MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017

PRESENT:  The Retiring Mayor, Cllr John Davies
          The Town Mayor 2017/18, Cllr Jeffrey Pearson
          Cllrs: Mrs G Baker; B Barton; N Bastow; C Brockley; Mrs G Campbell;
          Mrs H Fleet; C Hughes; M A Jones; Mrs M Jones; A Kealey; A Khan;
          A Mason; C Matthews; Mrs H Meredith; A Pearson; M Pickard; P Richards;
          M Tasker; S Williams

OFFICER:  Mrs C J Earley (Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Dudley, Assistant Clerk,
               Miss L Austin, Administrative Assistant
               Distinguished Guests and Members of the Public

1/17  WELCOME:

    The Retiring Mayor, Cllr J Davies, welcomed Members and Guests to the twenty second Annual Meeting of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council and invited the Town Clerk to make the necessary housekeeping announcements.

2/17  ELECTION OF MAYOR:

    Nominations were called for the Office of Town Mayor for the new municipal year.

    Councillor S Williams proposed the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jeffrey Pearson, as Town Mayor for the year 2017-18. Councillor A Mason seconded the nomination.

    There being no further nominations, Councillor Jeffrey Pearson was unanimously elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year, 2017-18.

    Councillor Pearson was invested with the Chain of Office, took the Chair and made and subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

    The Mayor then gave a brief verbal address, thanking his fellow members for the confidence placed in him and informing the meeting that his wife, Mrs Kath Pearson, had agreed to act as his Mayoress and that the Reverend John Dowber would be acting as the Mayor’s Chaplain.

3/17  ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

    The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

    Councillor Paul Richards nominated Councillor Stephen Williams as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor A Khan seconded the nomination.
There being no further nominations, Councillor Stephen Williams was duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year, 2017-18.

The Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor with the Deputy’s Chain of Office and Councillor Williams made and subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The Deputy Mayor gave a brief verbal address, thanking his fellow members for the confidence placed in him. He informed the meeting that his daughter, Chelsea, had kindly agreed to act as his Deputy Mayoress.

4/17 VOTE OF THANKS:

Councillor Mrs G Baker proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr John Davies, the Immediate Past Mayor, and Mrs Ann Davies, making reference to the numerous engagements they had attended during their year in Office. Councillor C Hughes seconded the vote of thanks. The Mayor then presented Cllr John Davies with the Past Mayor’s Jewel and Mrs Ann Davies with a bouquet, as a token of the appreciation of the Council.

The Immediate Past Mayor gave a verbal address, reflecting on some of the highlights of the past year, and paying thanks to all those that had assisted in raising funds for his Mayoral charities. He confirmed that the total amount raised had been in excess of £2,000. Thanks were also expressed to his Deputy Mayor, Cllr Pearson, and his fellow Members and the Town Council staff for their support and assistance during his year of office.

5/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs H Meredith and M Worth.

6/17 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

The Clerk confirmed that all elected Members had now signed their declarations of acceptance of office.

7/17 COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS:

Resolved to re-appoint the three main committees of the council; the General Purposes & Planning Committee, the Policy & Finance Committee, and the Colwyn in Bloom Committee, as detailed in the updated Terms of Reference (Schedule ‘A’ attached).

Further resolved to confirm continuance of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as detailed in Schedule ‘B’ attached.

8/17 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Resolved to defer the formal re-appointment of representatives on outside bodies to the next meeting of the Council, to be held on 12th June 2017.
9/17 MAYOR’S ENGAGEMENTS:

A list of the Mayor’s Engagements for the Municipal Year 2016-17 was submitted by the Clerk, for information.

Resolved to receive and note the list of engagements, as detailed in Schedule ‘C’ attached.

10/17 COUNCILLORS’ ATTENDANCE:

The clerk submitted, for information, a list of councillor’s attendance for the municipal year 2016-17 and the meeting dates for the Council and Committees for 2017-18.

Resolved to receive and note the attendance list, as detailed in schedule ‘D’ attached, and to approve the meeting dates for 2017-18, as detailed in Schedule ‘E’.

11/17 CLOSE OF MEETING:

Prior to closing the meeting, The Mayor presented a long service award to Mrs Roz Dudley, who had been employed by the Council since August 2001.

The Mayor then closed the meeting and requested guests to remain seated whilst the formal annual Council photograph was taken, before joining him for light refreshments in the Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

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