## **Annual General Meeting held at the Gallery, Pontardawe Arts Centre, Herbert Street, Pontardawe with Hybrid facilities by Zoom, commencing at 6.45pm**

## **Present at Pontardawe Arts Centre:**

Councillor Mrs L Purcell (presiding), B Howells, P Temblett, S Todd, Ms G Ffrancon, M Vincent, D Brain and D Fitzgerald (Youth Councillor)

## **Present online by Zoom:**

Ms E Thomas, J Nemeth, A Richards and Mrs R Phillips

## **Apologies:**

Councillor Mrs J Lord, M Davies, G Davies, O Brandrick (Youth Councillor)

## **12219: Election of Mayor/Chair for 2023/24**

Councillor P Temblett was nominated as Mayor by Councillor Mrs L Purcell and seconded by Councillor D Brain. Councillor P Temblett was voted unanimously into Office.

Councillor Purcell thanked Council for their support during her terms in office and wished the new Mayor well for the future.

Councillor Temblett thanked Council for his appointment and hoped that Council would continue to work together cohesively going forward

## **Resolved:**

Councillor P Temblett will be Mayor and Chair of the Council for 2023/24, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed as soon as possible.

## **12220: Election of Deputy Mayor for 2023/24**

Councillor H Davies was nominated as Deputy Mayor by Councillor D Brain and seconded by Councillor Mrs L Purcell. Councillor H Davies was voted unanimously into Office in absentia

## **Resolved:**

Councillor H Davies will be Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chair of the Council for 2023/24, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed as soon as possible.

## **12221: Adoption of Standing Orders for 2023/24**

The current Standing Orders were adopted initially although Council were made aware that a revised standard was in the process of being drafted by One Voice Wales. This would be reviewed at a future Ordinary General Meeting.

## **Resolved:**

To adopt the current Standing Orders for 2023/24 but to review the revision once available

## **12222: Adopting of Financial Regulations for 2023/24**

## **Resolved:**

To adopt Financial Regulations for 2023/24

## **12223: Mayor and Deputy Mayors Allowance for 2023/24**

The independent remuneration panel recommendations had been reviewed and agreed at a previous Ordinary General Meeting:

Councillor annual payment of £156 were now considered an expense under the ITEPA Income tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and payments would be made to all Councillors in the first week of June unless Councillors stated in writing that they wished to decline the payment prior to that date.

Any consumables could be reclaimed in full on production of receipts, by one annual payment at the end of the fiscal year.

It was agreed that the Mayors Allowance should remain as £950 (Senior role payment £500 plus civic payment £450), with the Deputy Mayor to remain at £300 (Civic Payment)

## **Resolved:**

That the Mayors Allowance remain at £950, and the Deputy Mayor allowance remain at £300 for the 2023/24 year.

## **12224: Agree Members Code of Conduct**

## **Resolved:**

To agree the Members Code of Conduct

## **12225: Terms of Reference for the Committees**

## **Resolved:**

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

## **12226: 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.

## **12227: 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 D Brain

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12228: 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.

## **12229: 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.

## **12230: 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.

## **12231: Eco and Wellbeing Committee**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12232: Community Plan Steering Committee**

The Members of the Committee to be Councillor B Howells, M Davies, J Watkins, D Brain, M Vincent and S Todd

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12233: Election of Representative – One Voice Wales**

The representative of Council at the meetings of Once Voice Wales to be Youth Councillor D Fitzgerald

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12234: Election of Representative – Town / Community Council Liaison Committee**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12235 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.

## **12236: Election of Representative – WREN**

The representative of Council will be Councillor M Davies.

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12237: 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.

## **12238: Election of Representative – Arena/Riverside Project**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12239: Election of Representative – Gwrhyd Liaison Committee**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12240: Bank Reconciliation Check**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12241: Dementia Friendly Champion**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12242: NPT Nature forum**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12243: Heartbeat Trust UK**

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Partners to determine if there were any final actions to be completed

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12244: End of Year Financial Accounts 2023/24**

## **Resolved:**

The End of Year Accounts were agreed and signed by the Mayor on behalf of Council

## **12245: 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.

## **12246: Nationwide Bank Mandate**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

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