



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL AND MAYOR'S INSTALLATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor W R Smith (In the Chair)

Councillors: J Amos, H Barrett, A Barry, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, D Roberts, G Richards, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, G Thomas, I Thomas, J Thomas, S Thomas and C Tovey

Also In Attendance: Officer(s): Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)) and Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services)

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer), Michelle Hemmings (Democratic Services Officer) and Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Mark Prett, The Mayor's Chaplain, opened the meeting in Prayer

14	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor P Brown.
15	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.
16	Formal Election of the Mayor	Councillor T Skinner proposed Councillor K Gibbs as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018 which was seconded by Councillor C Davies.

		<p>A vote was taken on the motion, and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Councillor K Gibbs be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.</p>
17	Formal Election of the Deputy Mayor	<p>Councillor R Braithwaite arrived at the meeting at 5.20 pm.</p> <p>Councillor H Barrett proposed Councillor C Tovey as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018 which was seconded by Councillor L Mytton.</p> <p>A vote was taken on the motion, and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Councillor C Tovey be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.</p> <p>The Civic Party then retired for the exchange of Regalia and Chains of Office.</p> <p>On their return, the Declarations of Acceptance of Office were administered to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor by Gareth Chapman, Chief Executive.</p> <p>Councillor K Gibbs addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for his election to the Office of Mayor, and stated that his chosen charities for 2017-2018 will be the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation Station at the Merthyr Indoor Market at St. Tydfil's Shopping Centre which provides essential items for the homeless people within the County Borough. • National Autistic Society Merthyr Tydfil.

The Mayor, Councillor K Gibbs, took the Chair

18	Honorary Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil	<p>Gareth Chapman referred to the resolution of the Council meeting on the 22nd February 2017 that Judge Richard Twomlow be appointed Honorary Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil and, as such, on behalf of the Council he presented the nominated Judge Richard Twomlow with a Scroll of Admission as Honorary Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil.</p> <p>Judge Richard Twomlow addressed the meeting and thanked the Council for restoring the office of Honorary Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil to this town. He advised that it was a great honour to be invited to take this role and will do his best to justify the appointment.</p>
19	Committee Structure 2017/2018	<p>Councillor L Mytton proposed Councillor K O'Neill for the Leader of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council which was seconded by Councillor C Davies.</p>

A vote was taken on the motion, and it was

RESOLVED that:

- Councillor K O'Neill be appointed as Leader of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

Gareth Chapman advised it is now a matter of the Leader to appoint his Cabinet and that he has received notification as to the nominations for Cabinet which are:

Councillor C Davies
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with portfolio for Social Services.

Councillor A Barry
Cabinet Member with portfolio for Governance and Corporate Services.

Councillor L Mytton
Cabinet Member with portfolio for Learning.

Councillor G Thomas
Cabinet Member with portfolio for Regeneration and Public Protection.

Councillor D Hughes
Cabinet Member with portfolio for Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside.

The two Scrutiny Chairs within the Independent Group are Councillor T Skinner for Governance and Councillor D Sammon for Neighbourhood Services.

Chair of Planning, Regulatory and Countryside will be Councillor H Barret.

Gareth Chapman confirmed that the Labour Group has allocated the two Chairs of Scrutiny to Councillor H Jones for Learning and LAESCYP and Councillor B Smith for Social Services.

He confirmed that he was still awaiting confirmation from Councillor J Amos, the Leader of the other Independent Group, for the remaining Chair of Scrutiny.

Given the current position with regard to the other committees, it was proposed that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority in consultation with the Leaders of the Political groups to make the requisite appointments to the Committee structure.

This proposal was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED that:

- Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the Political groups, to make the requisite appointments to the Committee structure.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full detailed report be represented to the Full Council Meeting on the 28th June 2017.
20	Representatives to Other Bodies 2017/2018	<p>Given the current position with regard to the representation to Other Bodies, it was proposed that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Leaders of the Political groups, to confirm the representation to Other Bodies for 2017-2018.</p> <p>This proposal was moved and seconded.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the Political groups, to confirm the representation to Other Bodies for 2017-2018. • A Full detailed report be represented to the Full Council Meeting on the 28th June 2017.
21	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Leader of the Council was pleased to announce the achievement of our Chief Executive, Gareth Chapman, being awarded the Public Sector Director of the Year. He offered his sincere congratulations and how it positively reflects once again on Merthyr Tydfil.
22	To receive communications received by Her/His Worship the Mayor	Gareth Chapman advised the Mayor that he had received apologies from Gerald Jones MP together with Freeman of the Borough - Lord Ted Rowlands CBE, Sir Stanley Thomas OBE and Professor Sir Mansel Aylward CBE all of whom send their congratulations on your appointment as Mayor and wish you well in your mayoral year.

Father Mark Prevett, the Mayor's Chaplain, closed the Meeting in Prayer