

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 11th MAY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Lane	Mayor
Councillors Mrs C Brown	
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs C Thomas	
Councillor Mr T Brown	
Councillor Mr W Crockford	
Councillor Mr P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall	
Councillor Mr L Blackhall	
Councillor Mr T Hallett	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. TO SIGN THE REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

All present signed the Register of Attendance.

2. FATHER MICHAEL FEWELL OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYERS

Father Michael Fewell was invited to open the evening's meeting with a prayer.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Mr M Evans, Councillor Mrs S Williams and Councillor Mrs A Rees.

4. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

The Mayor asked all Councillors in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year and all declined. Councillor Mrs Lane told Councillors that she would be delighted to stand as Mayor for 2018/2019.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter proposed Councillor Mrs Lane saying:

'Firstly I would like to congratulate Councillor Mrs Sue Lane for this past year and would like to propose her for Mayor 2018/2019. This will be her 9th term in role as Mayor. She is the perfect Councillor with her drive and enthusiasm, she is very hard to keep up with at times! She is a great ambassador for Tenby and I could not think of anyone more fitting to be Mayor in 2018/2019'.

Councillor Mrs Brown seconded the proposal saying:

'Congratulations Mr Mayor.

What can I say about Councillor Sue Lane, the member of our Council who will step in at any time, do any job and always put Tenby first? Tenby runs through her veins.

Even though, in my opinion, we all work hard as Councillors, over the past year or so there has been negativity about Tenby Town Council and our Mayor, particularly on social media – or should I say Anti-Social Media.

We as Councillors give our time and effort freely to hopefully ensure that the local community and tourists (our main bread and butter) enjoy the Tenby experience.

Everyone is entitled to constructively criticize us and the way we democratically make our decisions but the abuse sometimes gets too much. If the public have a comment to make then don't use Facebook come in and talk to us, we are always available especially Councillor Ms Lane.

Mr Mayor, I second Councillor Mrs Rossiter's proposition and hope you enjoy your year 2018-2019'.

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

5. 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 for their support.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018/9

Councillor Mrs Lane proposed Councillor Mrs Brown as her Deputy Mayor for 2018/19 quoting if you want something doing find a busy person. Councillor Mrs. Brown has spent 23 years as a Councillor, been Mayor twice, deputy mayor four times and continues to be a tireless worker for and at the De Valence Pavilion. She is now also working hard towards upgrading the Skate Park. Councillor Mrs. Lane felt there is no one better to as Deputy Mayor

Councillor Mrs Thomas firstly congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and followed it by saying it was a wise decision to elect Councillor Mrs Brown as Deputy Mayor as together they make a great team and work together so very well. An excellent team in fact. She wished them well for their wonderful projects and for their future year in office seconding the proposal.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Brown be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2018/19.

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

7. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SERGEANT AT MACE

Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointment wishing them all the very best for the year ahead adding that they do a wonderful job.

Councillors Mr Skyrme-Blackhall proposed Rev John Morgan as Sergeant at Arms.

I am honoured to have known John all my life. He is affectionately known in our house as 'our Morgs' and I am very privileged to be associated with him in both our Council and Church lives. He is very dedicated and professional, taking his duties very seriously. He is also very good at giving advice and guidance especially when you are a new Mayoress! Thank you John!

I would next like to propose Mrs Denise Cousin's as Sergeant at Mace. Denise is a great asset to the Town Council especially now she has mastered the balancing act of her hat! Denise makes a wonderful Mace Bearer, always carrying out her duties with pleasure and there is always a smile for everyone from this very proud Tenby girl.

Lastly I would like to propose Mr Jim Cornwell as Town Crier. What can I say about Jim? What a character! Larger than life, energetic and will talk to anyone, which is essential as Town Crier.

I know all three will support the Mayor in carrying out all her civic functions.

Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal.

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

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

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

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

The Mayor was pleased to appoint Father Fewell as her Chaplain for the coming year 2018/19 and presented him with a Scroll. Father Fewell thanked the Mayor and said it was an honour.

9. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

The Mayor said she had known this lady for 43 years and was delighted to propose her daughter, Miss Sian Waters, for the third time as Mayoress for the year 2018/2019 and presented her with her Chain and Scroll.

10. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mr Blackhall congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments.

You would think that as someone is thanked for conducting the role of Mayor for the 8th time that you would run out of words. But then you would think that someone doing the role for the 8th time would run out of energy and commitment. But not so.

Councillor Mrs Lane, Mr Mayor, Sue you have carried out your duties in the last year with your customary style, energy and commitment.

Tenby is the best and only the best for Tenby is what you pledged when you took office last year. And I know that ensuring that has been your priority and focus.

You have been rightly eager to express concerns that the financial challenges and Pembrokeshire CC will mean a worse deal for Tenby. You have worked hard to ensure standards are maintained and that alternative funding has been identified to ensure Tenby looks at its best.

But actually Tenby got better this year. And when the enormous disease ridden trees were removed from the Parade we saw again the Town Walls in all their splendour.

Sometimes it is not easy to speak out but you were one of the first to say that the trees shall not be replaced and the magnificence of the Town Walls should be there for all to see. I am delighted that in your Mayoral Year that decision has been confirmed.

But it is not your style to rest on your laurels and that is why it is so encouraging that discussions are already progressing on now lighting and landscaping can further enhance our most precious heritage’.

Your mayoral year has also seen changes to this Council. You have been clear at every opportunity that you would like to see new and younger members join this Council. New members this year Councillors Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall, Mrs Rees and now young Mr Crockford (if I say that often enough it might stick Will).

As Mayor you have set the aim to encourage new ideas and new people. It is around 50 years since Cllr Michael Williams was first on this Town Council and 50 years since your mentor (who also encouraged new talent to the Council) Denzil Griffiths first came to this Council.

To want the best for Tenby

To encourage new ideas.

To encourage new people.

You follow in a noble tradition.

Councillor Paul Rapi seconded the vote of thanks saying:

‘We all appreciate the hard work and commitment you have brought to your term of office. Your knowledge and expertise keeping us in safe hands and we know this from last year, attending meetings and engagements and confirming Tenby really is the jewel in the Pembrokeshire crown.

May I thank you on behalf of Councillors and the people of Tenby’.

11. RESPONSE BY RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor thanked all for their support over the past year including organisations for inviting her to their prestigious events.

12. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF MAYOR’S SUNDAY

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

13. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Mr T Brown that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor Mr W Crockford. 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 Monday, 14th May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

14. PRAYERS

Father Fewell closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____