MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY AT 6:30PM ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023

PRESENT: The Retiring Mayor, Colin Matthews

The Town Mayor (Elect) Cllr Hannah Fleet

Cllrs: C Brockley; N Coverley; J Higgins; D Howcroft; C Hughes; J Hurst; L Kennedy; A Khan; T Maclean; S McAllister; J Nuttall; S Price; S Ryder;

D Wilkins and G Wynne

OFFICER(S): C J Earley, Town Clerk

R Dudley, Assistant Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Distinguished Guests

1/23 WELCOME:

The Retiring Mayor, Colin Matthews, welcomed Members and Guests to the twenty eighth Annual Meeting of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council.

2/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Town Cllrs: D Carr, J Clayton, P Hughes, D Jones, R Owen and R Parry and from D Jones MP, D Millar AM, Chief Exec CCBC Rhun ap Gareth, Leader CCBC Cllr C McCoubrey, County Cllrs Gareth Jones and Gail Jones.

3/23 ELECTION OF MAYOR:

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

Councillor C Brockley proposed that Councillor Hannah Fleet be elected as Town Mayor. Councillor T Maclean seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Hannah Fleet was then unanimously elected as Town Mayor for the 2023-24 municipal year.

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

The Mayor then gave a brief verbal address, thanking her fellow members for the confidence placed in her, and informed the meeting that her mother and husband would be acting as her Mayoress/Consort at Mayoral engagements. The Mayor announced that her supported Charities/Voluntary Organisations for her year in office would be Happy Faces and the Friends of Rhos on Sea and her three key areas of interest will be: the environment/biodiversity; young people and involvement;

and community wellbeing/social activities for all ages.

4/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Tom Maclean nominated Councillor David Howcroft as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Chris Hughes seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor David Howcroft was duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

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

5/23 VOTE OF THANKS:

Councillor C Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to Colin Matthews, the Immediate Past Mayor. Councillor D Howcroft seconded the vote of thanks. The Mayor then presented Councillor Colin Matthews with the Past Mayor's Jewel, as a token of the appreciation of the Council for his work during his term of office.

The Immediate Past Mayor gave a brief verbal address, reflecting on some of the highlights of his year in Office, including the Jubilee and the King's Coronation and his many visits to local charitable/voluntary organisations.

6/23 COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS:

- a. Resolved to re-appoint the two standing committees of the council: The General Purposes and Planning Committee and the Policy & Finance Committee, as detailed in the updated terms of reference (schedule 'A' attached).
- b. Resolved to re-appoint the other three Council Committees: the Colwyn in Bloom, Old Colwyn War Memorial and Volunteer Awards Committees, and approve their terms of reference, as detailed in Schedule 'B' attached.
- c. Further resolved to confirm continuance of the scheme of delegation to officers, as detailed in schedule 'C' attached.

7/23 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

Resolved to confirm that the Council still meets the three conditions and is therefore able to continue to use the General Power of Competence, as provided for by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

8/23 DEFERMENT OF OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolved to defer the remaining items to be dealt with under Standing Order 5(p) to the next Ordinary meeting of the council, to be held on 5th June 2023.

9/23 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS:

A list of the Mayor's engagements for the Municipal Year 2022-23 was submitted by the Clerk, for information.

Resolved to receive and note the list of engagements, as detailed in Schedule \mathcal{D}' attached.

10/23 COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Clerk submitted, for information, a summary of councillors' attendance for the municipal year 2022-23 and the meeting dates for the Council and Committees for 2023-24.

Resolved to receive and note the attendance list, as detailed in schedule 'E' attached, and to approve the Ordinary meeting dates for 2023-24, as detailed in Schedule 'F'.

11/23 ANNUAL REPORT:

Members noted that the Annual Report for 2022-23 was currently being drafted. This would be finalised and published as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm	
Chairman	

Terms of Reference

General Purpose and Planning Committee

Membership (2023/24): Cllrs: C Brockley; J Clayton; J Higgins; P Hughes; J Hurst;

L Kennedy; T MacLean; Vacancy; C Matthews; R Owen; S

Ryder; D Wilkins.

Ex-Officio Members: Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor (when not

already members)

Chairman/Vice-Chairman

(2023/24): To be appointed by the Committee.

