

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD 7th MAY 2021

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall Mayor
Councillors Mrs T Evans
Councillor Mrs C Brown
Councillor Mr D Morgan
Councillor Mr L Blackhall
Councillor Mr T Hallett
Councillor Mrs S Lane
Councillor Mr H Whitehurst

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Rev John Morgan

The Mayor invited Rev John Morgan to give an opening prayer.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Rapi, Cllr Mrs Rossiter and Cllr M Evans.

2. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

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 Skyrme-Blackhall told Councillors that she would be delighted to stand as Mayor for 2021-2022.

Councillor Mrs Evans proposed Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall saying that Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall has been a huge asset to Tenby and has gone above and beyond the call of duty over this past year. It has been a difficult year for all and she has stood beside the people of Tenby. She has Tenby at her heart and will put her heart into the year ahead. Cllr Mrs Evans was delighted to propose Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall for the year ahead.

Councillor Hallett was delighted to second the proposal saying that Cllr Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall has done good work over the last year and he was certain she would keep up that good work.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall on her appointment as Mayor of Tenby before asking her to read and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Swearing of the Oath.

Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall thanked fellow Councillors for electing her and for their support.

She said it was a huge honour and she was grateful for everyone's support. The Mayor wished to thank the Clerk, Andrew Davies and assistant to the Clerk, Sharon Thompson saying it has been a challenging year and both have shown flexibility in adapting to ensure council have continued to operate.

Thank you was also due to the mace bearers and town crier. Although many things were cancelled and they have not been together as much as they would in normal times, she had always been assured of their undying support. She hopes to see more of them in the future.

The Mayor then went on to thank her Deputy Mayor saying that they have become best friends. She went on to say that she is loyal and true to her word and has worked exceptionally hard by the Mayor's side.

Finally, the Mayor wished to thank the people of Tenby. This has been a difficult and surreal year. It wasn't a time for handbags and glad rags but a time to roll up sleeves to support our beautiful town – and it continues to be so.

Covid brought the best out in many people and the true spirit of our community has shone through. There have been so many things that we have missed that we used to take for granted like the ability to hug or kiss a loved one.

Many events that are an annual part of the town's calendar also had to be cancelled. Hopefully all this will return soon.

However, there were things that Covid-19 could not stop.

It could not stop people caring for each other; it could not stop people working hard to keep the town tidy; it could not stop businesses innovating and going the extra mile to help our community.

Let's all remember what they did for us and support them in turn by shopping locally, the Mayor continued.

Covid also could not stop us enjoying our town – although perhaps sometimes under a quietness not experienced in a lifetime. Covid didn't stop Santa coming to visit the children of the town, Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall said offering her thanks again to all those who were involved in making that event happen. Covid could also not stop Wally the walrus coming to visit us.

Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall said she was looking ahead to a positive year. Somethings may be more normal, some different. Some things may change but what was important to remember from the past year is the sense of community and caring for others; the value of new ways of doing things and then to work together on new ideas to make things even better in the future.

Let us go forward to support residents, businesses and visitors and our beautiful town, she said, adding that young Samuel Fecci had said to her 'success is the fruit of good ideas.' Let that be our motto for the coming year, Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall concluded.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

Councillor Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall proposed Councillor Mrs Evans as her Deputy Mayor for 2021-2022 and Cllr Whitehurst seconded the proposal.

The Mayor said that Cllr Mrs Evans had done an amazing job at her side last year although they had not been able to do as much as they would have pre-Covid-19. Together, they had laughed a lot and cried a bit also. She added that they have lots in common, they are the same age and they have lots of things to

look forward to in the forthcoming year. She thanked her from the bottom of her heart for the help and support given.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Evans be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2021-2022.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr. Mrs. Evans made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which would be returned to the Clerk for countersigning as soon as practicable.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS, SERGEANT AT MACE AND TOWN CRIER

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

Councillor Mrs Brown said it gave her great pleasure to proposed Rev John Morgan as Sergeant at Arms, Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace and Mr Jim Cornwell as Town Crier.

Councillor Mrs Lane 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.

7. TO PROPOSE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR

Proposed by Cllr Morgan. He congratulated the Mayor on her second term and also offered his congratulations to Cllr Mrs Evans as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Morgan thanked the Mayor for the past 12 months saying that the Mayor had done an excellent job. He was seconded by Cllr Whitehurst who said that the Mayor had done brilliant work over the previous year and extended his thanks to her.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN, MAYOR'S CONSORT AND DEPUTY MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

The Mayor said that unfortunately Canon Andrew Grace cannot be here this evening, but it was her great honour and privilege that he has agreed to again be her Chaplain for the coming year 2021-2022, as many know, she is part of the St Mary's Church family. The Mayor had met Canon Grace the previous evening and he sends his best wishes.

The Mayor then appointed her Consort, Cllr Blackhall, thanking him for standing by her and for his words of wisdom. He does a fantastic job by her side and she thanked him for again agreeing to be her Consort.

Finally, the Mayor appointed her Deputy Mayoress, Miss Saffron Evans. Saffron is the daughter of Cllr Mrs Evans and can often be seen out and about with them. Saffron gives her best support when needed.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Blackhall that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor D Morgan. The proposition was carried.

RESOLVED

That all statutory business be adjourned until the next Meeting of Council which would be held on Tuesday, 11th May 2021 at 7.30 pm.

The Mayor thanked all, including family and friends, for joining the meeting this evening adding that the Covid-19 situation seems to be improving and she hopes to be able to get around the table with fellow councillors soon.

Rev Morgan closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____