

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 17 MAY 2021 6.00 p.m.
MAIN HALL TOWN HALL

Councillors present:- Alan Williams, Richard Parry, Adrienne Edwards, Hywel Williams, W J Chorlton, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, Mrs Ann Kennedy, Glyn Haynes, Vaughan Williams, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Keith R Roberts and Ken Tatlock

In attendance: Robert Henderson, Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Debbie Parry, Community Services Manager
Mrs P R Scott Clerk/Typist
Eira Fôn Parry, Translator

Councillor Alan Williams, the out-going Mayor stated that he had enjoyed his extended term of office as Mayor over the past two years and that this last year had proved somewhat difficult due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions. He had attended various Services at the Church and at the Holyhead Cenotaph to mark Remembrance Sunday; VE Day 75th anniversary; the Scotia Memorial and the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. There were two simultaneous Services to commemorate Remembrance Sunday in 2020, one at the St Cybi's Church Field of Remembrance and one at the Holyhead Cenotaph. He also attended various other local events – presented a Town Council plaque to the visiting ship RSS Sir David Attenborough and a 100 year celebration of the Trearddur Bay Sailing Club plus attended various Fun Days in different Wards in the town and a family Fun Day at the Plas Road allotments. He got up at 6.00 a.m. to officially commence the Tour De Môn bike riders for the 2019 event. He worked with the Town Clerk and Councillor Ken Tatlock to re-open the new improved playground at Peibio. He met with the local MP Virginia Crosbie to discuss various issues; attended the Island Games in the Leisure Centre and at the Holyhead Hotspur football ground, he met with Mr Fred Jones to discuss the Conygar development and with Mr Ed Hughes of Holyhead Marina to discuss the plans for the future of the marina following "Storm Emma". He also met with representatives of Orthios regarding their future plans and hopefully another visit can be arranged for members of the Town Council to attend in the future. Councillor Williams also met with representatives from Greystones on their swim from Holyhead to Dublin; he attended the official presentation of a decorative banner honouring Holyhead's role in the Harry Potter companion book "Quidditch through the Ages". He handed out School dictionaries to pupils leaving Primary School education together with other Town Councillors. He opened, together with Radio Presenter Kev Bach, the new St David's Hospice shop in Stanley Street which has now relocated to the Penrhos Retail Park; he attended the start of "The One Show" Rickshaw Challenge Charity event from Holyhead; attended the St David's Day celebration lunch held at the Standing Stones; he liaised with the Town Clerk regarding the on-going up-grade of the facilities at the Town Park; he has kept in touch

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on a regular basis with our friends in Greystones and hosted a visit to the John Cave MBE "From Me to You" exhibition for Kathleen and Ross from Greystones. He hosted a group from Greenore to the John Cave MBE Memorial meal organised by the Holyhead Maritime Museum; Visited Greystones in 2019 together with representatives of the Holyhead and Bangor Male Voice Choir and some Councillors to attend their Christmas Lighting Switch on Ceremony. The Magee Bros also accompanied those attending on this visit. He hosted a visit by Greystone Councillors and officers for two days over the Holyhead Festival weekend in 2019 and produced several videos to commemorate events in Holyhead and St Patrick's Day in Greystones.

In February 2020, along with Councillor Hywel Williams met up with Kathleen, Clerk of the Greystones Town Council. He sat on the St David's Day Parade Committee for Holyhead; he supported the Town Clerk and officers during the pandemic and worked with the Town Clerk to up-grade & decorating works at the Empire; he signed off our mortgage/loan for the Town Council to buy the Empire building; he saved some historic wall plaques for the town which hopefully, will go on to be displayed in the town hall; he took part in the making of a video from Holyhead Santa to everyone due to the COVID Pandemic and another video to Holyhead residents due to the COVID Pandemic.

Due to the fact that the Mayor Councillor Williams could not attend as many events due to the COVID Pandemic he has donated part of his Mayor's allowance to the following groups or organisations:-

Holyhead Maritime Museum; Holyhead Plas Road Allotments Association; Holyhead Sea Cadets; St David's Hospice; Two local boys – Charlie McCoy and Archie Rossington who saved a man's life at the Holyhead Marina; the Llaingoch Horticultural Society and the Andy Williams Charity paddle in aid of MENCAP.

Cllr Alan Williams concluded his address by thanking all Officers, staff and fellow Town Councillors, especially Cllr Hywel Williams for their assistance during the past two years, also his family members and friends. Finally, he wished the newly elected Mayor good wishes during his term of office.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that Councillor Richard Parry be elected as Mayor. He thanked his fellow Councillors and said that he would do his best on behalf of the townspeople of Holyhead. He paid tribute to the out-going Mayor, Councillor Alan Williams for his dedication during two terms of office as Mayor. Councillor Parry stated that it was an honour to be elected as Mayor as his father had been Chairman of the former Holyhead Urban District Council in 1960.

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Councillor Parry nominated his wife Shirley as his Consort and put on the Mayoral Chain of Office and a photograph was taken by Mr Richard Burnell.

Minute no. 5632/2021

2. To ask the question "Is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting?"

No – one was recording the meeting.

3. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keith Thomas, Jennifer Saboor and Raymond Jones

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:**

No Declarations were received.

5. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2021/2022:**

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to elect Councillor Adrienne Edwards as Deputy Mayor:

No other Councillor were nominated and Councillor Adrienne Edwards was happy to be elected as Deputy Mayor for Holyhead.

She said she would work closely with the newly elected Mayor, Councillor Richard Parry and do her best during her term of office. She thanked her fellow Councillors for being elected as Deputy Mayor.

Minute no. 5633/2021

6. **TO REVIEW AND ADOPT UP-DATED STANDING ORDERS:**

The Town Clerk stated that there was a slight amendment to the Standing Orders, that being that Powers to Act would be given to the Events/Christmas Lighting Committee in the future and that the sum of £5,000 per item would be the limit on any Contract amount paid as the Clerk had already got Powers to Act regarding this.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to adopt the newly up-dated Standing Orders.

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7. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

The Town Clerk stated that all staff were now back on full – time hours.

The Community Services Manager, Debbie Parry stated that the Play Centre had re-opened and that all bookings were pre-booked in advance.

She added that the Empire Cinema had re-opened and was doing well and was subject to social distancing by those attending. Cleaning and fogging of the facility was being undertaken by the staff at various times during the day.

The Pavilion Café had re-opened following refurbishment and a steady income was being received. During good weather, the café was more busy and when raining was quieter.

Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy congratulated the Town Clerk Robert Henderson and staff for keeping all our facilities safe during the time of the Pandemic.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with a representative of “Keep Wales Tidy” on the initiative of planting several trees in the Town Park in the future.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the commencement of the new 3G pitch in the Town Park would take place on the 28 June 2021 and would last until August 2021.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 p.m.
