



BLAENAVON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY 2018 AT 6.30 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 HIGH ST, BLAENAVON.

In attendance:

Councillor Gareth Davies (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: S. Bright, J. Denley-Jones, S. Evans, L. Evans, N. Horler, J. Huybs, A. Jones, J. Jones, B. Lewis, G. McCann, P. Roberts.

Officer: Mr K Warren (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies: No apologies were recorded.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting in full, the outgoing Mayor of Blaenavon Cllr Phyllis Roberts addressed the council.

Cllr Roberts expressed her thanks and gratitude to all of her colleagues for their support and advice during her term in office and for allowing her to serve as Mayor. Cllr Roberts explained that when she initially came onto the Council she had no intention to serve as Mayor but had regarded the role as a privilege and had enjoyed it immensely.

Cllr Roberts was pleased to hand over to the new Mayor and wished them well for the forthcoming year in office

Fellow Cllrs expressed their gratitude in recognition for the work that Cllr Roberts has done especially in relation to the positive media recognition that the council were subjected to during the last year

Cllr Roberts appreciated the views from her fellow councillors.

The meeting then proceeded as per the published agenda.

1. Appointment of Mayor for 2018/19

There were two nominations from the council for the appointment of Mayor / Chairman. The proposals were: -

- Cllr Gareth Davies: Proposed by Cllr Alan Jones and seconded by Cllr Jackie Huybs.
- Cllr Stuart Evans: Proposed by Cllr Janet Jones and seconded by Cllr Barbara Lewis.

A vote was taken by the council which resulted in Cllr Davies receiving **9** votes from the following members:

- Cllr Jac Denley – Jones
- Cllr Lewis Evans
- Cllr Sam Bright
- Cllr Phyllis Roberts
- Cllr Nick Horler
- Cllr Gareth McCann
- Cllr Jackie Huybs
- Cllr Alan Jones
- Cllr Gareth Davies

Cllr Stuart Evans receiving **3** votes from the following members:

- Cllr Janet Jones
- Cllr Barbara Lewis
- Cllr Stuart Evans

Resolved: That by **9 votes to 3** Cllr Gareth Davies be appointed as Mayor / Chairman of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

Cllr Phyllis Roberts concluded by handing over the chain of office over to Cllr Davies and wished him well for her forthcoming term in office.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Davies assumed his position as Chairman expressing his sincere thanks to the Council for their nominations. Cllr Davies also thanked Cllr Phyllis Roberts for serving and being visible within the Town and also for the positive publicity generated for the Town of Blaenavon.

2. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19

There were two nominations from the council for the appointment of Deputy Mayor / Chairman. The proposals were: -

- Cllr Jac Denley Jones: Proposed by Cllr Jackie Huybs and seconded by Cllr Sam Bright.
- Cllr Gareth McCann: Proposed by Cllr Stuart Evans and seconded by Cllr Janet Jones.

A vote was taken by the council which resulted in Cllr Denley - Jones receiving **8** votes from the following members:

- Cllr Jac Denley – Jones
- Cllr Lewis Evans
- Cllr Sam Bright
- Cllr Phyllis Roberts
- Cllr Nick Horler
- Cllr Jackie Huybs
- Cllr Alan Jones
- Cllr Gareth Davies

Cllr Gareth McCann receiving **3** votes from the following members:

- Cllr Janet Jones
- Cllr Stuart Evans
- Cllr Gareth McCann

Cllr Barbara Lewis abstained from the vote

Resolved: That by **8 votes to 3** Cllr Jac Denley - Jones be appointed as Deputy Mayor / Chairman of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Denley - Jones accepted the nomination.

3. Appointment of four signatories to bank account. Cheques to be authorised by any two signatories.

The above motion was discussed, the current signatories being Cllrs Alan Jones, Jac Denley – Jones, Sam Bright, Stuart Evans.

Cllr Evans wished to be removed as a signatory. Cllr Janet Jones offered to fill the vacancy. This was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: That Councillors Alan Jones, Jac Denley-Jones, Sam Bright and Janet Jones are appointed as bank account cheque signatories for Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

4. Review and adoption of the council's Standing orders and Financial regulations.

The current Standing Orders together with the Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted with no amendments.

Resolved: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations adopted with no amendments.

5. Review and adoption of the council's Risk Assessment Schedule.

The current Risk Assessment Schedule was reviewed and adopted with no amendments.

Resolved: Risk Assessment Schedule adopted with no amendments.

6. Appointment of three representatives for Blaenavon World Heritage Committee.

Three nominations were put forward and unanimously agreed that Councillors Jac Denley – Jones, Phyllis Roberts and Janet Jones would represent the council.

Resolved: That Councillors Jac Denley – Jones, Phyllis Roberts and Janet Jones would represent Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

7. Appointment of two representatives to the One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Quarterly Area Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllrs Gareth Davies and Jac Denley-Jones be appointed

Resolved: That Councillors Jac Denley – Jones, and Gareth Davies would represent Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

8. Appointment of one representative for Disabled Transport Torfaen

A discussion commenced between councillors regarding the motion. Cllr Stuart Evans requested that he be removed as the current representative. A brief discussion took place with the following Cllr being proposed:

Cllr Gareth McCann: Proposed by Cllr Janet Jones and seconded by Cllr Sam Bright.

Resolved: That Cllr Gareth McCann would represent Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

9. Appointment of one representative for Torfaen Museum Trust

Cllr Jac Denley-Jones was unanimously reappointed.

Resolved: That Cllr Jac Denley-Jones be appointed as the representative of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

10. Appointment of one representative for Churches Working Together.

Cllr Barbara Lewis was unanimously reappointed

Resolved: That Cllr Barbara Lewis be appointed as the representative of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

11. Appointment of two representatives to serve on the Torfaen Partnership to be held at the Civic Centre, Pontypool every four months.

It was unanimously agreed that the Mayor Cllr Gareth Davies and Deputy Mayor Cllr Jac Denley -Jones be the representatives for the council.

Resolved: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are appointed as representatives of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

12. Appointment of a representative for Blaenavon Town Team

Cllr Gareth McCann was unanimously reappointed

Resolved: That Cllr Gareth McCann be appointed as the representative of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

13. Appointment of a representative for Blaenavon World Heritage Steering Group.

Cllr Lewis Evans was unanimously reappointed

Resolved: That Cllr Lewis Evans be appointed as the representative of Blaenavon Town Council for the year 2018/19

14. To confirm the dates of ordinary meetings.

A list of dates for the forthcoming council year 2018/19 was presented to members, this incorporated both the Full Council and Finance meetings which fell on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing at 6:30pm. August and December was listed as recess months.

Resolved: All dates agreed.

15. Date and Time of the Annual General Meeting 2019

Resolved: The AGM meeting for 2019 will take place on the 1st May commencing at 6:30pm.

The meeting was closed at 7:30pm.

Chairman Signature:

Date:

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