

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held in the Council Chamber and by Zoom on Thursday, 9th May 2024**

PRESENT;	Councillor D Powell)	TOWN MAYOR
	G John)	WEST WARD
	J Lewis)	SOUTH EAST WARD
	G Morgan)	
	G Thomas)	
	W Norman)	BOVERTON WARD
	S Hanks)	
	J Deakin)	
	Dr P Dickson)	
	D Foster)	NORTH WARD
	E Williams)	
	Dr D Ellis)	

Members of the Public

371. TO ELECT TOWN MAYOR.

Councillor D Powell welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

Councillor D Powell asked for nominations for Town Mayor for the year 2024/2025.

Councillor Foster stated before nominating the new Town Mayor he wished to express his thanks to the outgoing Mayor (Councillor D Powell). Councillor Foster stated he had controlled all the Council Meetings extremely well. He noted he had been a great Ambassador for the town and had organised some successful functions including a Town Twinning Event (for Le Pouliguen visitors) in the Town Hall and Carols in the Barn Concert. Councillor Foster stated that despite the Mayors consort (Mrs Gill Powell) suffering from ill health (this year) she still managed to attend many functions with her husband. Councillor Foster expressed Councillors vote of thanks to Councillor Powell and his consort Gill Powell for their Term in Office.

Councillor D Foster nominated Councillor Dr Dickson to be the Town Mayor. He said Councillor Dr Dickson had exceptional experience and ability to undertake this role. Not only was he a GP, Health Advisor, Lecturer he has also recently completed a Doctorate as well as being an active and hard-working Town Councillor. Councillor Foster said Councillor Dr Dickson would be a wonderful ambassador for the town. This was seconded by Councillor J Lewis.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dr Dickson is duly elected Town Mayor for 2024/2025.

The Chains of Office were invested to Councillor Dr Dickson.

Councillor Dr Dickson then proceeded to read and sign the oath as newly elected Town Mayor.

Councillor Dr Dickson thanked Councillor Foster for nominating him. He thanked, the Town Councillors and Staff for their support especially being a relative new comer to the town. He thanked Councillor D Powell and Mrs G Powell for all they have done during their term of office. He stated he was very proud of becoming Town Mayor and was looking forward to promoting the town. Councillor Dr Dickson confirmed that his chosen charity for his term in Office would be the National Coast Watch Institution based at St Donats Bay as well as supporting the restoration work of historic Wells in Llantwit Major (Samson Well and Midwell).

Councillor Dr Dickson confirmed his consort during his time as Town Mayor would be his wife Dr Sue Dickson.

Councillor Dr Dickson presented Councillor D Powell with the heraldic shield and past Mayor's badge.

Councillor D Powell addressed the Meeting. He said that it had been a great honour to be Town Mayor of Llantwit Major for a second term and was proud to promote Llantwit Major as well as overseeing various events. He was honoured to be part of both the Kings Gun Salute and part of the official closure of RAF St Athan. Councillor Powell wished to thank Councillors and his wife Gill (his consort) for all the support they have given him during his term in Office. Also, he wished to thank Councillor Dr Dickson for undertaking duties on his behalf whilst in his role as Deputy Town Mayor.

372. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

Councillor Dr Dickson asked for nominations for Deputy Town Mayor for 2024/2025.

Councillor D Foster nominated Councillor J Deakin to be the Deputy Town Mayor. Councillor D Foster stated that Councillor J Deakin was also a great ambassador for the town and had work hard in his role as Town Councillor since being elected in 2022. He brings great experience to this role as was a Premiership Referee for many years.

Councillor Foster wished Councillor Deakin and his wife all the best for the next year. The nomination was seconded by Councillor D Powell.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Deakin be duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor for 2024/2025.

Councillor Dr P Dickson presented Councillor J Deakin with the Deputy Town Mayors chain.

