

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BARRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15 MAY 2023 AT 6.00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Emily Forbes	-	Chief Officer
Mark Sims	-	Deputy Chief Officer
Amanda Evans	-	Facilities and Cemeteries Manager
Greg Smart	-	Planning Officer
Rebecca Blackwell	-	Office Team Leader
Emma Thorne	-	Engagement & Events Officer
Manda Webb	-	Well-Being Goals Projects Officer
Kathryn Thomas	-	Administrator

**PROCEDURAL**

159. **ROLL CALL**

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

160. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles and Marshall.

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

None were received.

162. **TO ELECT A TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2023/24 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 2023/24 as follows:

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

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Johnson be elected as Town Mayor for 2023/24 municipal year.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Johnson be elected as Town Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year by unanimous vote.

163. **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.

164. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2023/24 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Nominations were received for the position of Deputy Town Mayor of Barry Town Council for the municipal year 2023/24 as follows: -

Councillor Thomas – nominated by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor E Goodjohn.

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Thomas be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Thomas be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year by unanimous vote.**

165. **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.

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

The Mayor named Councillor Collins as his consort and the Deputy Mayor named Sean Joel as her Consort.

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

The Retired Mayor Councillor Helen Payne began her speech by thanking Councillor Johnson for all his support as Deputy Town Mayor and congratulated him on being elected as Town Mayor.

The Retired Mayor advised that over her year she had 90 engagements naming highlights which included the privilege she felt being invited to attend the Merchant Navy Memorial in London, being involved in the Gareth Jones plaque unveiling at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, attended 10 Platinum Jubilee Parties, which was sadly followed by the death of Queen Elizabeth in which the Retired Mayor opening the booked of condolence. The Retired Mayor had also attended 16 events to celebrate King Charles III Coronation and held a Coronation coffee morning at St. Mary's Church.

The Retired Mayor recapped her engagements throughout the year which included attending the RNLI Summer Ball, the Annual Scouts Fete, Barry Pride, hosted two Bryan Foley Awards, Barry Town Council Family Fun Day thanking Councillor E Goodjohn for providing live music at the event advising that the next Family Fun Day will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August in Central Park. The Retired Mayor noted her fundraising events which were Barry Bingo, 2 x Barry Quiz, Horse Racing evening with help from Barry Round Table, Barry Festival of Light and Shop Local Halloween trail. Councillor Payne said that she had the privilege of christening the first Mean Green Mower within a Cemetery in Wales, held many Mayor on the Move events around the Town meeting various members of the public and local traders, two story times with the Mayor, one at Halloween and one at Christmas and celebrated her end of term with a Ball held at St. Andrews Golf Club noting that all her fundraising has been for Llamau, Young Minds and Vale People First.

The Retired Mayor spoke about future events for the Council which included that Barry Town Council saved Cadstock which will now be held in July, still working towards a Town of Sanctuary and with the Council being put firmly on the map with the notable award of National Association of Civic Office (NACO) of the Year.

The Retired Mayor thanked the Wellbeing Goals Project Officer and the Engagement and Events Officer for their hard work, thanked her Consort Pierre Codron and her second Consort Councillor Perkes, thanked her Chaplain Father Dan Barnes, thanked the Leader Councillor Brooks, thanked the Administration and Cemetery teams as well as the Chief Officer, thanked the Mayors Scout Troop.

The Retired Mayor concluded her speech by congratulating the new Mayor, Councillor Johnson and wishing him all the best for his term in office noting she had a brilliant year and finishing by saying 'It's ok to not be ok'

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**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 addressed the meeting in Welsh and thanked Councillor N Hodges and Councillor Wiliam for nominating and seconding him for the position, and thanked councillors for their unanimous support. The Mayor said that having been raised in Barry, it was a great honour.

The Mayor gave thanks and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Payne, noting that he had served on the council with her mother, Maggie, and knew her father, Jasper, and felt that they would both be very proud of her year.

The Mayor presented his Chaplain, Parchedig Kevin Davies, who was well known to members of the Council having previously served as Chaplain to Councillor Wiliam. The Mayor explained that a Civic Service was being planned, and that a date and location would be announced shortly.

The Mayor introduced his two charities. Firstly, he explained mental health charity, Mind in the Vale, which is located in Barry and deliver mental health support in Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan. He then introduced 2Wish, or 2Wish Upon A Star, a Wales-based charity which supports families which have suffered sudden bereavement of a young person. He hoped that both charities would have a fruitful year as Mayoral charities and looked forward to working with them both in the coming year.

The Mayor explained his interests: arts and culture, the history and heritage of Barry, football, and 'Welshness', in terms of culture and language.

The Mayor said that he was looking forward to opening Barry's three Summer music festivals – Cadstock, Glastonbarry and Gŵyl Fach y Fro, to joining the Victorian Barry Experience on their new tour and to promoting the history and good works of people from Barry, including Abdulrahim Abby Farah from Thompson Street who led the UN delegation to end apartheid in South Africa.

The Mayor concluded his speech thanking everybody for attending the event, and asked Parchedig Kevin Davies to say a few words before adjourning the meeting and asking those present to join him for the buffet.

169. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Mayor moved the adjournment of the meeting to be reconvened on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, King Square, Barry and invited guests to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....  
(Town Mayor)