Both will ordinarily serve a two-year term of office and are encouraged to undertake the One Voice Wales Chairing Skills training module, or other relevant training, within three months of

taking up office, if not already done.

Quorum: One third of members (four)

Reporting: The General Purpose and Planning Committee reports directly to

the Council.

1. To consider any matter not specifically delegated to any other Committee.

- 2. To recommend to the Council any alterations in the boundaries of the Communities or their Wards, and in polling arrangements.
- 3. To exercise delegated powers in the submission of views to the Local Authority in response to consultation in respect of planning applications, planning appeals, licensing applications and temporary traffic regulations.
- 4. To recommend to the Council the observations to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority in response to consultation in all other planning matters.
- 5. To maintain, and keep under review, the Council's policies and procedures for providing public information and for public consultation and participation, to include the Town Council's website and social media pages.

Terms of Reference

Policy & Finance Committee

Membership (2023/24): Cllrs: D Carr; N Coverley; H Fleet; D Howcroft;

C Hughes; D Jones; A Khan; S McAllister; J Nuttall; R Parry;

S Price; G Wynne.

Plus, Ex-Officio Members: Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

(when not already members)

(2023/24):

<u>Chairman/Vice-Chairman</u> To be appointed by the Committee.

Both will ordinarily serve a two-year term of office and are encouraged to undertake the One Voice Wales Chairing Skills and Introduction to Local Gov't Finance training modules

within three months of taking up office, if not already done.

Quorum: One third of members (five)

Reporting: The Policy & Finance Committee reports directly to

the Council.

1. To advise the Council in the creation of a corporate plan of objectives and priorities, having regard to the needs of the Community, and the overall resources of the Council, and to consider and if necessary to report to the Council upon any

policy proposals of other Committees.

2. To notify the Committees concerned or, if necessary, the Council of the need for changes in policy and/or in the standards of services provided in order to achieve its objectives; or the need for new services.

- 3. To keep under review the organisation and management processes of the Council and to advise the Council upon any desirable alteration of them (including changes in Committee Structure or in the distribution of functions, powers and duties of Committees in the light of changing circumstances).
- 4. Having regard to the Council's resources, to advise the Council on the following matters: -
 - (a) The Council's annual estimates, including the priority to be accorded to the development of the Council's services and the timing of the introduction of any new services;
 - (b) The annual precept to be levied by the Council.

- (c) To keep under regular review the Council's Expenditure Programme, and advise the relevant Committees and Council on major variations from approved programmes.
- 5. To manage all investments and insurances; to keep under review the financial procedures and controls of the Council; and to secure the audit of the Council's accounts.
- 6. To examine new and proposed legislation, respond to consultation documents, as required, and to advise the appropriate Committees in its implementation.
- 7. To provide and maintain any office accommodation and services, and the arrangements for records and archives.
- 8. To determine Councillors' travelling and subsistence allowances; any allowance to be paid to the Chairman for the purpose of enabling him or her to meet the expenses of the office; and the payment of expenses of official and courtesy visits.
- 9. To keep under review the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 10. To manage and maintain any land, properties and other assets owned by the Council.
- 11. To recommend to the Council the action to be taken in relation to applications to the Council by Voluntary Bodies for financial assistance.
- 12. To authorise all payments to be made on behalf of the Council, ensuring that these fall within the budgetary limits previously approved by the Council in its Annual Estimates and any limits imposed by the Council's Financial Regulations.
- 13. To make recommendations to the Council regarding any virements required between budget headings, as a result of changing circumstances during the course of the financial year.

Terms of Reference:

Colwyn in Bloom Committee

Membership (2023/24): Town Council members: Cllr C Brockley Cllr H Fleet, Cllr C

Hughes, Cllr A Khan, Cllr C Matthews, and Cllr S Ryder

Co-opted members representing other organisations are appointed as full voting members of the committee.

