



MINUTES OF MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **AND MAYOR'S INSTALLATION** **MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: H Barrett (Chair)
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, B Carter, D Chaplin, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, M Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, J Thomas, G Thomas, I Thomas, C Tovey and S Thomas

Officers:

E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), S Jones (Senior Solicitor), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Jones (Head of Finance), A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), F Donnelly (H R Manager), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services), A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer) and J Overbury (PA to the Leader and Mayor's Office)

Outside Bodies:

S J Byrne and I Phillips (Audit Wales)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Opening Prayer

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Tim Williams opened the Meeting in Prayer

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.

Technical Issues

Some Councillors experienced technical difficulties during the Meeting and therefore did not vote on the item when these technical issues occurred.

3	Formal Election of the Mayor	<p>Councillor L Mytton proposed Councillor M Colbran as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021 – 2022 and was seconded by Councillor G Thomas.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Councillor M Colbran be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021 – 2022.</p> <p>The retiring Mayor Councillor H Barrett then addressed the Council.</p> <p>Simon Jones then presented the past Mayor's Medallion to Councillor H Barrett.</p>
4	Formal Election of the Deputy Mayor	<p>Councillor D Hughes proposed Councillor D Sammon as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021 – 2022 and was seconded by Councillor J Davies.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Councillor D Sammon be elected as the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021 – 2022.</p> <p>The Civic Party then exchanged Regalia and Chains of Office.</p> <p>The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were administered to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor by Simon Jones Senior Solicitor.</p> <p>The Mayor Councillor M Colbran then addressed the Council.</p>
5	Appointment to Committees	<p>Councillor L Mytton referred to the 'Appointment to Committees 2021 -2022' report and advised of the following</p>

	2021/2022	<p>amendments to the report:</p> <p>Paragraph 4.1 – Portfolio for Housing and Public Protection should read Councillor Tony Rogers only</p> <p>Paragraph 6.0 – Governance and Audit Committee Appointments – Councillor D Chaplin to be replaced by Councillor C Barry as a Substitute Committee Member.</p> <p>Paragraph 9.3 – Statutory Licensing Committee (Licensing Act and Gambling Act) – should read: Chair – Councillor H Barrett Vice Chair Councillor C Tovey</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The changes to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee titles be approved (b) The functions of the Democratic Services Committee being performed by the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee be approved (c) The appointments and substitutions made to each of the Committees listed within the report be approved subject to the following amendments: <p>Portfolio for Housing and Public Protection: Councillor Tony Rogers</p> <p>Governance and Audit Committee Appointments – Councillor C Barry - Substitute Committee Member</p> <p>Statutory Licensing Committee (Licensing Act and Gambling Act): Chair – Councillor H Barrett Vice Chair - Councillor C Tovey</p>
6	Committee Cycle - 2021-2022	<p>Councillor L Mytton referred to the ‘Committee Cycle 2021 – 2022’ report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The amended Committee Cycle for the 2021 – 2022 Municipal year be approved.</p>
7	Representatives to Other Bodies 2021-2022	<p>Councillor L Mytton referred to the ‘Representatives to Other Bodies 2021 – 2022’ report and advised of the following amendments to the report:</p> <p>Champions:</p> <p>Homelessness Champion – Councillor T Rogers</p> <p>Risk Management Champion – Councillor G Thomas</p> <p>Safeguarding Champion – Councillor C Davies</p> <p>Outside Bodies:</p>

		<p>Cwm Taf Community Health Council – Councillor K Gibbs to be added</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board – Councillor B Carter to replace Councillor S Thomas</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>(a) The Representatives as set out in Paragraph 5.0 of the report be agreed subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Champions:</p> <p>Homelessness Champion – Councillor T Rogers</p> <p>Risk Management Champion – Councillor G Thomas</p> <p>Safeguarding Champion – Councillor C Davies</p> <p>Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Cwm Taf Community Health Council – Councillor K Gibbs be added</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board – Councillor B Carter to replace Councillor S Thomas</p> <p>(b) Delegated authority be granted to the Political Leaders in the event of a vacancy to nominate representative(s) and to supply such agreed nomination to the Chief Executive</p>
8	MTCBC Response to Audit Wales Report - Assessment of Progress to Address Key Concerns	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The acceptance of the recommendations made by Audit Wales in the report 'Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Assessment of Progress to Address Key Concerns' (Appendix 1) be approved</p> <p>(b) The actions contained within the report to address the recommendations made by Audit Wales in the report 'Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Assessment of Progress to Address Key Concerns' (Appendix 1) be approved</p>
9	Appointment of Chief Executive	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The shortlisting and interview arrangements to appoint a new Chief Executive be approved</p> <p>(b) The granting of Delegated authority to the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, Pensions and Payroll to determine the recruitment timetable and any changes that may be required to be made to the interview panels in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services be approved</p>

10	Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report For 2020-2021	Resolved that: The report for Information be received.
11	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
12	To receive communications received by Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor

Closing Prayer

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Gareth Coombes closed the Meeting in Prayer