Councillor J Deakin thanked Councillors for their kind words and nomination. He stated that since moving to the area 42 years ago he had enjoyed integrating within the town and was looking forward to working with Councillor Dr Dickson and his wife Dr Sue Dickson. He confirmed that his consort for the year would be his wife Mrs Mary Deakin. He thanked his fellow Councillors for their faith in him and pledged to support the Town Mayor, gaining his advice and guidance over the forthcoming year and will support the Staff in any way he can.

Councillor Deakin stated it would have been his Fathers 104th Birthday today and he knows that his Dad would have considered this nomination as a great honour for him and his family.

373. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Councillor J. Norman – illness

Councillor G Hughes – family illness

374. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To receive declaration of interest and the nature of such interest under the Councils Code of Conduct

There were no Councillor Declaration of Interest received.

375. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING.

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2023, which had been ratified at a Full Town Council meeting held on 25th May 2023. Noted.

376. TO RECEIVE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH COMMITTEES/FORUMS

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the Terms of Reference for Committees/Forums for review.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above comments the Terms of Reference for Committees/Forums be accepted for 2024/2025.

377. NOMINATIONS FOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

**FINANCE AND
POLICY COMMITTEE;**

Chair; Councillor D Foster
Deputy Chairman;
Council Membership; 12 (excluding Chair & Deputy Chair)
Cllrs; G Hughes, S Hanks, J Lewis, E Williams, Norman, G Morgan, G Thomas, Dr D Ellis, J Deakin, W Norman, Dr P Dickson, D Powell, G John.

**RECREATION
& BUILDINGS
COMMITTEE:**

Chair; Councillor D Powell
Deputy Chairman; Councillor G Morgan
Council Membership; 12 (excluding Chair & Deputy Chair)
Cllrs; G John, S Hanks, G Hughes, E Williams, J Norman, D Foster, G Thomas, Dr D Ellis, J Lewis, J Deakin, Dr P Dickson, W Norman.

FOOTPATH FORUM; Chair; Councillor D Powell
Councillors; 3 (excluding Chairman)
Cllrs; G Morgan, W Norman, G Thomas
plus outside representation

TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP; Chair;
Council Membership; 6 (excluding Chairman)
Cllrs;
Plus outside representation

RESOLVED: That the Town Study Steering Group be held in abeyance until a Place Making in complete.

PLANNING COMMITTEE; Chair; Councillor Dr P Dickson
Deputy Chairman; Councillor D Powell
Council Membership; 4
Cllrs. G Hughes, G Morgan, D Foster, J Deakin

TOWN HALL WORKING GROUP Chair; Councillor D Foster
Council Membership; 6 (excluding Chairman) including Town Mayor & Town Clerk
Cllrs; S Hanks, J Deakin, Dr D Ellis, G Thomas, D Powell, J Norman

CITIZEN AWARDS PANEL; Chair;
Council Membership; 5 + Town Mayor
Cllrs;

RESOLVED That the Citizen Awards Panel be held in abeyance until after the next Town Council Elections. It was agreed a Citizen Award Ceremony would be held once during the Councillors elected term in Office.

SCHOOL GARDEN; Chair; Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Past Mayor

RESOLVED That the School Garden Committee be held in abeyance until the next Annual Meeting.

5 YEAR PLAN COMMITTEE; Chair; Councillor D Foster, Chair of Finance
Council Membership; 4 + Chair of Recreation & Buildings
Cllrs; D Powell (Chair of & Recreation & Buildings), S Hanks, G Morgan, G Thomas, Dr P Dickson