Current representation is:

Horticultural Society 1 representative
Chamber of Trade/Business rep
Wales in Bloom 1 representative
Ex-Town Manager 1 representative

Resident's Associations & Environmental Federations

(Old Colwyn/ Dingle / Glyn etc)8 representativesERF Dept, Conwy C.B.C.4 representativesBryn Euryn Nursery1 representativeOther Community Rep(s)2 representatives

<u>Chairman</u> (2023/24): Ingrid Lewis (Chair) Paul Richards (Vice Chair)

(to be appointed by the Committee)

Quorum: One third of the current members

Reporting: The Colwyn in Bloom Committee reports directly to the Town Council

The Colwyn in Bloom Committee has delegated powers to consider and decide all matters in connection with the organisation of the annual Colwyn in Bloom competition(s) and annual entries for the town into Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom (when invited). This uses the general power given in S.144 of the Local Government Act 1972 to attract visitors to the town by making the environment more attractive.

The group has delegated powers to commit to expenditure on behalf of the Council, within the limits of the budget approved by the Council each year for Colwyn in Bloom activities.

Terms of Reference:

Old Colwyn War Memorial Committee

Membership (2023/24): Town Council members: one member to represent each of

Colwyn and Eirias wards Colwyn: Cllr D Carr Eirias: Cllr S Ryder

Conwy CBC - Cllr Cheryl Carlisle

Co-opted members representing other organisations are appointed as full voting members of the committee.

Current representation is:

Old Colwyn Residents Association - two members
British Legion / veterans - one member
St Catherine's & St Johns Church - one member

Chairman (2023/24): t.b.c.

Quorum: One third of the current members

Reporting: The Committee reports directly to the Town Council

The Old Colwyn War Memorial Committee has delegated powers to make the necessary arrangements for annual and ad-hoc services of dedication or remembrance. Once responsibility for the war memorial has been formally transferred to the Town Council, it will also be responsible for carrying out routine inspections of the memorial and making recommendations in respect of any works required.

The Committee has delegated powers to commit to expenditure on behalf of the Council, within the limits of the budget approved by the Council each year, for the maintenance of the Old Colwyn War Memorial.

Terms of Reference:

Volunteer Awards Committee

Membership (2023/24): Cllr A Khan (Colwyn Bay)

Cllr S Ryder (Old Colwyn) Cllr H Fleet (Rhos on Sea) Representatives from:

Business Sector - Tracey Toulmin

Colwyn Bay Civic Society - Mr Graham Roberts

Horticultural Society / Colwyn in Bloom – Hannah Fleet Community & Voluntary Services Conwy– Kasia Kwiecien/

Jan Smith

<u>Chairman</u> (2023/24): To be appointed by the Committee

Quorum: Three members

Reporting: The Volunteer Awards Committee reports directly to the Town Council

The Volunteer Awards Committee is given delegated power to:

- 1. Receive nominations and to consider and decide upon the awards to be presented by the Town Council each year for the following categories of volunteers:
 - Adult Volunteer of the Year (age 25-64 years)
 - Adult Volunteer of the Year (age 65 years or over)
 - Young Volunteer of the Year (age under 25 years)
 - 'Green' Volunteer of the Year
 - Trustee of the Year
 - Group Volunteers of the Year
 - Additional Category for volunteers who do not meet the criteria for other categories
- 2. Submit nominations for current/past award winners to other national or regional volunteer award schemes, such as the annual High Sherriff's Awards or the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service.
- 3. Invite the Town Mayor to nominate a person/group for the John Davies Memorial Award for Volunteering.



SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

The following delegations are subject to them being implemented within the law, the Council 's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, within the accepted policy framework and where budgetary provisions exist or as otherwise authorised in accordance with financial regulations.

Service Area	Function	Officer
Audit	To maintain a continuous internal audit	RFO
Communications	To deal with all press and public relations on behalf of the Council.	Town Clerk/ Assistant Clerk
Documents	To sign documents on behalf of the Council.	Town Clerk
Elections	To notify the Returning Officer of all casual vacancies arising in the membership of the Council as required by statute and to liaise with him or her regarding the conduct of elections.	Town Clerk/ Assistant Clerk
Emergency Planning	To lead the Council 's response in the case of a major emergency in consultation with the Emergency Planning team at Conwy Council Borough Council.	Town Clerk
Finance	To administer the Council 's bank balances.	RFO
	To maintain adequate insurance cover for the Council's activities and property.	RFO
	To act as the Responsible Financial Officer.	RFO
	To authorise the payment of accounts	Town Clerk
	To write off outstanding debts in	RFO

