

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.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BARRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 13 MAY 2024 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: The Retiring Mayor (Councillor Johnson), together with Councillors Aviet, Brooks, Charles, Clarke, Collins, Davies-Powell, Drake, EJ Goodjohn, ES Goodjohn, Hennessy, N Hodges, S Hodges, Iannucci-Williams, McKinney, Payne, Perkes, Thomas and Wilkinson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Emily Forbes	-	Chief Officer
Mark Sims	-	Deputy Chief Officer
Amanda Evans	-	Facilities and Cemeteries Manager
Jason Harvey	-	Engagements & Events Manager
Kathryn Thomas	-	Office Team Leader
Emma Thorne	-	Engagement & Events Officer
Manda Webb	-	Well-Being Goals Projects Officer
Joanne John	-	Engagement & Events Administrator
Lyndsey Thomas	-	Administrator
Courtney Parker	-	Administrator

PROCEDURAL

373. **ROLL CALL**

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

374. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ball, Dancey and Wiliam.

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

None were received.

376. **TO ELECT A TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2024/25 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 2024/25 as follows:

Councillor Iannucci-Williams – nominated by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor E S Goodjohn.

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Iannucci-Williams be elected as Town Mayor for 2024/25 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Iannucci-Williams be elected as Town Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year by unanimous vote.

377. **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.

378. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Nominations were received for the position of Deputy Town Mayor of Barry Town Council for the municipal year 2024/25 as follows: -

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

A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous that Councillor Clarke be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Clarke be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year by unanimous vote.

379. **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.

380.

INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CONSORT AND DEPUTY CONSORT

The Mayor named her husband, Owen Iannucci-Williams, as her Consort and the Deputy Mayor named his wife, Janet Clarke, as his Consort.

381.

TO RECEIVE THE RETIRED MAYOR'S SPEECH

The retired Mayor, Councillor Ian Johnson, began his speech by saying it's been a great pleasure and honour to have been the Mayor of Barry in 2023/24, a unique opportunity and experience.

He thanked Councillor Millie Collins, as his consort, for all of her support during the past twelve months, and his Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sian Thomas, his chaplain Parchedig Kevin Davies, and Mace-bearer, John Voss.

He then thanked Councillors Nic & Shirley Hodges for all their support and advice over the past year, his parents and all staff at Barry Town Council for all their help over the past year especially the Engagement and Events Administrator.

Councillor Johnson advised that at the start of his Mayoral year, he wanted to promote the Arts, Culture and Heritage of the town and it was therefore wonderful that Barry Town Council were able to step in and provide support for major festivals over the summer like Gwyl Fach y Fro, Cadstock, Pride and Glastonbarry – some of which had already said publicly that they wouldn't be able to go ahead without our support.

In addition to supporting outside organisations, Barry Town Council put on a wide range of activities throughout the year that he had the pleasure of attending, including the highly successful Family Fun Day in Central Park last August, Halloween events on King Square and across town with Shop Local, Barry's Christmas celebrations (with the Vale of Glamorgan Council) and a St David's Day event celebrating our Welshness at the start of March.

As Mayor, he was also invited to a large range of cultural activities throughout the year, in both Welsh and English, particularly of the town's many and important local choirs around Christmas.

During the year, he promoted the town's history, supporting the campaign for Barry to have our own town museum or heritage centre. That included highlighting St Baruc's Day in September, and promoting talks and walks about Barry's Victorian past.

He also put a spotlight on some of the more influential figures from the town's history – including journalist Gareth Jones from Romilly Road, who revealed the mass famine in Ukraine in the 1930s, diplomat

Abdulrahim Abby Farah of Thompson Street, who oversaw the UN mission that ended apartheid in South Africa and the pioneering work of educationalist and mountaineer, Elizabeth Phillips Hughes.

Barry Town Council has once again maintained its Green Flag status for Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, and a Heritage Flag, in recognition of the celebration of the town's past of which he is very proud of.

Councillor Johnson is also immensely proud of the work of his two nominated charities this year – 2Wish and Mind in the Vale, who have attended and supported his Mayoral events, and thanked everybody who had contributed financially during the year or by raising awareness of the work that they do.

2Wish are a charity based in Llantrisant who provide support for families of suddenly bereaved young people, while Mind are a mental health charity, supporting people across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Councillor Johnson paid tribute to 3 people who contributed significantly – Steffan Wiliam as Town and County Councillor for Baruc ward since 1999, Jane Hutt as Member of the Senedd for the Vale of Glamorgan since 1999 and Margaret Wilkinson, who was originally elected for the first time to the Town Council in 1999.

Councillor Johnson concluded his speech by congratulating the new Mayor, Councillor Iannucci-Williams and wishing her all the best for her term in office. The one piece of advice he gave her was to do your best and make the most of the opportunity.

382.

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 thanking everyone for coming and thanking Councillor Payne and Councillor E S Goodjohn for nominating and seconding her for the position. She also thanked Councillors for their unanimous support.

The Mayor said it's a huge honour to have been elected as the Mayor this evening, especially as this year we are celebrating our 50th year of Barry Town Council.

She is really looking forward to spending this year getting to see all the ways our community groups and volunteers are looking out for each other and all trying to make our town a better and kinder place to live.

Looking after each other is something that her charities for this year really embody, and she is really pleased that they'll be the Vale Foodbank and Shua (Safe House for Unwanted Animals).

“Jo Cox said that we have more in common than that divides us”, and
The Mayor knows that she is going to meet so many people this year
who really believe that.

383. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Mayor moved the adjournment of the meeting to be reconvened on
Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, King
Square, Barry and invited guests to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 6.33pm.

Signed

Dated
(Town Mayor)