



CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 22 May 2024

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

Councillors, L. Attridge, W. Catterall, A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes, E. Loughnane, R. Mansell, A. R. Owen, D. Owen, D. Richardson, V. Roberts, P. Shotton, I. R. Smith & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

Members of the public

The Retiring Chair stated what a fantastic year he had being Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council.

The Chair advised that he had enjoyed every minute, visiting the local schools and attending their School Councils meetings was a personal highlight, he hoped that the new Chair would continue to engage with the youth of Connah's Quay. He continued with another memorable moment of presenting each primary school with a Commemorative Plaque for the Coronation of King Charles.

The Chair advised that his Charity Evening had raised over £2000. He supported many charities throughout his year as Chair, including The Royal British Legion, Cambria Band, Cancer Research, RainbowBiz, Alder Hay, Connah's Quay Scouts, Veterans Group, Nany Biscuit, Connah's Quay Brownies and the Sea Cadets.

The Chair presented a cheque to Jonathan Pye from the Shooting Star Cancer Support.

The Chair thanked all his fellow Councillors for their support throughout his year as Chair. He also thanked his wife Ann and Vice-Chair and their Consort.

1. CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair. Councillor A. Hughes was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A. Hughes be elected Chair for the ensuing year.



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(Councillor A. Hughes in the Chair at this point).

2. PRESENTATIONS

The Retiring Chair presented the Chair with the Chain of Office.

3. SUMMONS OF MEETING

The Summons of meeting was received.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors D. Addaway & B. Crease.

The Clerk advised that Councillor Crease was away and had wished to attend the Meeting virtually, if he was unable to attend due to connection issues he asked the Clerk to read out the following: Councillor Crease passed on his thanks for all the help and support he had received from all the staff at Connah's Quay Town Council over the last couple of years and hoped that he can be of some assistance if required from the "back bench" in the coming months and years.

5. CHAIRS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 – SECTION 83(4)(A)

Councillor A. Hughes duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the Chair in the presence of the Clerk as Proper Officer.

6. VICE-CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor D. Owen was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor D. Owen be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

7. PRESENTATIONS

The Chair presented Councillor D. Owen with the Vice-Chair's Chain of Office.



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8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited Members of the public to address the Council on any item that appeared on the Agenda.

No matters were raised by the public.

9. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

RESOLVED:

The continuation of the following existing appointments for a period of four years from the respective dates of appointment be acknowledgement:-

- (i) Ysgol Caer Nant Councillor A. S. Wren (May 2022)
- (ii) Golftyn C.P. School Councillor D. Richardson (May 2023)
- (iii) Wepre C.P. School Councillor B. Crease (May 2022)

Councillor E. S. Faulkner stood down as a representative for Bryn Deva C.P. School.

Nominations were sought for the position of School Governing Body for Bryn Deva C.P. School. Councillor E. Loughnane was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

- (iv) Bryn Deva C.P. School Councillor E. Loughnane (May 2024)

The Chair thanked Councillor E. Faulkner for his service to Bryn Deva School.

(b) OTHER BODIES

Nominations were sought for the following appointments:

- (i) Connah's Quay Old Peoples Association – 3 Required

Councillors R. Mansell, A. Manship and V. Roberts were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors R. Mansell, A. Manship and V. Roberts are appointed for a period of one year.



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(ii) North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils – 3 Required

Councillors R. Mansell, A. Manship and A. R. Owen were nominated and Councillor D. Owen nominated as reserve. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors R. Mansell, A. Manship and A. R. Owen are appointed for a period of one year.
Councillor D. Owen appointed as reserve for a period of one year.

(iii) Wrexham-Bidston Rail User's Association – 1 Required

Councillor E. Loughnane was nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E. Loughnane is appointed for a period of one year.

(iv) Flintshire County Council Llwyni Strategy Consultative Board – 2 Required

Councillors V. Roberts and A. Wren were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors V. Roberts and A. Wren are appointed for a period of one year.

(v) Parc Adfer Community Liason Group – 2 Required

Councillors B. Crease and A. R. Owen were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors B. Crease and A. R. Owen are appointed for a period of one year.

(vi) Connah's Quay & Shotton Interservices Committee – 2 Required

Councillors D. Owen and V. Roberts were nominated. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors D. Owen and V. Roberts are appointed for a period of one year.

10. STANDING ORDERS

Nominations were sought for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the following Committees.

