

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Annual meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday, 19th May 2015 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells.**

**Present:** Cllr C Rouse, E Worgan, J Williams, J Green, S Meredudd, R Coleman, R Houghton, A Bridgman, S Meredudd, S Millington, G Price, C Carmichael

**Apologies:** Cllr W Francis, C Bailey, S Dorkenoo

**Absent:** None

The Chairman welcomed all members to the first meeting of the new Llandrindod Wells Town Council.

#### **AGM 01/15 Chairman's Report**

This is only the end of my third year on Town Council and it has been an honour and privilege to serve you and the town as Mayor and Chairman over the last year. It has been a busy year but I am ready to put my feet up with glass of wine and to hand over the reigns to your newly elected Chairman and Mayor.

I am thankful and grateful to all the Councillors who have worked extremely hard and tirelessly this year for the benefit of our town. I thank you all for your support and hard work. My thanks and appreciation must also go to our Town Clerk, Jane. We are very fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated individual, who has kept me in-line; well all of us really.

There have been significant memorable moments throughout the year, starting with Queens Baton Relay in May 2014, which seems such a long time ago. The enthusiasm and community spirit was not dampened by the worst weather of the week. Many of you worked hard to make this a success, with over 1000 people attending.

It was a privilege to work with Royal British Legion to commemorate the start of WW1. The first event being a commemorative service where many individuals and service groups participated, followed by our "Lights Out" evening on the Monday. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the vigil at the Memorial, a very moving evening. It was even more of a surprise to learn later in the year, that the Town Council and Llandrindod Wells RBL were selected for an award for the contribution made to WW1 commemorations and to the funds for the Flanders War memory. This reflects that hard work and time given by the people to make these events a success.

The Brecknock and Radnor Sports Awards saw Philip Davies a local volunteer with the Football Club win the Town Councils sponsored award.

How can I forget our successful Food and Beer festival, extended this year to 2 days. My thanks go to Jane for her excellent idea to run a Tombola which has raised money for one of my charities Powys Dyslexia Support Group.

Wherever I have gone I have been made to feel welcome and I have been proud to represent this town and you the Town Council. As I have previously said, it is seeing "ordinary people doing extraordinary things"

I have judged pizzas, floats, singing and dancing routines, made Welsh Cakes, swept and mopped the under Rock Canopy, handed out winning trophies to men in leathers, sampled food, given welcome speeches, paddled in a pool of flour and water, cut a couple of ribbons, drunk beer, and even pretended I needed the toilet, all in the name of carrying out the Civic duties as Mayor.

The future is bright for the Town Council ....

We are going through a period of transformation and starting to feel and having to respond to the effects of the budget restraints on the County Council, and it won't get any easier as we move into a new financial year. We are faced with difficult decisions and stretched budgets, to ensure services are delivered to our public, I am confident that we will rise to the challenges set before us as a strong and committed Town Council.

The work has started, and we have;

- Carried out a Community Delivery survey
- Taken on the maintenance of the flowers and borders
- Taken over the running and ownership of the Station Crescent Toilets.
- Provided funding for a new Memorial Wall for Royal British Legion
- Installed Bird & Bat Boxes in the Lake Park
- Commissioned works to commence to install new play equipment at the Lake.
- Established a new Finance Committee to streamline our finance and budget process.

The coming year looks to continue being busy, and there is much more to do and to look forward to. Therefore I wish my successor my very best wishes for their coming year as Mayor and Chairman.

Finally I have also this year decided to give 2 Mayor's Community awards. I was pleased to give the first award to Di Greaves for her voluntary work and passion for all things "eco". The 2<sup>nd</sup> award is yet to be announced.

I would like to end my report as I have started, by saying that it has been a great privilege to be your Town Mayor during the past year. I have enjoyed working with our Town Clerk and you my fellow Councillors and want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your work during the past year.

Mayors' Community Awards presented to Di Greaves and Samantha Evans.  
Thanks to all members for their hard work and support.

**AGM 02/15 Election of Chairman/Mayor 2015/16**

Cllr Ron Houghton and Chris Rouse were nominated for the office of Chairman. A ballot took place. Cllr Chris Rouse was elected to serve as Chairman for 2015/16

The Chairman thanked members for electing her to serve for the forthcoming year. She confirmed that it has been a very busy year; probably the busiest the Town Council has ever had, starting with The Commonwealth Baton Relay and finishing with the opening of the Station Crescent Public Toilets with many things in between such as the WW1 Commemoration events and the ribbon cutting at the relocation of the Library, which the former Chairman was asked to do at a moment's notice. Cllr Rouse commented that when Cllr Worgan had represented the town and Town Council she delivered her speeches with such charm and a lovely smile . "Well done and thank you."

**AGM 03/15 Election of Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor 2015/16**

Cllr Ron Houghton and Cllr Jon Williams were nominated for the office of Vice Chairman. A ballot took place. Cllr Jon Williams was elected to service as Vice Chairman for 2015/16

**AGM 04/15 To appoint members to serve on Council Committees:**

Members were appointed as per the attached list.

**AGM 05/15 Cheque Signatories**

**Resolved:** Signatories to be Cllrs J Green, P Hill, S Meredudd, G Price, S Millington, H Macaulay, E Worgan & C Rouse.

Chairman ..... Date .....