

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor G Davies (**In the Chair**)

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

Officers: Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Giovanni Isingrini (Director of Community Services), Ellis Cooper (Director of Customer Services), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer) and Beth Melhuish (Communications)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

Reverend Mrs Nanette Lewis – Head – Mayor’s Chaplain
Father Matthew Gibbon – Mayor’s Chaplain

The Mayor’s Chaplain opened the Meeting in Prayer

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.

2	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
3	Formal Election of the Mayor	<p>Councillor D Roberts proposed Councillor B E Mansbridge as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 – 2015 and was seconded by Councillor K Moran.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that:</p> <p>Councillor B E Mansbridge be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 – 2015.</p> <p>The retiring Mayor Councillor G Davies then addressed the Council giving details of his year as Mayor.</p> <p>Councillor Davies also advised the Council that he had donated a bust of Keir Hardie to the Mayors Parlour.</p> <p>This bust had been given to him when he had first become a Councillor by a relative who had been an ILP Member for Briton Ferry and an agent for Ramsey McDonald.</p> <p>Gareth Chapman then presented Councillor Davies the retiring Mayor with the Past Mayor's Medallion and also presented Mrs Mari Davies the retiring Mayor's Consort with the Past Consort Pendant.</p>
4	Formal Election of the Deputy Mayor	<p>Councillor Allan Jones proposed Councillor D Isaac as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 – 2015 and was seconded by Councillor P Williams.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that:</p> <p>Councillor D Isaac be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014 – 2015.</p> <p>The Civic Party then 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 Gareth Chapman Chief Executive.</p> <p>Councillor B E Mansbridge addressed the Council thanking the Members for his election to the Office of Mayor.</p> <p>The Mayor also advised that his chosen Charities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimer's Society • PHAB <p>Bouquets of flowers were then presented to Mrs Mari Davies retiring Mayoress, Mrs Deborah Isaac Deputy Mayoress and Mrs Brenda Mansbridge Mayoress.</p>
5	To Appointments Committees 2014/15	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The appointments to Committees as set out in Paragraphs one to nine of the report be accepted.</p>

6	To agree Committee Cycle for 2014/15	<p>The Leader of the Council referred to Paragraph 6.3 – Fact Finding Visits and recommended an amendment.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In relation to Fact Finding Visits – Paragraph 6.3 that the Meetings be called as and when required by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with all appropriate Officers.</p> <p>Arising on Paragraph 5 – Audit Committee a Member recommended an amendment to the Committee Cycle.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Meeting scheduled for 23 June 2014 be amended to 30 June 2014.</p> <p>Further resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The Committee Cycle be agreed.</p>
7	To agree Representatives to Other Bodies for 2014/15	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The representatives as set out in Paragraph 2.0 of the report be agreed.</p> <p>(b) Delegated Authority be granted to the Political Leaders in the event of a vacancy arising to nominate representative(s) and to supply such agreed nomination to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>(c) Consideration be given to the submission of a report to the Standards Committee regarding the appropriate dispensation for Champions.</p>
8	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Mayor advised that there was no other business deemed urgent.</p>
9	To receive communications received by His Worship the Mayor	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Dai Havard MP, Huw Lewis AM, Freeman of the Borough Lord Ted Rowlands CBE, Sir Stanley Thomas OBE, Mr Stan Thomas MBE and Professor Sir Mansel Aylward CB.</p>

The Mayor's Chaplain closed the Meeting in Prayer