

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Wednesday, 21st May, 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillors

(Mrs.)T.A.Bates	P.Griffiths	J.Rosser
D.R.Bevan	(Mrs.)E.Hanagan	G.Smith
H.Boggis	G.E.Hopkins	R.W.Smith
J.Bonetto	P.Jarman	G.Stacey
J.Bunnage	(Mrs.)S.J.Jones	(Mrs.)M.Tegg
A.Calvert	W.L.Langford	R.K.Turner
S.Carter	R.Lewis	G.P.Thomas
(Mrs.)J.Cass	(Mrs.)C.Leyshon	L.G.Walker
A.Crimmings	R.B.McDonald	(Mrs.)J.S.Ward
W.J.David	C.J.Middle	P.Wasley
A.L.Davies,MBE	A.Morgan	M.J.Watts
(Mrs.)A.Davies	B.Morgan	M.Weaver
C.Davies	I.Pearce	(Mrs.)M.Webber
(Mrs.)M.E.Davies	S.Pickering	E.Webster
J.Elliott	S.Powderhill	C.J.Williams
M.Forey	M.J.Powell	D.H.Williams
A.S.Fox	S.Rees-Owen	C.J.Willis
M.Griffiths	(Mrs.)A.Roberts	R.Yeo

Officers in Attendance

Mr.S.Merritt – Chief Executive
Mr.C.Lee – Group Director, Corporate Services
Mr.P.J.Lucas – Director, Legal & Democratic Services
Mr.T.Wilkins – Director, Human Resources
Mr.C.Bradshaw – Director, Education & Lifelong Learning
Mr.A.Gwyn – Service Director, Children’s Services
Mr.N.Wheeler – Service Director, Street Care
Mr.C.Hanagan – Head of Strategy, Public Relations & Tourism

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors S.A.Bradwick, P.Cannon,QPM, G.R.Davies, (Mrs.)L.De Vet, S.M.Evans-Fear, P.Howe, J.S.James, S.Lloyd, K.Montague, K.Morgan, M.A.Norris, W.D.Weeks and T.Williams.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in matters pertaining to the agenda.

3. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) **Mr.G.Jones, Group Director, Environmental Services**

The Mayor announced that Mr.G.Jones, Group Director, Environmental Services had last evening been admitted to hospital as he had suffered a stroke and that Officers of the Council would keep Members informed of his progress.

(b) **County Borough Councillor A.Christopher, Leader of the Council**

Members were aware that County Borough Councillor A.Christopher, Leader of the Council had sadly passed away on Wednesday, 14th May, 2014 and Officers and Members stood as a mark of respect.

Prior to the following Members paying tribute to County Borough Councillor A.Christopher, the Mayor read out a statement made on behalf of the family

Tributes

The following Members paid tribute to Councillor A.Christopher:

- A.Davies MBE
- A.Morgan
- P.Jarman
- M.J.Powell
- M.Forey
- R.W.Smith read out a tribute on behalf of the Deputy Leader, Councillor P.Cannon and also extended his own accolades.
- R.K.Turner
- E.Hanagan

(c) **Adjournment of Meeting**

In view of the poignant circumstances, the Mayor sought the agreement of the Council that the meeting stand adjourned following the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2014/15 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 28th May, 2014 at 5 p.m. when outstanding business would be dealt with and it was **RESOLVED** accordingly.

4. RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS

The retiring Mayor, County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings addressed the Council on her year of office.

County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings thanked the Members and Officers for their support during her year of office and expressed particular gratitude to her Consort, Mr.Gavin Crimmings, her Chaplain, Reverend Silvio Briffa, the Senior Management Team at Colleg Morgannwg, her Secretary, Anne and the Chauffeurs, Steve and Gareth.

In response, Members paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and she was commended for all her hard work and efforts during the past year.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED – That County Borough Councillor M.J.Watts be elected as Mayor of the County Borough for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

Following his election, the retiring Mayor presented County Borough Councillor M.J.Watts with his chain of office.

The Mayor's Consort (Mayoress), Mrs.J.Watts, was then presented with the Mayor's Consort chain of office.

On taking the Chair, County Borough Councillor Watts thanked the Council for their support and confidence in electing him as Mayor of the County Borough and he paid tribute to the retiring Mayor.

The Mayor announced that his chosen charities for the year would be:

- MacMillan Cancer Support (RCT)
- The Royal British Legion (RCT)
- Local charities in the Rhondda

He also thanked his Chaplain, Reverend Peter Gale, who would be supporting him in his role as Mayor.

The Mayor was congratulated on his appointment by the Council.

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAY OF RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED – That County Borough Councillor G.Hopkins be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the County Borough for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

Upon his appointment, the Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor with his chain of office and his Consort, Serkan Aksin, was then presented with his chain of office.

7. **BLESSING – REVEREND PETER GALE**

On adjourning the meeting, the Mayor, County Borough Councillor M.J.Watts called upon Reverend Peter Gale to offer a Blessing.

**A.CRIMMINGS
RETIRING MAYOR**

**M.J.WATTS
MAYOR**

The meeting stood adjourned at 4.55 p.m.