

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Lane                      Mayor  
Councillor T Hallett  
Councillor P Rapi  
Councillor Mrs Rossiter  
Councillor Mrs Thomas  
Councillor M Evans  
Councillor Mrs Brown  
Councillor H Johns  
Councillor L Blackhall  
Councillor Dr P Easy

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr A. Davies                      Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer  
Mrs L Hensman                      Assistant Clerk

**1.     OPENING PRAYER**

Father Michael Fewell as the Mayor's Chaplain opened the meeting with prayers.

**2.     APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs Putwain and Councillor Mrs Durham.

**3.     ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2014/15**

The Mayor asked all Councillors in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor P Rapi expressed his wish to be considered for Mayor 2015/16. Councillor Rapi asked Councillor Mrs Lane if she wished to stand again, she declined as she has served for the previous two years.

The Mayor was delighted to propose Councillor P Rapi as Mayor for 2015/16, he is a Tenby boy, born and bred within the town walls. He was a St Theresa's pupil who went on to work in his father's local Ice Cream Business. Councillor Rapi is a very well liked member of the community with a special passion for the youth of the town. He has served for eleven years as a Tenby Town Councillor expressing his passion, drive and commitment to the town. Councillor Rapi has taught many pupils music over the years at the local secondary school as well as creating and conducting various school Orchestras, Wind Bands and Jazz Bands. During the last two years Councillor Rapi has proved himself as a worthy Deputy Mayor and therefore she had no doubt in proposing Councillor Rapi as Mayor of Tenby for 2015/16.

Councillor Mrs Rossiter agreed with everything the Mayor had said about Councillor Rapi and added that she felt he had a great affinity with the youth of the town. He has tremendous respect from pupils, staff and colleagues for all he does and has done by making music fun over the years. The orchestra and other musical ensembles have achieved various accolades under his leadership. In addition he has given a lot to TTC including bringing council into the 21<sup>st</sup>

Century with modern technology. She said his cousin who sadly was no longer here would have been so proud of him becoming Mayor of Tenby, and his Mum and Dad would have been too. Without hesitation she seconded the proposal.

**Resolved that Councillor Paul Rapi be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Paul Rapi on his appointment as Mayor of Tenby before asking him to perform the Declaration of Acceptance of Office followed by the Swearing of the Oath.

The Mayor's party then left the meeting to undertake the robbing. On returning Councillor Rapi took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for the kind words and putting their faith in his ability to be Mayor for 2015/16.

**5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2015/16**

Councillor Rapi proposed Councillor Mrs Lane as his Deputy Mayor for 2015/16 and outlined his reasons for asking her. He said she had been a councillor for many years and was extremely hard working and committed to promoting Tenby, always being seen in and around Tenby meeting people. Having been Mayor for seven times she is by far the best mentor anyone could have and he expressed his appreciation for all the encouragement she gave him during his two years as Deputy Mayor. He could think of no one better to support him for his forthcoming year.

Councillor Blackhall firstly congratulated the Mayor on his appointment. He felt Councillor Mrs Lane would be a fantastic deputy and agreed she was well used to the role. She would easily be able to stand in when he is incapacitated as well as being a mentor with a vast amount of advice from experience. Without hesitation he seconded the proposal.

**Resolved that Councillor Mrs Lane be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2015/16.**

The Mayor presented Councillor Mrs Lane with the Deputy Mayor's Chain and Scroll.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SERGEANT AT MACE**

Councillor Mrs Brown firstly congratulated the Mayor on his appointment and wished him good luck for the coming year. She continued saying it was a great pleasure to thank the two Mace Bearers who carry out their duties so willingly. She proposed Mr John Morgan be appointed as Sergeant at Arms and Mr E Vokes as Sergeant at Mace in his absence as unfortunately he was not in attendance due to a family bereavement. On behalf of TTC she sent condolences to Mr Vokes' family. Councillor Dr P Easy was delighted to second the proposal, and thanked both gentlemen for their service.

