



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 AT ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL, LAMPETER  
AT 7.30PM- FIRST MEETING AFTER THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 ELECTION**

*Members were invited to participate in prayer before the onset of the meeting.  
Cllr Hag Harris led members in prayer.*

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS**

The Mayor Cllr David Smith extended a warm welcome to all present, old and new.

Cllr Hag Harris was congratulated on his election, once again, as a Ceredigion County Councillor for the Lampeter Ward.

**Ceredigion County Council: Result of Uncontested Election:** Lampeter Town Council: Election of 15 Town Councillors. Thursday 4th May 2017. Notification from Miss Bronwen Morgan, Returning Officer, Ceredigion County Council reported that the following persons were duly elected Town Councillors for the town of Lampeter:

Hag Harris- Welsh Labour; Elin Jones-Plaid Cymru-The Party of Wales; Rhys Bebb Jones-Plaid Cymru-The Party of Wales; Ann Bowen Morgan-Plaid Cymru-The Party of Wales; Dinah Mulholland-Welsh Labour; Robert Phillips-Plaid Cymru-The Party for Wales; Kistiah Ramaya; David Smith-Independent; Christopher Thomas; Selwyn Walters.

**2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE / UNDERTAKING TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE**

Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to comply with the Code of Conduct, which Councillors were required to do under the 2000 Act. The Clerk was authorised to witness the Declarations.

**3. PRESENT**

Mayor Cllr. David Smith; Deputy-Mayor Cllr Hag Harris; Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones; Cllr Elin Jones; Cllr Ann Morgan; Cllr Dinah Mulholland; Cllr Rob Philips; Cllr Kistiah Ramaya, Cllr Christopher Thomas, Cllr Selwyn Walters.

**4. RECORDING DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Town/Community Councillors remain exempt from the requirement to

complete a Register of Personal Interests. Further to the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, Town and Community Councils must publish a Register of Interest on their website.

Councillors who disclose an interest during a meeting must give written notification of that interest to the Clerk and complete the relevant form.

**5. DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors who have a personal and prejudicial interest in a particular item of Council business can apply to the County Council Ethics and Standards Committee for a dispensation, which would enable them to participate at Council meetings. A Dispensation Application Form was received from the County Council. Any Councillor who wishes to apply for dispensation should complete and return an application form to the following email address:

[ethicsandstandards@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:ethicsandstandards@ceredigion.gov.uk).

**6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The County Council's Ethics and Standards Committee considers and determines applications for dispensations and comprises of five independent members, two County Councillors and two Community Councillors. The existing Community Council representatives term of office will expire after the elections.

One Voice Wales has confirmed its intention to nominate two new Community Council Members to the Ethics and Standards Committee as its Annual General Meeting to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

**7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AT THIS MEETING:** None Declared.

**8. CONTACT DETAILS OF COUNCILLORS:** contact details were updated.

**9. ELECTION OF MAYOR/CHAIR for the Municipal Year 2017-18:** It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr David Smith); **SECONDED** (Cllr Selwyn Walters) and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Robert George (Hag) Harris would be Mayor of Lampeter and Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing Municipal Year. Cllr Harris assumed the role of Chair at this meeting, from this point forward.

He undertook the *Declaration of Acceptance of Office* for the second time and also the *Oath of Allegiance* before being presented with the Chain of Office. Arrangements were also made to present Mrs Eiry Morgan, the new Mayoress with the Chain of Office.

**10. VOTE OF THANKS to the retiring Mayor David Smith:** A vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor Cllr Hag Harris and seconded by Cllr Christopher Thomas.

**11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY-MAYOR / DEPUTY-CHAIR for the Municipal Year 2017-18:**

It was **PROPOSED** (Mayor Cllr Hag Harris); **SECONDED** (Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones) and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ann Morgan would be Deputy-

Mayor/Deputy-Chair for the ensuing municipal year. Cllr Morgan was presented with the Badge of Office.

12. **Arrangements in relation to presenting retired Councillors with Shields:**  
Arrangements were in hand to present retired Cllrs namely Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis; John Davies; Dorothy Williams and Derek Wilson with Shields during the Mayor's Installation Ceremony. Names and years of service will be engraved on the shields.
13. **Appointment of Members to Sub-Committees:**
  1. **Administration Sub-Committee**  
Mayor Cllr Hag Harris;  
Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan;  
Cllr Dinah Mulholland;  
Cllr Kistiah Ramaya;  
Cllr Robert Phillips.
  2. **Pavements' Sub-Committee**  
It was **RESOLVED** to abolish the Pavements' Sub-Committee. It is possible to report problems directly to Ceredigion County Council. Tel: 01545 572 572.
  3. **Footpaths' Sub-Committee**  
Mayor Cllr Hag Harris;  
Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan;  
Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones;  
Cllr Elin Jones;  
Cllr Dinah Mulholland.
  4. **Welsh Language Sub-Committee**  
Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan;  
Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones;  
Cllr Robert Phillips.
  5. **Planning Sub-Committee**  
**Mayor** Cllr Hag Harris;  
**Deputy-Mayor** Cllr Ann Morgan;  
**Immediate Past-Mayor** Cllr David Smith.
  6. **Parks' Sub-Committee**  
It was **RESOLVED** to merge the Parc-yr-Orsedd and Maesyderi Field Sub-Committees and rename as the Parks' Sub-Committee.  
Mayor Cllr Hag Harris;  
Immediate Past Mayor Cllr David Smith;  
Cllr Elin Jones;  
Cllr Christopher Thomas;  
**Co-opted Members**  
County Cllr Ivor Williams;  
Elizabeth James;  
Maureen Williams.

**7. Flowers' Sub-Committee**

Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones;  
Cllr Elin Jones;  
Cllr Kistiah Ramaya;  
Immediate Past Mayor Cllr David Smith.

**14. Appointments to External Bodies**

**14.1 Ysgol Bro Pedr** Board of Governors: no representative.  
Cllr Selwyn Walters is a member of this Committee.

**14.2 Longwood Community:** Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan was elected.

**14.3 Lampeter Family Centre:** Mayor Cllr Hag Harris is already a Trustee.  
Cllr Elin Jones was elected.

**14.4 One Voice Wales:** Mayor Cllr Hag Harris; Immediate Past Mayor Cllr David Smith.

**14.5 Ceredigion Young People's Partnership:** Cllr Kistiah Ramaya; Cllr Chris Thomas.

**14.6 Lampeter Museum: Cllr Robert Phillips;** Cllr David Smith.

**14.7 Wales and West Housing Consultative Group:** Andrew Carter had previously represented the Town Council at meetings and the AGM (and also Tai Cantref before the merge with Wales and West). It was proposed that Dinah Mulholland should represent the Town Council.

**14.8 Town Twinning:** Cllr Kistiah Ramaya is presently a member. It would be enquired whether a Town Cllr could become a member.

**Items 9/10/11 will be reaffirmed during the Mayor's Installation Service of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.30pm at the Old Hall, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, Lampeter.**

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