

From 1 May 2021, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 sets out a statutory requirement that: As soon as reasonably practicable after a meeting of a community council, and in any event before the end of seven working days beginning with the day on which the meeting is held, the council must publish electronically a note setting out—

- (a) the names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence;
- (b) any declarations of interest;
- (c) any decision taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.

Barry Town Council meets this duty by publishing this information in the form of draft meeting minutes which will be displayed electronically within 7 working days after the meeting. It should be noted that these minutes are DRAFT and not agreed until the next meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BARRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: The Retiring Mayor (Councillor Wiliam), together with Councillors Aviet, Ball, Brooks, Charles, Collins, Davies-Powell, Dancey, Drake, E Goodjohn, E S Goodjohn, Hennessy, N Hodges, S Hodges, Iannucci, Johnson, Marshall, McKinney, Payne, Perkes, Thomas and Wilkinson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Emily Forbes	-	Chief Officer
Mark Sims	-	Deputy Chief Officer
Amanda Evans	-	Facilities and Cemeteries Manager
Robyn Walsh	-	Community Engagement Officer
Rebecca Blackwell	-	Office Team Leader
Manda Webb	-	Civic Engagement and Events Administrator

PROCEDURAL

1. **ROLL CALL**

The Chief Officer took a roll call of all those present.

2. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

None were received.

4. **TO ELECT A TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR AS DIRECTED IN STATUTE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SS 15(2) AND 34(2)**

Nominations were received for the position of Mayor of Barry Town Council for the municipal year 2022/23 as follows:

Councillor Payne – nominated by Councillor Perkes and seconded by Councillor Brooks.

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Payne be elected as Town Mayor for 2022/23 municipal year by a majority vote.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Payne be elected as Town Mayor for the 2022/23 municipal year by a majority vote.

5. **TO RECEIVE THE NEWLY ELECTED TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Town Mayor made their Declaration of Acceptance to the Office of Town Mayor, in the presence of the Chief Officer.

6. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Nominations were received for the position of Deputy Town Mayor of Barry Town Council for the municipal year 2022/23 as follows:-

Councillor Johnson – nominated by Councillor S Hodges and seconded by Councillor N Hodges.

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Johnson be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2022/23 municipal year by a majority vote

RESOLVED: That Councillor Johnson be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2022/23 municipal year by a majority vote.

7. **TO RECEIVE THE NEWLY ELECTED DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Deputy Town Mayor made their Declaration of Acceptance to the Office of Deputy Town Mayor, in the presence of the Chief Officer.

8. **INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CONSORT AND DEPUTY CONSORT**

The Mayor named Pierre Codron as her consort and the Deputy Mayor named Councillor Collins as his Consort.

9. **TO RECEIVE THE RETIRED MAYOR'S SPEECH**

The Retired Mayor, Councillor Wiliam began his speech by remarking on the unusual year due to the restrictions of Covid-19. However, a lot had still been achieved, in particularly raising attention to issues and

demystifying the role of the Mayor. Councillor Wiliam explained that he had been able to achieve this through the introduction of the “Mayor on the Square” events which had been an excellent tool in engaging with the public and promoting the office of the Mayor.

Councillor Wiliam highlighted his work with young people, noting his achievements in the “Mayor’s Intern,” and attending meetings of Barry Youth Council.

Councillor Wiliam noted his thanks to Dennis and Janet Clarke who opened their home during CADW Open Doors to raise money for his charities, as well as Councillors N and S Hodges who organising historical talks.

Councillor Wiliam explained that he had also ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of his chosen charities, which were; Barry RNLI, Vale Foodbank and Ty Hafan.

The Retired Mayor also commemorated the Late Sharon Harris (reporter for Barry & District Newspaper), explaining the story behind his “Guess the Mayor’s Weight” fundraising idea.

Councillor Wiliam also thanked Lee Selby who helped him to produce the short videos he had made to promote running the Cardiff Half Marathon, as well as Will Henry and Richard Bowen for being his running partners. He also thanked Owain Crease for his help at his Civic Service and Robyn Walsh and Amanda Webb for all their support throughout his term in office (presenting them with a bouquet of flowers).

He also went on to thank his wife, Kyle Issit (photographer) and John Voss (Mace Bearer), also presenting him with a gift of his appreciation.

The Retired Mayor concluded his speech by congratulating the new Mayor, Councillor Payne and wishing her all the best for her term in office.

10.

TO RECEIVE THE NEWLY ELECTED TOWN MAYOR’S SPEECH, INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THEIR CHAPLAIN AND ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CIVIC SERVICE

The newly elected Mayor, Councillor Payne began her speech by stating how delighted and honoured she was to be elected as the Mayor of Barry as it was the town she was born in and where her family came to work in the beginning of its industrial history.

Councillor Payne thanked the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Wiliam for his commitment and enthusiasm for the role, particularly the Cardiff Half

Marathon and the plaque to commemorate Gareth Jones at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

The Mayor noted that the Town Council would be looking to work towards becoming a “Town of Sanctuary” to further welcome people from across the globe who are fleeing war and persecution and that this was a very important cause for her to support.

The Mayor highlighted the great strides the Town Council had made in terms of community engagement, mentioning the Festival of Light and the re-emergence of Barry Youth Council.

The Mayor provided guests with a brief overview of the events she hoped to achieve in her term of office and announced that her three chosen charities would be Llamau, Young Minds and Vale People First. Councillor Payne also informed guests that she would not be buying any new clothes during her term in office, and instead would be looking at more sustainable ways of fashion.

The Mayor concluded her speech on a serious note about the well-being of Barry and the toll the last two years have had on its wellbeing. She stated that we need to encourage people to say, it’s ok, not to be ok – ending her speech with showing a video called the “Sound of Silence.”

11. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Mayor moved the adjournment of the meeting to be reconvened on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, King Square, Barry and invited guests to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Signed

Dated
(Town Mayor)