## **Annual General Meeting held by virtual platform due to Welsh Government restrictions on the 16th May 2022 at 6.45pm**

## **Present:**

Councillor Mrs R Phillips (presiding), Ms J Lord, B Howells, P Temblett, G Davies, S Todd, Ms G Ffrancon, Ms E Thomas, M Vincent, D Brain, J Nemeth, A Richards, J Watkins and H Davies (arrived later in the meeting following the election of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor)

## **Apologies:**

Councillor Mrs L Purcell and M Davies

## **11949: Election of Mayor/Chair for 2022/23**

Councillor Ms L Purcell was nominated as Mayor by Councillor A Richards and seconded by Councillor G Davies in absentia. Councillor Ms L Purcell was voted unanimously into Office.

## **Resolved:**

Councillor Ms L Purcell will be Mayor and Chair of the Council for 2022/23, as Ms Purcell was not in the meeting the Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed as soon as possible.

## **11950: Election of Deputy Mayor for 2022/23**

Councillor Ms J Lord was nominated by Councillor G Davies and seconded by Councillor S Todd. Councillor Mrs R Phillips was nominated by Councillor A Richards and seconded by Councillor J Nemeth.

A vote was carried out by as show of hands which provided the following result:

Councillor Ms J Lord – 5 votes

Councillor Mrs R Phillips – 8 votes

## **Resolved:**

Councillor Mrs R Phillips to be Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2022/23.

## **11951 Adoption of Standing Orders for 2022/23**

## **Resolved:**

To adopt Standing Orders for 2022/23

## **11952: Adopting of Financial Regulations for 2022/23**

## **Resolved:**

To adopt Financial Regulations for 2022/23

## **11953: Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report 2022/23**

The report was provided prior to the meeting. Council was advised that the Basic Payment of £150 was taxable and was mandatory. If Councillors did not wish to receive the payment they would need to sign a declaration to that effect.

The Cost of Care allowance was also mandatory.

Council also agreed to two Senior Role Payments for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. They declined payments for Attendance Allowance, Financial Loss and Travel and subsistence.

## **Resolved:**

That the Optional payment for two senior Roles (Mayor and Deputy Mayor) only should be agreed.

## **11954: Mayor and Deputy Mayors Allowance for 2022/23**

It was agreed that the Mayors Allowance should remain as £950. With the Deputy Mayor to remain at £300.

## **Resolved:**

That the Mayors Allowance remain at £950, and the Deputy Mayor allowance remain at £300 for the 2022/23.

## **11955: Agree Members Code of Conduct**

## **Resolved:**

To agree the Members Code of Conduct

## **11956: Terms of Reference for the Committees**

## **Resolved:**

That the Terms of Reference for the Committees will be agreed.

## **11957: Election of Members – Policy and Resources Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, B Howells, Ms G Ffrancon, A Richards, Ms E Thomas and J Nemeth

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11958: Election of Members – Planning Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, J Watkins, M Davies, B Howells, Ms J Lord Ms G Ffrancon and H Davies

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11959: Election of Members – Finance Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms J Lord, Ms G Ffrancon, S Todd and M Davies

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11960: Election of Members – Personnel Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms E Thomas, J Nemeth and A Richards

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11961: Election of Members – Development Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Ms E Thomas, S Todd, M Vincent and J Watkins

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11962: Eco and Wellbeing Committee**

The Members of the Committee to be Councillor Ms E Thomas, D Brain, J Lord, P Temblett, S Todd and Ms G Ffrancon

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11963: Community Plan Steering Committee**

The Members of the Committee to be Councillor Ms J Lord, B Howells, M Davies, J Watkins and S Todd

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11964: Election of Representative – One Voice Wales**

The representative of Council at the meetings of Once Voice Wales to be Councillor Ms E Thomas.

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11965: Election of Representative – Town / Community Council Liaison Committee**

The representative of Council to be the Mayor and Councillor G Davies as deputy.

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11966 Election of Representative – Pwllfawatkin Liaison Committee**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillor S Todd and P Temblett with Councillor J Nemeth as Deputy

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11967: Election of Representative – WREN**

The representative of Council will be Councillor M Davies.

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11968: Election of Representative – Cwmnant Lleichi Liaison Committee**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors Mrs R Phillips with G Davies as Deputy

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11969: Election of Representative – Arena/Riverside Project**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors Ms E Thomas and P Temblett as Deputy

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11970: Election of Representative – Gwrhyd Liaison Committee**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to Ms E Thomas and Ms G Ffrancon. Councillor Mrs R Phillips to be the Residents representative

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11971: Bank Reconciliation Check**

The Member responsible for the financial checks under Standing Orders to be Councillor G Davies

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11972: Dementia Friendly Champion**

The Dementia Friendly Champion for Pontardawe Town Council to be Councillor Mrs R Phillips

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11973: NPT Nature forum**

The Members of the Committee to be Councillor Ms E Thomas, and S Todd

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11974: Heartbeat Trust UK**

As the project was virtually complete it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Partners to determine if there were any final actions to be completed. A list of the current operational units should be requested together with details of signage

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11975: End of Year Financial Accounts 2022/23**

## **Resolved:**

That the End of Year Accounts be accepted and signed as soon as possible by the Mayor on behalf of Council.

## **11976: Unity Trust Bank Mandate**

The Unity Trust Councillor signatories should be Councillor Mrs L Purcell, Mrs R Phillips, J Watkins and Ms G Ffrancon

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **11977: Nationwide Bank Mandate**

The Nationwide Councillor signatories should be Councillor Mrs L Purcell and Mrs R Phillips

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

Signed ………………………………………………………………………………..

Dated ………………………………………………………………………………..