(i) Planning Committee



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That Councillor A. Wren be nominated as Chair and Councillor D. Richardson be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. Wren
Vice-Chair - Councillor D. Richardson

(ii) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That Councillor A. R. Owen be nominated as Chair and Councillor A. Wren be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. R. Owen
Vice-Chair - Councillor A. Wren

(iii) Recreation & Entertainment Committee

That Councillor A. Manship be nominated as Chair and Councillors D. Addaway and V. Roberts be nominated as Vice-Chair's. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. Manship
Vice-Chair - Councillor D. Addaway
Vice-Chair - Councillor V. Roberts

(iv) Audit & Governance

That Councillor A. R. Owen be nominated as Chair and Councillor A. Wren be nominated as Vice-Chair along with Councillor A. Dunbobbin. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor A. R. Owen



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Vice-Chair - Councillor A. Wren

3rd Member - Councillor A. Dunbobbin

(iv) Town Regeneration Committee

That Councillor D. Richardson be nominated as Chair and Councillor D. Addaway and R. Mansell be nominated as Vice-Chair's. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Chair - Councillor D. Richardson

Vice-Chair - Councillor D. Addaway

Vice-Chair - Councillor R. Mansell

Councillor A. Dunbobbin asked for clarification regarding the number of Vice-Chairs for each Committee. He asked the Clerk to refer to the Standing Orders as in his years on the Town Council there have never been more than one Vice-Chair. The Clerk referred to Standing Orders Item 4 j (ix), Councillor Dunbobbin thanked the Clerk.

11. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER

That Councillor A. R. Owen be nominated as Leader of the Council and Councillor A. Wren be nominated as Deputy Leader of the Council. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are appointed:

Leader of the Council - Councillor A. R. Owen

Deputy Leader of the Council - Councillor A. Wren

12. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Chair proposed to continue to follow current arrangements..

Councillors Voted:

16 in favour

0 against



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1 abstained

RESOLVED:

- (a) That membership continues to be constituted of all Members of the Council.
- (b) That elections of Chair and Vice-Chair take place at the first meeting of the Committee.
- (c) That meetings will be held as and when required.

13. MEMBERS PANEL (ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS)

Nominations were sought for the Member's Panel. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That the following are be and are hereby elected for the ensuing year:

Councillor A. Manship

Councillor A. R. Owen

Councillor D. Owen

Councillor D. Richardson

Councillor A. Wren

Councillor W. Catterall

Councillor A. Dunbobbin

14. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2024/25

RESOLVED:

That Town Council and Committee Meetings continue to take place on the first Wednesday of each month (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

15. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW)

DETERMINATIONS 2023 - 2024

The Chair proposed continue the same as last year, he advised that all the Determinations that had been set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for 2024-25.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar asked for more information on Determination 7. The Clerk advised that should a Councillor attend any approved duties on behalf of the Town Council and they are cancelled due to no fault of their own, costs could be returned.



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RESOLVED:

Determinations of IRPW for 2024-2025 were as follows:

- (a) Determination 6: Mandatory – Accept
- (b) Determination 7: Optional – Not Accepted
- (c) Determination 8: Mandatory – Accepted
- (d) Senior Role Payment: Mandatory – Accepted
- (e) Mayor or Chair Payment: Optional – Not Accepted
- (f) Deputy Mayor or Chair Payment: Optional – Not Accepted
- (g) Attendance Allowance: Optional – Not Accepted
- (h) Financial Loss: Optional – Not Accepted
- (i) Travel Subsistence: Optional – Not Accepted
- (j) Costs of Care: Optional – Not Accepted

16. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair gave thanks to the Retiring Chair, Councillor Alan Manship. He then thanked all Councillors and staff at Connah's Quay Town Council.

The Chair commented that he wouldn't be where he was today if it wasn't for someone who is no longer with him, his dad. The Chair advised that at meetings he always wears something that belongs to his dad, at the meeting tonight he wore his Dad's Blood Donation pin, which his dad donated 99 times before sadly passing away and the Chair donated the 100th donation. The Chair spoke how he wants to make his wife and 4 children proud.

The Chair advised that his main goal was for the Town Council to work together as one. The role of Town Councillor is a volunteer role to serve the residents of Connah's Quay. He wishes to unite and bring the Council together.

The Chair spoke of his vision for the forthcoming year, with his roles as governor at Connah's Quay High School and Golftyn School. He understands the importance of investing in the young as they are the future. He is looking forward to engaging with the youth of Connah's Quay.

The Chair thanked his Vice-Chair Councillor Debbie Owen.



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The Chair concluded the meeting by inviting all present to stay and join him for refreshments after the meeting finished.

Confirmed 5 June 2024

Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.02pm