

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

**PRESENT**

Councillor L Blackhall	Mayor
Councillor Mrs Lane	
Councillor B James	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs Thomas	
Councillor M Evans	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor Mrs M Ward	
Councillor P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs S Williams	
Councillor T Hallett	
Councillor J Griffiths	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr A. Davies	Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs S Thompson	Assistant Clerk

**6. TO SIGN THE REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE**

All present signed the Register of Attendance

**7. CANON ANDREW GRACE OPENS THE MEETING WITH PRAYERS**

In the absence of Rev. Canon Andrew Grace, Sergeant at Arms, Rev. John Morgan was invited to open the evening's meeting with a prayer.

**8. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor T Brown, Canon Andrew Grace and Father Fewell.

The Mayor, prior to nominations to elect the Mayor, wished to congratulate three members of the Council for their achievements in carrying out their duties for over 30 years. The Mayor wanted all Councillors who have served 25 years to be recognised and the occasion marked. The Mayor moved to recognise 'Service to the People of Tenby' and presented Councillors Mrs Lane, Mrs Thomas and Hallett with scrolls, saying that it had been an honour and privilege to work with these Councillors.

**9. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2017/18**

The Mayor asked all Councillors in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Lane expressed her wish to be considered for Mayor 2017/18. Councillor Blackhall said he did not wish to put himself forward for a second year.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter congratulated the Mayor on a successful year and wished him good luck in his forthcoming wedding. Councillor Mrs Rossiter was delighted to propose Councillor Mrs Lane as Mayor for 2017/2018. She said Councillor Mrs Lane had served the town for 30 years as well as being Mayor 7 times, likening her to Tenby Rock in that she has Tenby through her veins. She has enormous drive and

enthusiasm with everything she does especially with Tenby in Bloom, working tirelessly to get the awards Tenby has achieved. On her travels she has been a great ambassador for Tenby.

Councillor Evans wished to second the proposal saying that it would be a privilege and honour to second Councillor Mrs Lane as forthcoming Mayor commenting that he was looking forward to working with Councillor Mrs Lane and her flowers, wishing her luck, success and good weather!

**Resolved that Councillor Mrs Lane be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**10. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Mrs Lane on her appointment as Mayor of Tenby before asking her to perform the Declaration of Acceptance of Office followed by the Swearing of the Oath.

The Mayor's party then left the meeting to undertake the robing. On returning Councillor Mrs Lane took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for electing her and putting their faith in her.

**11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2017/8**

Councillor Mrs Lane proposed Councillor Mrs Brown as her Deputy Mayor for 2017/18 saying that she was good to have on side, a hard-working and committed Councillor. Councillor Mrs Brown had worked tirelessly for the Jubilee Play Park for 22 years and now the De Valence Pavilion Trust was becoming a success, benefitting from her years of experience. Tenby as a whole benefitting from such a strong and capable individual.

Councillor Mrs Thomas firstly congratulated the 628<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Tenby on her appointment as Mayor for the 8<sup>th</sup> time. She said her decision to propose Councillor Mrs Brown as her deputy was most appropriate adding that Councillor Mrs Brown would support the Mayor with equal enthusiasm and dedication. Councillor Mrs Thomas was delighted to second the proposal.

**Resolved that Councillor Mrs Brown be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2017/18.**

The Mayor presented Councillor Mrs Brown with the Deputy Mayor's Chain and Scroll.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SERGEANT AT MACE**

Councillor Mrs Brown congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and was delighted to propose our Sergeant at Arms, Sergeant at Mace and Town Crier for the coming year and stated she was glad that we carry on with these age old traditions in Tenby.

The Rev John Morgan is our Sergeant at Arms. John was first appointed to this position in 1997 so this year is his 20th anniversary – congratulations John. Last year John attained the position of Vicar of St Mary's Church & Benefice and we are very proud of him. He has always carried out his duties at TTC and the Church with distinction, decorum and dignity.

Our Sergeant at Mace this year is, for the first time ever, a woman. Mrs Denise Cousins. We as a Council were delighted when she applied for the post and wish her success with her appointment. Some of you will be aware that she once pounded Tenby's streets as a traffic warden – we forgive you Denise! – I am sure her new position in the community will suit her very well.

Both our Sergeant at Arms and Sergeant at Mace are well known locally and I know their commitment to the town and to Tenby Town Council will stand them both in good stead for the coming year of office with our new Mayor Councillor Sue Lane.

