

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Friday 10th May 2024 at the Town Hall, Denbigh at 6.30.p.m.

Present: Councillors Alyn Ashworth, Catherine Jones, Jan Tomlinson, Gaynor Wood-Tickle, Roy Tickle, Lara Pritchard, Gaynor Morgan-Rees, Sioned Garrod & Andrew Hine: Jenny Barlow Town Clerk: Jo Davies, Civic and events assistant.

Norma Rowles (Licensed Lay Minister), Father George Areekuzhy, Stuart Owen (Civic Marshall), Peter Glynn & Bryn Williams (Civic Officer).

Hybrid facilities were available.

Apologies: Cllr Philip Stevens & Sylvia Jennings

1. **Prayers:** The Mayor's Chaplain, Norma Rowles opened the meeting with prayers.
2. **Mayor's Annual Address:** The Mayor, Cllr Alyn Ashworth presented a review of the 2023/2024 Municipal year and highlighted the main events that had taken place. The Mayor also presented his 4 chosen charities - Hope House, St Kentigern, North Clwyd Animal Rescue and Sense with a cheque for £617.95 each. The Mayor Cllr Alyn Ashworth then presented gifts of thanks to the Mayor Elect Cllr Catherine Jones and the Town Clerk Jenny Barlow.
3. **Election of Mayor:** Cllr Jan Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle resolved that Cllr Catherine Jones be elected the Mayor of Denbigh for the Civic Year 2024 / 2025. No other nominations were proposed and a vote of agreement for Cllr Catherine Jones to be elected the Mayor of Denbigh for the Civic Year 2024 / 2025 was taken by a show of hands by all Councillors.
Cllr Catherine Jones read out and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Town Clerk, Proposer and Secunder.
Cllr Alyn Ashworth presented Cllr Catherine Jones with the Chain of Office.
4. **Presentation:** The Mayor presented Cllr Alyn Ashworth with a Civic Plaque and Past Mayor's Badge to commemorate his year in office.
5. **Vote of Thanks:** Cllr Catherine Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Alyn Ashworth for the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the year 2023 / 2024.
6. **Mayor's Address:** The newly elected Mayor thanked her Proposer and Secunder and addressed the Meeting.
7. **Election of Deputy Mayor:** Cllr Gaynor Wood-Tickle proposed, seconded by Cllr Lara Pritchard and resolved that Cllr Jan Tomlinson be elected Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2024 / 2025.
Cllr Jan Tomlinson read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Town Clerk, Proposer and Secunder.
The Mayor presented Cllr Jan Tomlinson with the Chain of Office.
8. **Return of Attendance for the year 2023 / 2024:** The Mayor referred to the attendances for the municipal year 2023/2023. Cllr Roy Tickle & Andrew Hine was named as achieving 100% attendance.

9. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain:** The Mayor Cllr Catherine Jones appointed Father George Areekuzhy as her Chaplain for the Civic Year 2024 / 2025.
10. **Civic Service:** The Mayor announced that the Civic Service would be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church Denbigh on Sunday the 20th October at 3pm.
11. **Environment (Wales) Act 2016:** This was accepted by the town councillors.
12. **Training records were agreed by the town councillors.**
13. The Mayor Cllr Catherine Jones invited dignitaries and the congregation to join her and her fellow Councillors for refreshments at the end of the meeting.
14. **Closing Prayer:** To bring the proceedings to an end, the Mayor's Chaplain, Father George Areekuzhy gave the Blessing.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 19.07

Signed:.....

Date:.....