

**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Sam Skyrme-Blackhall  
Councillor Dai Morgan  
Councillor Trevor Hallett  
Councillor Laurence Blackhall  
Councillor Charles Dale  
Councillor Duncan Whitehurst  
Councillor Joe Criddle  
Councillor Laura Crockford  
Councillor Tom Sloan  
Councillor Emma Lewis

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr A. Davies  
Mrs S Thompson

Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer  
Assistant to the Town Clerk

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

All present signed the Register of Attendance.

**2. REV ADRIAN DAVIES OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYERS**

Rev Adrian Davies was invited to open the evening's meeting with a prayer.

**3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Paul Rapi and Councillor James Phillips.

**4. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2023/24**

The Mayor asked all Councillors in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year and all declined except Cllr Dai Morgan who told councillors that he would be delighted to stand as Mayor for 2023/2024.

Councillor Duncan Whitehurst then proposed Councillor Dai Morgan with a sung poem.

Councillor Charles Dale seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Dai Morgan be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Dai Morgan on his appointment as Mayor of Tenby before asking him 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 Dai Morgan took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for electing him and for their support.

**6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2022/22**

Councillor Dai Morgan then proposed Councillor Charles Dale as his Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024 adding that they both work well together and are not afraid to contradict. He has got to know him well over last 12 months and he is a different person to who we see on the tv.

Cllr Sam Skyrme-Blackhall seconded. All were in favour.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Charles Dale be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2023/24.**

The Mayor presented Councillor Charles Dale with the Deputy Mayor's Chain.

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

Councillor Blackhall congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments wishing them all the very best for the year ahead.

Councillor Blackhall proposed Rev John Morgan as Sergeant at Arms and Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace.

Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED**

**That Rev John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms and Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace.**

**8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2023/24**

The Mayor was pleased to appoint Rev Adrian Davies as his Chaplain for the coming year 2023/24.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS**

The Mayor was delighted to appoint Melanie Lewis as his Mayoress adding that she always stands by him no matter what, supporting him through all decisions! Melanie was presented with her Chain.

**10. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR**

Councillor Charles Dale proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor.

Councillor Trevor Hallett seconded.

**11. RESPONSE BY THE RETIRING MAYOR**

*Congratulations to Mr. Mayor – I am delighted by your election.*

*But Dai – as a colleague – as a friend*

*anything you want to know – day or night*

*Anything now*

*Any problem*

*Any concern*

*Don't worry*

*Don't think twice.....*

*Just ring Andrew!!!*

*Seriously though – I am always here to help but you won't need it – you will be wonderful Mayor, a great ambassador for this Town and tremendous First Citizen*

*And as for Andrew – well he will be there for you in the same way as he has been there for me. Andrew, thank you for your work over these last few years – thank you for the support and advice you give to Council – you are so much part of what this Council does and I know that you will continue to be a big part helping this Council continue moving forward.*

*Sharon – thank you so much – although my time as Mayor has been wonderful, there have been a few moments along the way..... And whenever those moments occurred, you were there with a kind word, assistance and most crucially of all, a cup of tea. You are a fabulous part of the team here and I know that you will continue to offer so much as we carry on moving forward under Dai's Chairmanship*

*And...well, during my time as Mayor the office staff have increased by 50%*

*And what a welcome addition too with Anne joining us to drive forward our community engagement work. I said at the start of my time – It is all about community. Our Tenby community. I am delighted by the start that Anne has made and it isn't just about the money you bring in – it is about how we use our money to better serve the people of Tenby*

*I look forward to even more, even better things – it is wonderful how you as a staff team have started reaching out more, supporting work across the community and been a great help to our community.*

*It started during Covid with the community support then and has grown and is now a real part of what we are about – first and foremost – there for the people of Tenby and those that live here.*

*I also want to thank all those who have supported me in my time as Mayor*

*My two deputies – first Tracey and then Sue – two wonderfully strong women who have done so much for this town*

*My mace bearers – John, Denise and my stand in mace bearers Sallyanne and Dai – I have to be honest – I think it was dressing up as a mace bearer that gave Dai ideas!*

*Thanks also go to Jim for his time as Town Crier*

*And to my family – particularly those at home – Lol, Jas and Lewis – who had to help me battle with getting the chains pinned to various outfits – when you look at my wardrobe you could be forgiven for thinking we have moths that only eat the shoulders of clothes – its not – its where the pins from the chain go!*

*So, now I have finished as Mayor I can confess that I wasn't prepared for being Mayor. But then none of us were ready for the pandemic*

*To be honest, I didn't know what 2 metres was until someone told me it was roughly the length of an Alun Wyn Jones*

*I didn't know about Home Office procedures on Housing asylum seekers*

*And I didn't know about the feeding habits of Walruses*

*But we did ok*

*And we did because we are a strong community*

*Working together – and working for each other*

*This Council now has a much greater focus on reaching out and supporting our community.*

*Through our community engagement, our work with volunteers, with gardens, with improving accessibility, supporting dementia, plastic free projects, warm rooms, supporting young people's work – all progress but all with lots more to do.*

*But I know now, what I did know at the start – we do that best when we do it Together*

*And now as we look forward – I pledge to do whatever I can to help – either as Town or County Councillor to help*

*Thank you for the honour of being your Mayor*

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS**

Proposed by Councillor Laura Crockford that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor Joe Criddle. 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, 16th May 2023 at 7.30 pm.**

**13. PRAYERS**

Rev Adrian Davies closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_