

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council
Annual Meeting
Wednesday 20th May 2015

Councillor Andrew Phillips (Mayor)

Councillors Graham Davies, Malcolm Davies, Ken Edwards, Jean Hire, John James, Robert John, Mrs Pat Jones, John Hedley Jones, Michael Theodoulou, Mrs Moira Thomas and Hefin Williams.

In attendance: Melanie Carroll-Cliffe (Town Clerk), Alan Howells (Responsible Finance Officer), John Ridgway (Technical Services Officer)

(Former OAP Hall, 6.30pm – 6.45pm)

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Cllr Graham Davies.

2. Personal Matters

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Shirley Matthews, Mrs Susan Northam, Mrs Mary Wenman, David Owens and Stephen James.

3. Valedictory address by retiring Town Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr Andrew Phillips reiterated his thanks to the Council for electing him as Town Mayor. He also thanked the various organisations for the many invitations which he had received to attend events over the course of the last year.

Cllr Phillips reflected on some highlights. He referred to the fact that it had been a privilege to be Town Mayor for the World War I commemorations and also the 70th Anniversary commemoration for VE Day, and how well the events had been supported by the public. Another great achievement had been the Council's success in the Wales in Bloom competition last summer and Cllr Phillips mentioned that we are now looking forward to this year's entry to Britain in Bloom. Cllr Phillips also referred to the fact that he was pleased with the Council's involvement with Kidney Wales Foundation and he had enjoyed the presentation which he attended in relation to the Walk for Life. Cllr Phillips further indicated that he had enjoyed the pantomimes which he had attended, one of which involved children with learning difficulties, which had been both funny and touching.

In terms of practical issues, Cllr Phillips referred to the progress which had been made during the last year. This involved preventing the closure of Pembrey Memorial Hall by Carmarthenshire County Council as a result of the Town Council taking over responsibility for its running. Also, there had been the complete refurbishment of the Burry Port Memorial Hall, as well as some improvement work to Pembrey Memorial Hall. It is now the Council's aim to fully utilise these facilities. Cllr Phillips also referred to the project in relation to the harbour path and indicated that he has received an assurance that the path will be laid when the dredging has been completed.

Finally, Cllr Phillips passed on sincere thanks from his wife Denise, who had served as his Consort.

4. Election and appointment of the Mayor for the 2015/2016 Civic Year

Cllr Andrew Phillips referred to the nomination of Cllr Mrs Jean Hire at the April Town Council meeting. This nomination was moved and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs Jean Hire be appointed as Mayor for the 2015/2016 civic year. The past Mayor, Cllr Andrew Phillips invested the Mayor with the Chain of Office.

5. Declaration of acceptance of office by the Mayor

Having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr Mrs Jean Hire thanked all members for their support and their confidence in her in appointing her as Mayor.

6. Election and appointment of the Deputy Mayor for the 2015/2016 Civic Year

It was moved and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr John James be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2015/2016 civic year. The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Jean Hire invested the Deputy Mayor with the Chain of Office.

7. Declaration of acceptance of office by the Deputy Town Mayor

Having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr John James thanked members for their support in this appointment.

8. Vote of thanks by the Mayor to the immediate past Mayor

The Mayor thanked Cllr Andrew Phillips and congratulated him on behalf of all members on his active and successful year.

9. Review and adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Clerk referred to the need to review the Standing Orders at the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the Council's current Standing Orders. She referred to the fact that they had been reviewed by the Civic Governance and Personnel Committee and given that a considerable amount of work had been carried out in relation to the Standing Orders in 2013, the Committee felt that no amendments were required, although it had considered the new model Standing Orders. It was therefore moved and **RESOLVED** that the existing Standing Orders be again adopted for this year.

In relation to Financial Regulations, new proposed Financial Regulations had been circulated with the agenda, for the consideration by members. The RFO advised that these had been considered and recommended by the Finance Committee. Accordingly, it was moved and **RESOLVED** that the new Financial Regulations be adopted.