**Resolved that Mr John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms and Mr Ernie Vokes as Sergeant at Mace.**

The Mayor presented Mr J Morgan with his Scroll and would present Mr E Vokes with his scroll at a later date.

Mr J Morgan congratulated Councillor P Rapi on his appointment as Mayor of Tenby.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 2015/16**

The Mayor was pleased to appoint Father Michael Fewell as his Chaplain for the coming year 2015/16 and he was confident of the appointment and knew they would be spending a lot of time together.

The Mayor presented Father Fewell with his Scroll.

Father Fewell congratulated the Mayor on his appointment and said it was a great pleasure to undertake the role of Mayor's Chaplain to him and Sarah, his wife, as Mayoress.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2015/16**

The Mayor was pleased to appoint his wife, Sarah, as his Mayoress for the ensuing year and presented her with her chain of office and a scroll.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORESS FOR THE YEAR 2015/16**

The Mayor appointed Miss Charley Reohorn as Deputy Mayoress for 2015/16 and thanked her for the support she will give.

**10. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs Thomas firstly congratulated the Mayor on his appointment and knew it would be great fun working with him.

Councillor Mrs Thomas said Councillor Mrs Lane has served the town in an excellent way for many years and yet every time she is in office she has new ideas and ways to improve Tenby further. She cares about the gardens, giving support to the beautification team who work tirelessly for the town. She encourages councillors to attend walkabouts around the town to spot areas that need attention before actioning a plan to tackle new initiatives to promote Tenby. She always listens to the people of Tenby and is there to welcome visiting groups to promote our town on all levels. Now is her time to settle into her new home and enjoy time with her new grand-daughter; however she will not be retiring as she will support the Mayor as his deputy.

Councillor Evans congratulated Councillor Rapi on his appointment as Mayor and wished him every success for the year, adding that he knew his parents would be very proud of this moment.

He seconded all Councillor Mrs Thomas has said to the retiring Mayor and added his own thanks. Councillor Mrs Lane had been a true ambassador for the town and worked well with her fellow councillors, representing them well in all she undertook. She wears Tenby on her sleeve and the town is at the heart of everything she does. He was glad she would not be retiring and offered his heartfelt thanks for all she has done for Tenby especially during this last year when the economy was bad, she took stock and looked for ways to build the town up and worked through the negatives, turning the bad times to good.

**11. RESPONSE BY RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs Lane personally thanked her fellow Councillors for their kind words and said a Mayor is only as good as the support they receive and therefore she thanked her fellow councillors for being there and supporting her ideas. She thanked the local organisations' and

volunteers who work so hard for the town. Their help has become a necessity to maintain the town at the standard everyone has come to expect. She thanked the local services who work tirelessly year in and year out for us all and the visitors annually.

She presented gifts to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk who she thanked for their support during the last year.

Cllr. Mrs. Lane thanked the mace bearers Mr J Morgan and Mr E Vokes in his absence for carrying out their duties with dignity presenting them with a gift as a token of her thanks.

She thanked her Mayor's Chaplin for his support throughout the last year and gave him a gift as a token of her thanks.

Finally she thanked her daughter, Sian, who supported her all year as her Mayoress, without her continued support she would not be able to give the commitment to everything she does and endeavours to do.

Lastly she presented Councillor Mrs Rossiter, Councillor Mrs Brown and Councillor Blackhall with a gift as a thank you for their time they voluntary give every week attending the fund raising bingo evenings.

Before she took her seat to enjoy the evening she wished Councillor Rapi a very special year in office as the 1<sup>st</sup> citizen of Tenby.

**12. CONFIRMATION OF MAYORS SUNDAY**

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Sunday Civic Service date would be announced in due course.

**13. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS**

Proposed by Councillor H Johns that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor T Hallett. The proposition was carried.

**Resolved that all statutory business be adjourned until the next Meeting of Council which would be held at the De Valence Pavilion on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

**14. PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain Father Fewell closed the meeting by asking all present to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_