## **Annual General Meeting held at Pontardawe Arts Centre, Herbert Street, Pontardawe SA8 4ED, with Hybrid facilities by Virtual Platform Zoom, on the 12th May 2025 commencing at 6.45pm**

## **Present:**

Councillor Mrs J Lord (presiding), Ms G Ffrancon, B Howells, M Vincent, M Davies, G Davies, N Davies (Youth Councillor),Mrs L Purcell, S Todd, J Watkins, D Brain and P Temblett

## **Present online by Zoom:**

Councillor J Nemeth, A Richards, H Davies, Ms E Harper (Youth Councillor) and Mrs R Phillips

## **Apologies:**

None

## **12794: Election of Mayor/Chair for 2025/26**

Councillor G Davies was nominated by Councillor L Purcell and seconded by Councillor M Davies, Councillor P Temblett was nominated by Councillor D Brain and seconded by Councillor G Ffrancon and Councillor D Brain was nominated by Councillor R Phillips and seconded by Councillor M Vincent.

Councillors G Davies, D Brain and P Temblett were however unable to accept the nomination.

Councillor Mrs J Lord was nominated by Councillor S Todd and seconded by Councillor G Davies – She was voted unanimously into Office

Councillor Ffrancon thanked Council and the Clerk for their support during her term in Office. She then wished the new Mayor well for their forthcoming term, and stepped down as Mayor.

Councillor Lord then thanked Councillor Ffrancon for her work during 2024/25, and thanked Council for her nomination.

## **Resolved:**

Councillor Mrs J Lord will be Mayor and Chair of the Council for 2025/26. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed at the meeting.

## **12795: Election of Deputy Mayor for 2025/26**

Councillor D Brain was nominated as Deputy Mayor by Councillor L Purcell and seconded by Councillor G Davies.

Councillor Brain was voted unanimously into Office

## **Resolved:**

Councillor D Brain will be Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chair of the Council for 2025/26. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed at the meeting.

## **12796: Adoption of Standing Orders for 2025/26**

There had been no recommended changes to the previously adopted Standing Orders, which had been made available to Councillor prior to the meeting

## **Resolved:**

To adopt the current Standing Orders for 2025/26.

## **12797: Adopting of Financial Regulations for 2025/26**

There had been recommended changes to the Financial regulations to cover the new Procurement Act 2023, which went into effect on February 24, 2025. Council had been provided with the new model regulation prior to the meeting and agreed to adopt the amended regulations.

## **Resolved:**

To adopt Financial Regulations for 2025/26

## **12798: Mayor and Deputy Mayors Allowance for 2025/26**

The independent remuneration panel recommendations had been reviewed and the following payments agreed:

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 unless Councillors stated in writing that they wished to decline the payment prior to the 30th June 2025

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 2025/26 year.

## **12799: Agree Members Code of Conduct**

## **Resolved:**

To agree the Members Code of Conduct

## **12800: Terms of Reference for the Committees**

## **Resolved:**

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

## **12801: Election of Members – Policy and Resources Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, B Howells, H Davies, A Richards, Mrs L Purcell and J Nemeth

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12802: Election of Members – Planning Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, J Watkins, M Davies, B Howells, M Vincent, S Todd and P Temblett

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12803: Election of Members – Finance Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, G Davies, B Howells, S Todd and M Davies

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12804: Election of Members – Personnel Committee**

The Members of the above Committee to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, B Howells, J Nemeth and A Richards

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12805: Election of Members – Development Committee**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12806: Eco and Wellbeing Committee**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12807: Election of Representative – One Voice Wales**

The representative of Council at the meetings of Once Voice Wales to be Councillor Mrs J Lord

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12808: 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.

## **12809 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.

## **12810: Election of Representative – WREN**

The representative of Council will be Councillor M Davies.

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12811: 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.

## **12812: Election of Representative – Arena/Riverside Project**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillors S Todd with P Temblett as Deputy

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12813: Election of Representative – Gwrhyd Liaison Committee**

The representatives of Council at the meetings to be Councillor D Brain and S Todd. Councillor Mrs R Phillips to be the Residents representative

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12814: Dementia Friendly Champion**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12815: NPT Nature forum**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12816: Bank Reconciliation Check**

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

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12817: Bank Mandate**

The Councillors holding a banking mandate should be Councillor Mrs L Purcell, Mrs R Phillips, B Howells and Ms G Ffrancon

## **Resolved:**

That the above be accepted.

## **12818: End of Year Financial Accounts 2024/25**

## **Resolved:**

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

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

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