

# MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S P Brown (In the Chair)

Councillors: H Barrett, C J Barry, B Carter, N Greer, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, B Mansbridge, L Mytton, L E Smart, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams, R Braithwaite, T Chaplin, D Davies, G Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, D L Jarrett, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, L A Matthews, K Moran, D Roberts and S Williams

**Also In Attendance:** Officer(s): Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Gary Thomas (Director of Customer Services), Giovanni Isingrini (Director of Community Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Mike Southcoat (Chief Education Officer) and Beth Melhuish (Communications)

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

**The Mayor's Chaplain opened the meeting in Prayer**

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER         | DECISION   |
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| 1        | Apologies for absence | The Mayor welcomed the new Members to their first meeting of Council and wished them well for their next 5 years in office.<br><br>No apologies for absence were received. |

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| 2 | Declarations of Interest  | No declarations of interest were made.  |
| 3 | Presentation of National Award Certificate for Road Safety to Aeden O'Neill | The Mayor, Councillor P Brown, welcomed Aeden O'Neill to the meeting and on behalf of the Authority congratulated him on his National Award Certificate for Road Safety.  |
| 4 | Formal Election of the Mayor  | <p>Councillor H Barrett proposed Councillor L Mytton as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012-13, which was seconded by Councillor C Tovey.</p> <p>A vote was undertaken on the motion and it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <p>Councillor L Mytton be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012-13.</p> <p>The retiring Mayor, Councillor P Brown, addressed the meeting outlining many of the memorable events during his year as Mayor and thanked Councillors, Officers, Family, Friends and his Chaplain together with the citizens of the County Borough for their support. The Mayor advised that £64,763 had been raised for his charity this year.</p> <p>Gareth Chapman then presented the retiring Mayor with the Past Mayor's Medallion and also presented the retiring Mayoress with the Past Mayoress' Pendant.</p>   |
| 5 | Formal Election of the Deputy Mayor   | <p>Councillor D Jones proposed Councillor G Davies as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012-13, which was seconded by Councillor L A Matthews.</p> <p>A vote was taken on the motion and it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <p>Councillor G Davies be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012-13.</p> <p>The Civic Party retired for the exchange of regalia and Chains of Office.</p> <p>The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were administered to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor by the Chief Executive.</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for her election to the Office of Mayor and stating that her chosen charity for 2012-13 will be Cancer Aid Merthyr Tydfil.</p> <p>Bouquets of flowers were presented to the retiring Mayoress, Mrs Katherine Brown, the elected Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Mari Davies, and the outgoing Mayor's Chaplain, Mrs June Carter- Evans, by Beth Mytton, James Mytton and Jamie Brown.</p> |
| 6 | To appoint Chairs and   | It was noted that Councillors B Toomey and P Williams of  |

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|    | agree Committee Membership for the Municipal Year                 | <p>the Labour Group have been confirmed as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.</p> <p>The Leader of the Opposition Group is Councillor Richard Thomas and the Leader of the Minority Group is Councillor P Brown.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) This item be deferred to the next Full Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012.</li> <li>(ii) Delegated Powers are adopted in the interim in order that the Head of Paid Services (or if he is absent the Director of Community Services, Director of Customer Services or Chief Finance Officer) can make a decision upon any matter for reasons of urgency.</li> </ul> |
| 7  | To agree the Meeting Cycle for the Municipal Year                 | <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Committee Cycle be agreed.</li> <li>(ii) Cabinet Meetings are moved from the 2.30 pm start to 4.00 pm start and that all other Committee starting times be determined by the appropriate Chair in consultation with the members of each Committee.</li> </ul>   |
| 8  | To agree Representatives to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year | <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Authority be granted to the Political Leaders to nominate Representatives and to supply a list to the Chief Executive.</li> <li>(ii) Consideration be given to the submission of a report to the Standards Committee regarding the appropriate Dispensation for Champions.</li> </ul>   |
| 9  | To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence          | Dai Harvard MP, Huw Lewis AM, Ted Rowlands, Sir Stanley Thomas and Stan Thomas gave their apologies and also wished the Mayor every success in her forthcoming Mayoral year in office.   |
| 10 | To receive communications received by Her Worship the Mayor       | There were no communications from her Worship the Mayor.   |

**The Mayor's Chaplain closed the meeting in Prayer**