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	accordance with Financial Regulations.	
	Authorisation of routine expenditure within the agreed budget.	Town Clerk
	Emergency expenditure up to £3000 outside of the agreed budget.	Town Clerk
	Authorisation of expenditure on works up to a maximum of £2000 in any one case.	Town Clerk
Freedom of Information	To have overall responsibility for the Council's Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.	Town Clerk
Governance	To receive declarations of acceptance of office.	Town Clerk
	To receive and record notices disclosing personal interests.	Town Clerk
	To receive and retain plans and documents in accordance with the approved document retention scheme.	Town Clerk/ Assistant Clerk
	To certify any bye-laws approved by the Council.	Town Clerk
	Authorisation to call any extra meetings of the Council or any Committee as necessary having first consulted with the Mayor and/or Chair of the appropriate Committee.	Town Clerk
	Authorisation to respond immediately to any correspondence requiring or requesting information relating to previous decisions of the Council but not correspondence requiring an opinion to be taken by the Council or its Committees.	Town Clerk
Information and Communication Technology	To be responsible for the provision and management of information and communications technology provided within the Council including the replacement of out-dated equipment or the purchase of new equipment within the approved budget.	Town Clerk/RFO
Land and Property	To purchase necessary goods and supplies.	RFO
	To maintain the Council 's offices and property in accordance with financial	Town Clerk

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	regulations.	
Lettings	To authorise casual lettings of the Council's properties subject to the approved policy(ies) and terms and conditions of hire.	Town Clerk/Assistant Clerk
Member support	To deal with member requests for secretarial or administrative support in connection with their duties.	Assistant Clerk
Proper Officer	To act as the Council 's proper officer in accordance with the job description for the role.	Town Clerk
Staffing	To undertake the duties of the Head of Paid Service and ensure that all staff effectively perform their functions as contained in their job descriptions.	Town Clerk
	To implement national pay awards and conditions of service.	Town Clerk
	Day to day supervision and control of staff including the implementation of all personnel procedures as line manager of staff.	Town Clerk

SCHEDULE 'D'

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS 2022/2023 - Cllr Colin Matthews

DATE	ENGAGEMENT
18/05/2022	Snowdonia Hotel
	Rhyl Mayoral Inaugaration &AGM
	Llandudno AGM
	Year 11 Presentation Evening
	NWAMI Jubilee Event (David Jones MP)
	NWAMI Jubilee Celebration
03/06/2022	BayFest 22 DEPUTY
05/06/2022	Jubilee Party St Josephs Foodbank
06/06/2022	House of Commons (Merrill and Neil)
08/06/2022	Conwy Only Human Campaign
18/06/2022	High Flying Birds - Hospitality (Deputy)
23/06/2022	MPCT
29/06/2022	Judging CIB Pictures
04/07/2022	MAYOR'S FILM NIGHT
09/07/2022	BBQ RNLI
11/07/2022	Wizard of Oz
12/07/2022	Press Call Queen's Gardens
12/07/2022	Wales in Bloom Meet the Judge
13/07/2022	CIB School's Presentation
16/07/2022	Cinderella Kaleidoscope Theatre
22/07/2022	NWATC Quarterly Meeting
13/08/2022	Uke a Bay (Mayor to host)
14/08/2022	Simply Red Hospitality
03/09/2022	Autumn Show Horticultural Society (Deputy Mayor)
09/09/2022	Rydal Penrhos Speech Day
11/09/2022	Llandudno Civic Sunday
27/09/2022	ROC Conversation
25/09/2022	Abergele Civic Sunday
09/10/2022	Conwy Civic Sunday (Deputy Mayor)
09/10/2022	Rhyl Civic Sunday
10/10/2022	Supper/Quiz Night
13/10/2022	Colwyn in Bloom Presentation
17/10/2022	Judging Panel - Children 's Art
23/10/2022	St Asaph Civic Service
24/10/2022	Photo Call at Theatr Colwyn (St David's Hospice)
	Photo Call at Llanelian Cemetery (Poppy Appeal)
06/11/2022	Llandudno Civic Service
15/11/2022	Tree of Lights filming
	RNLI Coffee Morning
18/11/2022	St David's Hospice - Film Night
25/11/2022	Conwy CBC Sports Awards
	GOGS Film Festival
	Tree of Lights (Mayor)
	Tree of Lights (Deputy Mayor)
27/11/2023	Dwali Parade and Celebration (Deputy Mayor)

