



## Bargoed Town Council

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### Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Present: Councillors H Llewellyn; J Bissex; R Price; R Carroll; T Williams; S Hamer-Thomas; D Ingram-Jones; P Edwards.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk; Mr G Davies, Assistant Town Clerk.

The Clerk requested members confirmation of the ability to hear Councillor Llewellyn who has joined the meeting via the telephone, and if Councillor Llewellyn could also hear those present. All members agreed.

The Clerk moved on to advise members of the mayor having stepped down from office prior to the elections, and in ordinary circumstances the deputy mayor would preside over the first item of business on the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, the deputy mayor was taken ill earlier in the day, therefore the meeting is requested to nominate a member to preside over agenda item one. Councillor Carroll presided over item one.

#### 1. To elect a Mayor for the Council Year 2022/23.

Members in attendance were asked for expressions of interest in becoming Mayor for 2022/23. One expression was received from Councillor Llewellyn.

Councillor Carroll called for a show of hands.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Llewellyn as mayor for 2022/23.

The meeting was advised of the mayor's imminent arrival at the town hall, therefore standing orders were suspended to allow item 4 to be addressed prior to receiving the mayor's declaration of acceptance of office.

#### 4. To receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor C Andrews, Councillor D Price.

#### 5. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.

No declarations of interest were received.

#### 6. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the monthly meeting of Council 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

For the benefit of newly elected members, the Clerk verbally reviewed the rationale for swift completion of the annual accounts, internal audit, and annual return in order that the outgoing council were able to report on their activities over the previous financial year. The draft minutes were scrutinised by those members who were present, with councillor Bissex moving them as a true record, and councillor R Price seconding. Councillor Carroll signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

The mayor joined the meeting in person at this point. The meeting agenda resumed at item two.

#### 2. To receive the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Llewellyn signed the declaration of acceptance of office as mayor for 2022/23 which was countersigned by the proper officer in the presence of the meeting.

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their patience. He asked if everyone would like to introduce themselves for the benefit of members who may not know each other.

**3. To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2022/23.**

Two members expressed an interest in becoming deputy mayor and they left the room while the meeting deliberated. RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Carroll to the office of deputy mayor for 2022/23. Both members returned to the meeting and the mayor advised Councillor Carroll would be deputy mayor.

**7. Press and Public Participation Session.**

No requests have been received by the clerk.

**8. To consider arrangements for filling the two existing vacancies at Aberbargoed ward and instruct the Clerk accordingly.**

The mayor sought members opinions on whether to move to co-opt to fill the two existing vacancies at Aberbargoed ward. Members agreed to move forward with a full council. The clerk advised of four expressions of interest having been received and provided members with details of the four members of the public who had made contact.

A full debate was held on what everyone would bring to the town council, with all members encouraged to share their thoughts. Members voted by show of hands taking each candidate in alphabetical order. The mayor used his casting vote. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr P Collins and Mrs J Davies to fill the two vacancies.

**9. Mayor's address to Town Council.**

At this point in the meeting the Mayor sought approval from members to suspend standing orders and close the meeting. The recommendation being to convene a special full council meeting the following week to continue with the agenda and appoint committees with full council being present. RESOLVED to support the proposal and close the meeting at this point.

This concluded business and the meeting was closed at 6.50pm.