

**TENBY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Sam Skyrme-Blackhall  
Councillors Mrs Sue Lane  
Councillor Mr Tony Brown  
Councillor Mrs Tish Rossiter  
Councillor Mr Charles Dale  
Councillor Ms Lynn Attewell  
Councillor Mr Dai Morgan  
Councillor Mr Matthew Ronowitz  
Councillor Mr Trevor Hallett  
Councillor Mr Laurence Blackhall  
Councillor Mr Duncan Whitehurst

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr A. Davies  
Mrs S Thompson

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

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

All present signed the Register of Attendance.

**22. REV CANON ANDREW GRACE OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYERS**

Rev Canon Andrew Grace was invited to open the evening's meeting with a prayer.

**23. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Paul Rapi and Councillor Jason Rossiter.

**24. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2022/23**

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 Sam Skyrme-Blackhall told Councillors that she would be delighted to stand as Mayor for 2022/2023.

Councillor Mrs Sue Lane proposed Councillor Mrs Sam Skyrme-Blackhall.

Councillor Mr Duncan Whitehurst seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED**

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

**25. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Mrs Sam Skyrme-Blackhall 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 Sam Skyrme-Blackhall took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for electing her and for their support.

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

Councillor Mrs Sam Skyrme-Blackhall proposed Councillor Mrs Sue Lane as her Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

It would be a pleasure and honour to have you as deputy, said the Mayor. Cllr. Mrs. Lane has been Mayor nine times and we both have Tenby at the forefront of everything we do.

Councillor Mrs Tish Rossiter seconded.

She congratulated Cllr. Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall on her third term as mayor adding that Cllr. Mrs. Lane would be a 'great wing woman' with a wealth of experience

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Mrs Sue Lane be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2022/23.**

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

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

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

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

Councillor Ms Attewell seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED**

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

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

Rev J Morgan and Mrs Cousins congratulated Councillor Mrs Sam Skyrme-Blackhall on her appointment as Mayor of Tenby.

**28. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2022/23**

The Mayor was pleased to appoint Rev Canon Andrew Grace as her Chaplain for the coming year 2022/23 and presented him with a Scroll.

**29. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CONSORT**

The Mayor appointed Cllr Laurence Blackhall to be her Consort referring to him as her Rock. Cllr Blackhall was presented with his Chain and Scroll.

**30. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORT**

The Mayor appointed Master Bobbie Waters to serve as Deputy Mayor's Consort with Miss Lottie Waters serving as assistant. Both were presented with their Scrolls.

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

Councillor Mr Dai Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, congratulating her on her third term in office as Mayor. The last few years may not have been all bright and beautiful in the face of the pandemic but Cllr. Mrs Skyrme-Blackhall has always put her all in for the benefit of the community, he said.

Councillor Mr Charles Dale seconded.

**32. RESPONSE BY THE MAYOR**

*The Mayor wished to thank some people for the last two years. It was a two years in which we all had to adapt to things being done differently. She too had to adapt, getting used to live radio and TV interviews to start with. Nor sure what was worse, the thought of live TV or answering questions at 6.30 am in the morning.*

*But keeping things going and making sure that we were able to support people in the town was the order of the day and this Council was supported in doing that by our excellent staff. Setting up new ways of meeting, supporting volunteer networks, being a centre for information, getting support to those that needed it, they did it all. Working in the office or remotely, or flexibly or smartly or differently, but working, working hard for this town and this Council. And all the time supporting me. So I want to say a big thanks to Andrew and Sharon. She then presented both staff members with a gift.*

*I was also supported throughout this time by my Deputy, Mrs Tracey Evans. She was not only a deputy but a friend. She went through a learning process with me and helped me all the way. Tracey, I could not have done it without you and I want to say thanks. I know you are committed to your work with schools and I look forward to working with you in the future. She then presented Mrs Evans with a gift.*

*I also want to say a thank you to our civic officials, mace bearers and stand in mace bearers and town crier, John, Denise, Sally-Anne and Jim. Thank you.*

*Also I want to thank fellow Councillors for their support, kindness and advice.*

*Elections often mean change and this year was no different. I do want to acknowledge that as a result of the election, Christine Brown is no longer on this Town Council but she had been a councillor for 27 years and has made a massive contribution – not least to this building. I am delighted she will be continuing with that work. She is not here tonight but thank you Christine.*

*And I want to thank everyone else, who helped me and one last thank you. For providing a distraction from COVID, a special visitor to Tenby. Yes, Wally the Walrus – wherever you are, we hope you are well, thanks for the smiles.*

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

The Mayor confirm that the Mayor’s Sunday Civic Service will take place at St Mary’s Church on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022, at 10 am.

**34. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS**

Proposed by Councillor Mr Tony Brown that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor Mr Trevor 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, 14th June 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

**35. PRAYERS**

Rev Canon Andrew Grace closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_