Not so well known in Tenby is our new Town Crier, Mr Jim Cornwell, who recently moved to the town. He has brought with him great enthusiasm to join many voluntary organisations in Tenby. I am told that before moving to Tenby he was part of the amateur dramatic scene – indeed he is now a member of the cast of the forthcoming musical Happy Days to be staged in the De Valence in June. Jim is well versed in the English language, very loud and definitely has the personality suited to that of a Town Crier, I wish him success.

I therefore propose John - Sergeant at Arms, Denise - Sergeant at Mace and Jim – Town Crier to serve our Mayor and Council for the forthcoming year.

Councillor James firstly congratulated the Mayor and was delighted to second the proposal, agreeing with Councillor Mrs Brown.

**Resolved that Mr John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms, Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace and Mr Jim Cornwell be appointed Tenby Town Crier.**

The Mayor presented Mr J Morgan, Mrs Denise Cousins and Mr J Cornwell with their Scrolls.

Mr J Morgan, Mrs Cousins and Mr Cornwell congratulated Councillor Mrs Lane on her appointment as Mayor of Tenby.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2017/18**

The Mayor was pleased to appoint Father Fewell as her Chaplain for the coming year 2017/18. Unfortunately Father Fewell is unwell at the moment and the Mayor wished him a speedy recovery on behalf of the whole Council. A Scroll will be presented at a later date.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2017/18**

The Mayor said she was proud to propose her gorgeous granddaughter Miss Charley Reohorn as Mayoress for the year 2017/2018 and presented her with her Chain and Scroll.

**15. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Hallett firstly congratulated the Mayor on her appointment.

Councillor Hallett then continued saying that Councillor Blackhall had come to Tenby on holiday and had come to stay. As well as being Mayor he was also a warden of St Julian’s Church, a Souperman and had played a huge part in working to get the Tenby Wifi up and running. Councillor Hallett concluded by saying it had been a pleasure to serve with him.

Councillor Rapi firstly congratulated Councillor Mrs Lane on her appointment before adding his thanks to the retiring Mayor Councillor Blackhall.

He said that Councillor Blackhall had relished his job using his robes at every opportunity – commenting that at least they fitted him! It had been an interesting year which had produced a lot of good ideas including his staycation which he believed was a fantastic idea. Councillor Rapi congratulated him and wished him well with next adventure – his wedding day!

**16. RESPONSE BY RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Blackhall congratulated Councillor Mrs Lane on her appointment as Mayor of Tenby 2017/18 and offered her his support for the year ahead thanking her for being at his side as Deputy for the past year. He continued by congratulating Councillor Mrs Brown on her appointment as Deputy Mayor saying what a formidable team she and Councillor Mrs. Lane will make. He thanked Councillor Hallet and Rapi for their thanks. Someone had asked him the previous day if he was Mayor of Tenby and to which he had replied ‘Yes, but only for the next 24 hours’. Reflecting on this recognition, he said it still felt great even if he was on his way out! He thanked Mr Andrew Davies saying he felt lucky to have such an excellent Town Clerk who was not only diligent and hard-working but a friend and good sport. Councillor Blackhall also thanked Mrs Thompson for her support since joining the team. It had been a pleasure and lots of fun to work with Sergeant at Arms, Reverend John Morgan and he thanked him for the past year. Councillor Blackhall spoke of the late Mr Ernie Vokes, Sergeant at Mace, saying that he was a great loss to all, and thanked Councillor Hallett for standing in for Mr. Vokes when called upon to do so.

Lastly he thanked his Mayoress, Ms Sam Skyrme, saying how he was looking forward to his next role with her in August. Over the past year she has put so much energy and enthusiasm in to the role of Mayoress and how much he appreciated it and how much he appreciates her every day. He felt honoured and privileged to have attended so many events as Mayor of Tenby. He came to Tenby and liked it and each day he loves Tenby more, saying there is nowhere quite like it.

**17. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF MAYOR’S SUNDAY**

The Mayor will announce the Mayor’s Sunday Civic Service at a later date.

**18. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS**

Proposed by Councillor J Griffiths that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ward. The proposition was carried.

**Resolved that all statutory business be adjourned until the next Meeting of Council which would be held at the De Valence Pavilion on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm.**

**19. PRAYERS**

In the absence of the Mayor’s Chaplain, Father Fewell, the Reverend John Morgan closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_