

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 9th MAY 2014

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Lane	Mayor
Councillor T Hallett	
Councillor P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs Thomas	
Councillor M Evans	
Councillor Mrs Brown	
Councillor Mrs Putwain	
Councillor H Johns	
Councillor L Blackhall	
Councillor Dr P Easy	

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Mr A. Davies	Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
Mrs L Hensman	Assistant Clerk

1. OPENING PRAYER

Father Michael Fewell representing the Mayor's Chaplain Father McGreal, who was unable to attend, opened the meeting with prayers.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Durham and Councillor W Rossiter.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

All Councillors were asked in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year, all declined before Councillor Mrs Lane put herself forward for election. Councillor Evans was delighted in proposing Councillor Mrs Lane as Mayor for 2014/15, stating it was an honour to be Mayor of our town, Tenby. He outlined her qualities including: hard working, conscientious, loyal, trusted and well respected by the community. Everything she does is well meaning and she gives time in abundance to promote Tenby with pride. He personally felt she is a tremendous Ambassador, who lives and breathes Tenby having been born here, raised her children and now encouraging her grandchildren in the same way. Her own Mother would have been so proud of her. Therefore he had great pleasure in proposing Councillor Mrs Sue Lane as Mayor of our beautiful town, Tenby and knew she would be a confident 1st Citizen.

Councillor Blackhall agreed with everything Councillor Evans had said and added people watching Councillor Mrs Lane would, seeing her great energy, enthusiasm and determination, be amazed that this will be her 7th term of office, she is truly a great ambassador for Tenby. She continually contributes and brings new ideas to the Council table to enhance Tenby. Everyone who works with Councillor Mrs Lane knows how passionate she is; therefore they were not surprised when Tenby achieved a place in the International in Bloom competition as she is

always 'going for Gold' for Tenby in the In Bloom challenges. Without hesitation he seconded the proposal.

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

4. 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 robbing. On returning Councillor Mrs Lane took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for the kind words and putting their faith in her ability to be Mayor for 2014/15.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

Councillor Mrs Lane proposed Councillor P Rapi as her Deputy Mayor for 2014/15 and hoped they would continue the successful year they have already had working together for the benefit of Tenby. Councillor Mrs Rossiter congratulated the Mayor on her appointment before seconding Councillor Rapi as Deputy Mayor for 2014/15 as he is very well known as Head of Music at Greenhill School, for taking his School Orchestra to many countries and gaining many accolades. He is an asset to Tenby Town Council, bringing information from his education experience.

Resolved that Councillor P Rapi be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2013/14.

The Mayor presented Councillor Rapi with a gift for all his support during the year, followed by his Chain and Scroll.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SERGEANT AT MACE

Councillor Mrs Brown firstly congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and wished her good luck for the coming year. She continued by thanking the two Mace Bearers who carry out their duties so willingly. Mr John Morgan has been Sergeant at Arms with responsibility for guarding the Mayor for 16 years. Mr E Vokes has recently taken over the role of Sergeant at Mace with responsibility for guarding the Councillors. It gave her great pleasure to propose Mr John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms and Mr Ernie Vokes as Sergeant at Mace. Councillor Mrs Thomas was delighted to second the proposal, and thanked both gentlemen for their service.

Resolved that Mr John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms and Mr Ernie Vokes as Sergeant at Mace.

The Mayor presented the Mace Bearers with a thank you gift and their Scrolls.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

The Mayor was pleased to give a warm welcome to the town of Tenby to Father Michael Fewell and in addition thank him for accepting to be her Chaplain for the coming year 2014/15.

The Mayor presented Father Fewell with his Scroll.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORS MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

The Mayor was pleased to appoint her daughter Ms Siân Waters as her Mayoress for the ensuing year and presented her with a scroll.

9. APPOINTMENT OD DEPUTY MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

The Mayor appointed Mrs Sarah Rapi as Deputy Mayoress for 2014/15 and thanked her for the support she gives to Deputy Mayor, Councillor P Rapi, and presented her with a scroll.

10. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mrs Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor which was easy to do as she was not retiring. She felt it was the best thing she was not retiring as she travels the Town, County, Country and World promoting Tenby. Her enthusiasm is outstanding and infectious making others want to join the committees/groups she belongs to or runs like Regeneration, Christmas Lighting and Tenby in Bloom. Councillor Mrs Lane's goal is to keep Tenby an exciting place to live and will undoubtedly give another year of devoted service. Councillor Mrs Putwain seconded the vote of thanks to the Mayor concurring with everything her fellow Councillor had said and adding a note about her enthusiasm and energy to the work she carries out whether in her robes or in her jeans she gives tirelessly for the good of the town.

11. RESPONSE BY RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor personally thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and being behind her all the way in work she carries out. She said they do not always agree on everything and this is a good thing as it gives a healthy balance to discussions with the ultimate goal being the best for the community. She thanked Councillor Rapi for chairing the meetings in her absence when on official engagements.

Representing Tenby at local organisations' events is a highlight and she endeavoured to attend all requests sent to her, adding that it is a pleasure to be part of so much that happens in Tenby.

She continued thanking her Consort Lewis Waters for his company and support during the last year, hoping he had enjoyed the experience as he now stepped down from his role.

He presented gifts to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk who the Mayor thanked for their support during the last year.

The Mayor thanked the mace bearers Mr J Morgan and Mr E Vokes for carrying out their duties and for the forthcoming duties. In addition she gave a gift and a vote of thanks to Mr Robin Scanlon as he has had to retired from Mace Bearer duties after 12 years' service because of mobility problems.

She thanked Father McGreal in his absence for being her Mayor's Chaplin during the last year. He had moved to Haverforwest; however she was pleased his successor Father Fewell had readily agreed to be her Chaplain for the coming year.

Finally she thanked her family for without their continued support she would not be able to give the commitment to everything she does and endeavours to do.

12. CONFIRMATION OF MAYORS SUNDAY

The Mayor announced that her Mayor's Sunday Civic Service will be held on Sunday 29th June 2014, in St Teilos Catholic Church at 2.30pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor H Johns that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor T Hallett. 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 13th May 2014 at 7.00 pm.

14. PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain Father Fewell gave a few words of thanks for the kind welcome to Tenby before closing the meeting with prayers.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____