



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Annual General Meeting – Minutes of the meeting on the 13th May 2021
Virtual Meeting during Covid 19 Restrictions

Present Cllr Arwel Roberts (Mayor)

Cllr Mike Elgin (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Jackie Burnham

Cllr Ann Davies

Cllr Reg Davies

Cllr Syd Gaskin

Cllr Mike Kermode

Cllr Gareth Rowlands

Cllr Andrew Smith

Cllr Bleddyn Williams

Town Clerk

Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

Project Officer

The Mayor Cllr Arwel Roberts welcomed all to this virtual meeting. Although members of the public were invited to join in this meeting there were no members of the public who had taken up the invitation. Members were informed that the meeting was being recorded audio only.

1. Apologies

Cllr Charlotte Frobisher

The Town Clerk has received an email from Cllr Frobisher to inform her that she looks forward to recommencing at the September meeting.

2. Appointment of Mayor

Cllr Arwel Roberts appointed Cllr Mike Elgin as the Mayor of Rhuddlan Town Council 2021/2 and congratulated him on the appointment.

3. Mayor's Welcome Speech

Cllr Elgin began by thanking Cllr Roberts for his tenure as Mayor over 2 years due to the Covid pandemic and congratulated him on his skill, empathy, passion, and leadership during a very difficult time. Cllr Elgin also thanked him for his help and guidance during his tenure as Deputy Mayor having to take on the role when Gareth

Smith resigned from the office. Asking Cllr Roberts to pass on his thanks to Mrs Awen Roberts for her work as consort over the last two years.

The new Mayor reminded Members that he had only been a councillor for 3 years and was feeling somewhat apprehensive about the role but was looking forward to the honour bestowed on him. He had been impressed by the work of the Members and the officers of the Council over that short time and thought that the prospects for the next 12 months was looking brighter. Cllr Elgin's chosen charities are the British Legion Centenary, St Kentigern Hospice, and the Dementia Association.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mike Elgin then appointed Cllr Andrew Smith as Deputy Mayor 2021/2 and congratulated him on the appointment.

5. Mayor's Farewell Speech

Cllr Arwel Roberts as the outgoing Mayor thanked the Members for their support over the last two years as well as the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Project Officer for their enthusiastic efforts. In particular he mentioned several Councillors who had assisted with organising the virtual meetings, photography of events, and delivering the town plan to households. It had not been an easy two years due to the pandemic but felt he and his consort had been very lucky and commiserated with those who may have lost loved ones. In particular Cllr Roberts wished to mention that scrutiny of Council decisions was an important function but it must be done in the correct manner without abuse or bullying against fellow Members or officers and by demonstrating support for all no matter what ethnic background, religion, or ability they may have.

In closing he listed the charity donations during his time as Mayor and wished the new Mayor and his Deputy a great 12 months.

6. Appointments to Internal Committees & Working Groups

- a) **Information/website Committee** – Cllrs Gareth Rowlands, Mike Kermode, Charlotte Frobisher, Bleddyn Williams, and Andrew Smith. **Resolved.**
- b) **Personnel Committee** – Cllrs Mike Elgin, Andy Smith, Arwel Roberts, Cllr Mike Kermode as advisor. **Resolved.**
- c) **Anti-Speed Working Group** – all Councillors are invited to attend this working group which is led by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

Members noted that the Mayor will serve as an ex officio member of all internal committees or working groups.

7. Appointments to External Bodies

- a) **Denbighshire CCTV Partnership** – Cllrs Syd Gaskin, Gareth Rowlands, and Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**
- b) **Rhuddlan Community Association** – The Mayor Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

- c) Ysgol y Castell Governors –Cllr Andrew Smith. **Resolved.**
- d) Rhuddlan Nature Reserve – Cllr Gareth Rowlands. **Resolved.**
- e) Denbighshire Tourism Partnership – The Mayor Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

8. **Cheque Signatories.**

All Members are eligible to be signatories if they so wished but Cllrs Arwel Roberts, Gareth Rowlands, Ann Davies, Andrew Smith, and Reg Davies were agreed.
Resolved.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Andrew Smith wished the Mayor, and all Members a great year for 2021/2.

Signed: M Elgin Cllr Mike Elgin (Mayor)

Date: 24th June 2021