PLACEMAKING GROUP:	Chair; Councillor Dr P Dickson Council Membership; 4 (including chair) Cllrs; D Powell, J Lewis, J Norman, D Foster
ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:	Chair; Councillor G Hughes Council Membership; 4 (including chair) Cllrs; D Powell, Dr P Dickson, D Foster
BOWLS CLUB SUB COMMITTEE;	Chair; Councillor D Powell Council Membership; 3 (including chair) Cllrs; G Morgan, D Foster
TENNIS CLUB SUB COMMITTEE;	Chair; Councillor D Powell Council Membership; 3 (including chair) Cllrs; G Morgan, D Foster
REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE;	Chair; Councillor Dr P Dickson Council Membership; 5 (including chair) Cllrs; G Hughes, G Thomas, J Deakin, D Powell, J Norman
APPEAL HEARING (PERSONNEL)	Councillor Councillor Councillor
APPEALS COMMITTEE (PERSONNEL)	Councillor Councillor Councillor
GREIVANCE PANEL (PERSONNEL)	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
INTERVIEW PANEL	Councillors Hanks Councillor Dr P Dickson Councillor D Foster Councillor Councillor
RESOLVED:	That the Appeals Hearing, Appeals Committee and Grievance Panel be held in abeyance until a time when they are needed to meet.

378. COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES/COMMITTEES.

LLANTWIT MAJOR LIFEGUARDS; Councillor 1;
Substitute if required.

RESOLVED: That no representatives be elected to sit on the Llantwit Major Lifeguards Committee

CHARITIES; Councillor 1; Councillor Dr D Ellis
Councillor 2; Councillor G Hughes

VALE OF GLAM COUNCIL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE; Councillor 1; Councillor G Thomas
Councillor 2; Councillor W Norman

LLANILLTYD FAWR IN FLOWER; Councillor 1; Councillor J Norman
Councillor 2; Councillor J Deakin

PUBWATCH; Councillor 1; Councillor Mr G Thomas

FRIENDS OF GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST; Councillor 1; Councillor W Norman
Councillor 2; Councillor Dr P Dickson

LLANTWIT MAJOR CHAMBER OF TRADE Councillor 1; Councillor G Hughes
Councillor 2; Councillor S Hanks

CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMMITTEE; Councillor 1; Councillor G Thomas
Councillor 2; Councillor D Powell

TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION Councillor 1; Councillor Dr D Ellis
Councillor 2; Councillor G Hughes

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE; Councillor 1; Councillor Dr P Dickson

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (VOGC) Councillor 1; Councillor Dr P Dickson

379. MINOR AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

ST. ILLTYD'S JUNIOR & INFANT;	Councillor D Foster <i>shared position with Llanmaes Community Council</i>
YSGOL DEWI SANT INFANT SCHOOL;	Councillor G Thomas <i>shared position with Llanmaes Community Council</i>
YSGOL DDRAIG JUNIOR SCHOOL;	Councillor J Deakin <i>shared position with Llanmaes Community Council</i>
WICK AND MARCROSS CHU IN WALES:	Position held by Wick Community Council <i>shared position with St Donats Community Council & Wick Community Council</i>
YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG;	Alec Trousdell <i>shared position with Cowbridge Town Council & Llanmaes Community Council</i>

380. TO FINALISE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

Councillors had previously been circulated with the Annual Report for 2023/24.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Reports for 2023/24 be adopted.

381. TO NOMINATE COUNCILLORS FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (BACS)

Councillors were informed of the requirement to appoint five (5) Cllrs to have authorised use on the internet banking.

RESOLVED: Councillor Foster, Councillor Dr Ellis, Councillor Thomas, Councillor Powell and Councillor Lewis appointed to sign the relevant bank mandates.

382. TO NOTE TOWN MAYORS EXPENSES AND FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT FOR 2023/24

Councillors had previously been circulated with the Town Mayors Expenses and Fundraising Account for 2023/24. It was stated that there was still some monies outstanding and the final fund-raising total for 2023/24 should be just over £2000.00. Noted.

383. TO NOTE PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS FOR 2023/24

Councillors had previously been circulated with payments to Councillors for 2023/24. Noted.

384. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Councillors had previously been circulated with a list of Future Meeting dates for Full Town Council, Finance and Policy, Footpath Forum, and Annual Meeting 2024/2025.

RESOLVED: That the above Meeting dates be circulated and adopted.

SIGNED

MAYOR

DATE