

**MINUTES OF THE MAYORAL INAUGURATION AND  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, CONWY,  
ON MONDAY, 18th MAY 2015 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT : Councillors – R Parker (Town Mayor), E Leighton-Jones, S Cotton, C Rigal, V Macdonald, S Allardice, B Chapman, P Hart, T James, G Edwards, L Hughes, J Fallon, H Roberts.**

**OPENING PRAYERS : The Mayor’s Chaplain, The Reverend Peter Walker led Members and guests in prayer.**

**APOLOGIES : Councillor R Hughes**

**Minute**

**1 Election of Town Mayor**

The Mayor, Councillor Ms R Parker called for nominations for the office of Town Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Ms V Macdonald, seconded by Councillor Ms J Fallon and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms E Leighton Jones is elected as Town Mayor of Conwy for the Municipal Year 2015/16. The newly elected Mayor was then invested with Robe and Badge of Office by the Retiring Mayor and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Retiring Mayor referred to the new Mayor’s appointment by virtue of the Royal Warrant as Constable of the Castle and presented the new Mayor with the Key of the Castle.

The Royal Warrant was then read in English by the Town Clerk and in Welsh by Councillor B Chapman, after which the Mayor made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Constable and declared her intention to visit the Castle immediately after the meeting to witness the hoisting of the Pennant.

The Mayor returned thanks for her election and addressed the meeting, after which she invested her Mayoress, Dr M Spear with her Badge of Office.

**2 Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor**

The Mayor, Councillor Ms E Leighton Jones called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor T James, seconded by Councillor Mrs E Hughes and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms P Hart is elected as Deputy Town Mayor of Conwy for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor was then invested with Robe and Badge of Office by the Mayor and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for her election.

The Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor’s Consort, Mr T James, with his Badge of Office.

**3 Vote of Thanks and Presentation to the Retiring Mayor and Consort**

The Mayor proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Ms R Parker and Consort Mr David Raggett and this was seconded by Councillor C Rigal.

The Mayor then made a presentation of the Past Mayor’s Badge to the Retiring Mayor and gifts to the Retiring Consort and Retiring Mayor’s Cadet, Brandon Nicholson of the Conwy County Sea Cadets. The Retiring Mayor replied briefly.

**4 Mayor’s Chaplain**

The Town Clerk reported the appointment of Canon Gwilym Berw Hughes as the Mayor’s Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**5 Mayoral Announcements**

There were no announcements

**6 Appointment of Committees**

Proposed by Councillor Miss S Cotton, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Roberts and **RESOLVED** that the membership of the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2015/16 is as recommended at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and as tabled for information.

**7 Representation on Outside Bodies**

Proposed by Councillor B Chapman, seconded by Councillor Ms S Allardice and **RESOLVED** that the representation on outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2015/16 is as recommended at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and as tabled for information.

**8 Mayor's Allowance**

In pursuance of Section 34 (5) of the Local Government Act 1072, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs H Roberts, seconded by Councillor Ms V Macdonald and **RESOLVED** that the Mayor's allowance is fixed at £2,000.00 as recommended at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Civic party and guests left the Council Chamber and proceeded to the Castle to witness the hoisting of the Constable's Pennant from the Constable's Tower.