

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Tuesday 7th July 2026, at 6.05pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major

Present;	Councillor	G Morgan	– Town Mayor
	Councillors;	D Powell Dr L Hallan	) WEST WARD
		J Lewis G Thomas	) SOUTH EAST WARD)
		Dr P Dickson J Norman E Williams Dr D Ellis	) NORTH WARD)))
		S Hanks G Hughes J Deakin	) BOVERTON WARD))

Members of the public.

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor G Morgan informed Councillors that Mr D Bennington, Ms T Hickman, Mr P Lindsay MBE, and Mr D Thomas would be addressing the Council. Mr A Eccleston, Mr P Long and Mrs C Neatherway were not in attendance, however, could still be considered and voted for the vacancy.

Councillor G Morgan stated all candidates will be given 3 minutes to state why they consider themselves suitable to fill the position of Town Councillor for the West Ward. Councillors will then be able to ask up to 3 questions to each candidate applicable to the Council vacancy.

751. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To receive all co-option requests

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the following correspondence in respect of the above:-

- 1) Letter dated 11th June 2026 received from Daniel Bennington providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.
- 2) Letter dated 9th June 2026 received from Andrew Eccleston providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.
- 3) Letter dated 9th June 2026 received from Tracy Hickson providing background information as to her reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.

4) Email dated 30th June 2026 received from Paul Lindsay MBE providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.

5) Letter dated 30th June 2026 received from Paul Long providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.

6) Letter dated 23rd June 2026 received from Christine Neatherway providing background information as to her reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.

7) Letter dated 30th June 2026 received from David Thomas providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the North Ward.

Councillor G Morgan requested Councillors propose and second Candidates they wish to be considered for this vacancy and then a ballot will be held. Following candidates were nominated:

Councillor J Lewis nominated Mr D Bennington seconded by Councillor J Norman, Councillor E Williams nominated Ms T Hickson seconded by Councillor G Morgan, Councillor Dr David Ellis nominated Mr P Lindsay MBE seconded by Councillor Dr P Dickson and Councillor S Hanks nominated Mr D Thomas seconded by Councillor J Deakin.

Each Councillor was then asked to vote for his/her chosen candidate. Councillor G Morgan announced the following first round ballot results:

Mr D Bennington	- 4 votes
Ms T Hickson	- 1 votes
Mr P Lindsay MBE	- 1 votes
Mr D Thomas	- 6 votes

Due to a tie, of one vote each for Ms T Hickson and Mr P Lindsay MBE another vote took place. Councillor G Morgan announced:

Ms T Hickson	- 4 votes
Mr P Lindsay MBE	- 8 votes

Ms T Hickson was eliminated

Councillors proceeded with the second round ballot. Councillor G Morgan announced results of the second round as follows:-

Mr D Bennington	- 2 votes
Mr P Lindsay MBE	- 2 votes
Mr D Thomas	- 8 votes

Due to a tie, of one vote each for Mr D Bennington and Mr P Lindsay MBE another vote took place. Councillor G Morgan announced:

Mr D Bennington	- 7 votes
Mr P Lindsay MBE	- 5 votes

Mr Paul Lindsay MBE was eliminated.

Councillors proceeded with the third round ballot. Councillor G Morgan announced results of the third round as follows:-

Mr D Bennington	- 4 votes
Mr D Thomas	- 8 votes

Mr D Bennington was eliminated.

RESOLVED: That Mr D Thomas be the newly co-opted Town Councillor to fill the North Ward casual vacancy.

Councillor G Morgan stated how fortunate the Council were to have an excellent group of candidates showing great commitment to the Llantwit Major community and hoped that they would continue their interest in Town Council matters. All Councillors endorsed this statement.

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