thanked Council for his nominations for 2019/20 and 2020/21, and, gave special thanks to his family for the support they had provided him despite being extremely busy in their studies. He also thanked the Clerk for her support during his year in Office.

Councillor Nicholson stated that there had been many uplifting experiences during the year, one of which was the Christmas Parade, but that 2020 with the emergence of Corvid 19 had also some immensely sad events, such as the memorial to an outstanding local paramedic who had lost his life during the pandemic.

Councillor Nicholson also requested that Council stand and observe a minutes silence for Councillor Kevin Flynn, who had also lost his life due to the Pandemic. Kevin was remembered for his great abilities and his sense of humour. Councillor Nicholson stated that Kevin would be widely missed by his family, Council, and the wider community.

11423: Election of Deputy Mayor for 2020/21

Councillor Mrs R Phillips was nominated by Councillor Mrs L Purcell and seconded by Councillor Ms C Ford. She was voted unanimously into Office.

Resolved:

Councillor Mrs R Phillips to be Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2020/21.

11424: Adoption of Standing Orders for 2020/21

Resolved:

To adopt Standing Orders for 2020/21

11425: Adopting of Financial Regulations for 2020/21

Resolved:

To adopt Financial Regulations for 2020/21

11426: Mayor and Deputy Mayors Allowance for 2020/21

Council had decided in a previous Ordinary Meeting that the Deputy Mayor should receive remuneration.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Mayors Allowance should remain as £950. With the Deputy Mayor to receive £300.

Resolved:

That the Mayors Allowance remain £950 and the Deputy Mayor receive an allowance of £300 for the 2020/21 and future years.

11427: Terms of Reference for the Committees

Resolved:

That the Terms of Reference for the Committees will be agreed.

11428: Election of Members – Policy and Resources Committee

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms C Ford, Ms S Northcott, D Williams, V Hotten, Mrs R Jones and J Jones

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11429: Election of Members – Planning Committee

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms C Ford, Ms S Northcott, G Nicholson, V Hotten, R Thomas and H Davies

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11430: Election of Members – Finance Committee

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Mrs R Jones, A Richards, V Hotten, Mrs L Purcell, G Nicholson, R Thomas, and J Jones

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11431: Election of Members – Personnel Committee

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms S Northcott, V Hotten, Mrs R Jones, W Thomas, and J Jones

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11432: Election of Members – Development Committee

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, V Hotten, Mrs L Purcell, G Davies, and J Jones

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11433: Election of Representative – One Voice Wales

The representative of Council at the meetings of Once Voice Wales to be Councillor Ms C Ford.

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11434: Election of Representative – Town / Community Council Liaison Committee

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

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11435: Election of Representative – Pwllfawatkin Liaison Committee

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors J Jones and H Davies with G Nicholson and V Hotten as Standby.

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11436: Election of Representative – WREN

The representative of Council will be Councillor G Davies.

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11437: Election of Representative – Cwmnant Lleichi Liaison Committee

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors G Nicholson and D Williams

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11438: Election of Representative – Eco and Wellbeing Committee (renamed 11.11.19):

Mayor, Councillor G Nicholson, Mrs L Purcell, Ms R Jones, Ms C Ford, R Thomas, and V Hotten.

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11439: Election of Representative – Arena/Riverside Project

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors J Jones with V Hotten as Standby.

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11440: Election of Representative – Gwrhyd Liaison Committee

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be G Davies and V Hotten. Councillor Ms R Jones to be the Residents representative

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11441: Bank Reconciliation Check

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

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11442: Dementia Friendly Champion

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

Resolved:

That the above be accepted.

11443: End of Year Financial Accounts 2019/20

Resolved:

That the End of Year Accounts be accepted and signed as soon as possible by the Mayor on behalf of Council.

Signed

Dated