

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2017

The Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas, presided pro tem over the Annual Meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Guildhall, Carmarthen, on Friday, 9th June 2017, at 6.30 pm. The Mayor and Council were preceded into the Chamber by the Sword Bearer, Mr Andrew King, and Mace Bearers, Mr Stephen Powell and Mr Wyn Edwards, accompanied by the Town Crier, Mr Colin Jones.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Reverend Tom Defis, Dr Baba Gana, Philip Grice, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Dr Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams

35. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Julia Ault and Peter Hughes Griffiths.

36. OPENING EXHORTATION

The proceedings opened with an exhortation by the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Beti-Wyn James. The retiring Mayor thanked the Reverend James for her support during the year.

37. RETIRING MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Cllr Wyn Thomas thanked the Mayoress, Mrs Sylvia Perkins for her support and company during the year, and spoke about the events (numbering over 160) and regular council meetings he attended during his Mayoral year. He also acknowledged the role of the Mayor as Admiral of the Port of Carmarthen.

The retiring Mayor thanked those involved with the Mayor's Charity Committee, which has raised over £4000 this year, distributed to some 15 local charities. He noted the good work of all volunteers in Carmarthen and noted their significant commitment and contribution to the town and area.

Cllr Wyn Thomas thanked the Town Clerk, Mr Alun Harries and the staff of Carmarthen Town Council for their work and to Mrs Eleri James for her support as the Mayor's Secretary during the year.

The highlights of the year for Cllr Wyn Thomas included the Mayor's Race, attended by over 770 runners and raising over £7200 for local charities. He thanked Mr Noelwyn Daneil and Mrs Sharon Daniel for their work again this year.

Cllr Wyn Thomas also noted one of his last duties on Sunday was hosting a reception in the Mayor's Parlour for the Lesneven Twinning Committee. He noted that the relationship between Carmarthen and Lesneven was now in its 35th year.

On a personal note Cllr Wyn Thomas spoke of the honour of being accepted as a member of the Gorsedd (Blue dress) at this year's National Eisteddfod.

Cllr Wyn Thomas finished his address by wishing the incoming Mayor, well for his Mayoral Year

38. **PRESENTATIONS**

Cllr Wyn Thomas presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs Jean Evans, Chair of the Mayor's Charity Committee during the year. He thanked her for her hard work and continued commitment to the charity and a variety of other charities in the town.

39. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2017/2018**

On the motion of Cllr Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Phil Grice, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Alun Lenny be elected Town Mayor for Carmarthen for the year 2017/2018.

In proposing Cllr Alun Lenny, Cllr Arwel Lloyd spoke about Cllr Alun Lenny's work as a County Councillor, Town Councillor, Journalist, School Governor, Chapel Leader and Press Officer and of his continued campaigning for improved services for the people of Carmarthen. In particular he highlighted Cllr Alun Lenny's work in the early planning of Cartref Cynnes, and in the formation of the 'Mwy na Geiriau' (More than Words) strategy, which was the basis of the campaign by the Welsh Union of Independents to ensure elderly residential care for Welsh speakers through the medium of Welsh.

In seconding Cllr Alun Lenny, Cllr Phil Grice acknowledged Cllr Alun Lenny's part in the development work on the new Velodrome and in his continued work in enhancing the prosperity of the citizens of Carmarthen.

Cllr Alun Lenny then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Justice of the Peace, Mrs Bethan Harris.

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas, invested Cllr Alun Lenny with the chain and insignia of the office of Town Mayor.

The Mayor, Cllr Alun Lenny, presiding.

The Mayor, Cllr Alun Lenny, then made and subscribed the Oath of Admiralty, whilst holding the Silver Oar, being the badge of office.

Cllr Alun Lenny thanked all Members for their faith in him, and declared that it was both an honour and a pleasure to be elected Mayor of Carmarthen. Cllr Lenny also promised to be fair in representing the people of the town, and looked forward to working with everyone throughout the year ahead.

Cllr Alun Lenny congratulated Cllr Wyn Thomas on his hard work and important achievements during his year of office and proceeded to invest the retiring Mayor with the Mayor's jewel and a silver oar. Cllr Lenny stated ' It is indeed the greatest privilege to be elected Mayor of the town where I first saw the light of day and I am full of admiration for the diligence and enthusiasm with which Cllr Wyn Thomas carried out his duties during his year in office'.

Cllr Alun Lenny appointed Reverend Beti-Wyn James, Minister of Capel y Priordy, as Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor then appointed Mrs Ann Lenny as Mayoress, and Mrs Sylvia Perkins invested Mrs Lenny with the chain of office.

40. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2017/2018**

On the motion of Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Arwel Lloyd, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Emlyn Schiavone be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

In making his proposal Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews spoke of the popularity of Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and the prominent part he has played in the life of Carmarthen town. He also highlighted Cllr Emlyn Schiavone's tireless work with the disenfranchised youth of the area. Cllr Arwel Lloyd spoke of Cllr Emlyn Schiavone's work as a member of the management committee of Dr Mz's, as a School Governor in Richmond Park and Myrddin Primary School and also his work with Night Light and the Tŷ Cymorth Appeals Committee.

The Deputy Mayor then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Justice of the Peace, Mrs Bethan Harris.

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone thanked the Council and looked forward to serving the community in the year ahead.

The Mayor invested Cllr Emlyn Schiavone with the chain and badge of office.

41. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SHERIFF FOR 2017/2018**

On the motion of Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Dr Baba Gana, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Phil Grice be appointed Town Sheriff for the ensuing municipal year.

In nominating Cllr Phil Grice, Cllr Ken Lloyd spoke of the honour of being Sheriff, having been the Sheriff of Carmarthen in 2007/08, and of

its importance in the Civic tradition of Carmarthen. Cllr Ken Lloyd also highlighted the work already undertaken by Cllr Phil Grice in preparation for the Annual Sheriffs Gathering, to be held in Carmarthen later this year. He acknowledged Cllr Phil Grice's work in ensuring the continued work of Dr Mz's.

Cllr Dr Baba Gana seconded the proposal and acknowledged the great contribution Cllr Phil Grice had already made to Carmarthen Town Council.

The Town Sheriff then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of Justice of the Peace, Mrs Bethan Harris.

The Mayor invested Cllr Phil Grice with the chain and badge of office. Cllr Grice thanked Council for the honour.

The Mayor thanked the Past Sheriff for his work on behalf of Council and resolved to present the Sheriff's Jewel to Cllr Emlyn Schiavone.

42. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

On the motion of Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, it was **RESOLVED** that the best thanks of this Council be accorded to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas, for his achievements as Mayor during the year 2016/2017.

Cllrs Tom Defis and Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews thanked Cllr Wyn Thomas for his work over the year and also for his continued contribution to the Town and to the Town Council. Cllr Tom Defis said that he had the privilege of nominating Cllr Wyn Thomas as Sheriff a few years ago at the beginning of his journey to becoming Mayor. He thanked the retiring Mayor and the Mayoress for their hard work. Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews thanked Cllr Wyn Thomas and the Mayoress for their work during the year and wished them well.

In conclusion, Cllr Wyn Thomas and the Mrs Sylvia Perkins were thanked on behalf of Council and the townspeople for an outstanding year as Mayor of Carmarthen.

43. **MAYOR'S SUNDAY**

The Mayor announced his intention to hold a Civic Service at Capel y Priordy on Sunday, 11th June 2017, at 10.00 am.

44. **CLOSING PRAYER**

The Reverend Beti-Wyn James, the Mayor's Chaplain, closed the proceedings with prayer.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.