04/12/2022 Bay of Colwyn Civic Sunday

15/12/2022 RNLI Carol Service

w/c 19/12/202 Judge Window Competition

29/01/2023 International Holocaust Memorial Day

12/02/2023 Rhuddlan Civic Sunday

13/03/2023 Commemoration of the Commonwealth Charter

15/03/2023 Llandrilo College Boating Event

17/03/2023 RNLI AGM/Hotpot Supper

20/03/2023 Quiz/supper Night Fundraiser

25/03/2023 Spring Show Horticultural Society

31/03/2023 Conwy Mayor charity Quiz & Bingo Night

02/04/2023 Kitty Drennan 100th Birthday

05/04/2023 Xmas Window Trophy to Stermat

15/04/2023 "A Tribute to Abba Night"

15/04/2023 Ukraine Cultural Event

17/04/2023 Volunteer Awards Night

21/04/2023 NMWATC Meeting

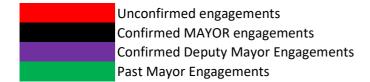
07/05/2023 Evensong to celebrate Coronation of King 111

10/05/2023 Rhyl Mayor Making/AM

13/05/2023 Prom Xtra

13/05/2023 Kaleidoscope Beauty & Beast

14/05/2023 Pride Event



COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE RECORD 2022/23 for the period 16/05/22 to 10/05/2023

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE**	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	%	Additional (Sub) Committees Attended
Councillor Chris Brockley	24	19	79%	4
Councillor David Carr	19	15	79%	4
Councillor John Clayton (From 26/7/2022)	18	13	72%	1
Councillor Neil Coverley	19	12	63%	0
Councillor Hannah Fleet (Deputy Mayor)	34	27	79%	7
Councillor Jason Higgins	24	19	79%	0
Councillor David Howcroft (Leave of absence granted due to ill health)	19	6	32%	2
Councillor Christopher Hughes	19	13	68%	3
Councillor Paul Hughes	24	18	75%	0
Councillor Joshua Hurst (From 16/8/2022)	17	5	29%	0
Councillor Debra Jones	19	7	37%	3
Councillor Leanne Kennedy	24	13	54%	0
Councillor Abdul Khan	19	10	53%	3
Councillor Tom Maclean	24	22	92%	1
Councillor Brian Madden (Resigned 14/3/2023)	21	13	62%	0
Councillor Colin Matthews (Mayor)	34	20	59%	3
Councillor Sandra McAllister	24	15	63%	0
Councillor Jo Nuttall	19	17	89%	1
Councillor Ricki Owen	24	21	88%	2
Councillor Roger Parry	19	12	63%	0
Councillor Stephen Price	19	13	68%	1
Councillor Sarah Ryder	24	20	83%	4
Councillor David Wilkins	24	20	83%	0
Councillor Greg Wynne	19	18	95%	1

^{*} Mayor and Deputy Mayor are Ex-Officio members of both Committees

^{**} includes Full Council & Standing Committee Meetings only (i.e. the General Purpose & Planning and Policy & Finance Committees)

Schedule 'F'

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023/24

ANNUAL MEETING	15/05/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	23/05/2023
Full Council	05/06/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	13/06/2023
Policy & Finance Committee	28/06/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	11/07/2023
Full Council	24/07/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	08/08/2023
Policy & Finance Committee	16/08/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	05/09/2023
Full Council	11/09/2023
Policy & Finance Committee	27/09/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	03/10/2023
Full Council	23/10/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	31/10/2023
Policy & Finance Committee	15/11/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	21/11/2023
Full Council	04/12/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	12/12/2023
General Purpose & Planning Committee	09/01/2024
Policy & Finance Committee	10/01/2024 & 17/01/2024
Full Council	22/01/2024
General Purpose & Planning Committee	30/01/2024
Policy & Finance Committee	21/02/2024
General Purpose & Planning Committee	27/02/2024
Full Council	04/03/2024 or 11/03/2024
General Purpose & Planning Committee	19/03/2024
Policy & Finance Committee	27/03/2024
General Purpose & Planning Committee	09/04/2024
Full Council	22/04/2024
General Purpose & Planning Committee	30/04/2024

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Policy & Finance Committee	08/05/2024
ANNUAL MEETING	13/05/2024