

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
CARDIFF ANNUAL MEETING

The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff met at City Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 29 May, 2014 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 22 May 2014.

Present: County Councillor Derek Morgan (Lord Mayor in the Chair);

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Richard Cook, Corria, Cowan, Davies, Davis, De' Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Ford, Furlong, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Margaret Jones, Keith Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, Lomax, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walker, Walsh, Weaver, Craig Williams, Darren Williams and Woodman

Apologies: County Councillors Ralph Cook, Love, Michael and Stubbs.

1 : WEBCASTING AND RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

Formal approval to record the proceedings was agreed.

2 : ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF FOR
2014/2015

Council, at its meeting on 27 March approved the nomination of Councillor Margaret Jones as Lord Mayor Elect.

The nomination was formally proposed by County Councillor Walker and seconded by County Councillor Cowan.

RESOLVED – That County Councillor Margaret Jones be elected as Lord Mayor of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for 2013/2014.

(Councillor Derrick Morgan invested the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff with the chains of office)

The Lord Mayor invested the Lord Mayor's Consort, Lawrence Jones with his chain of office.

3 : ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor was delighted and honoured to be elected Cardiff's 110th Lord Mayor and wanted to thank Councillor David Walker and Councillor Jayne Cowan for their kind words, and her husband Lawrence, family and friends for their support here today.

The Lord Mayor fully appreciated the high expectations that come with the role of first citizen and relishes the challenge that has been set up for her to help ensure that Wales' capital city, and all it has to offer, continues to be projected in the best possible light to all with whom she comes into contact.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Ali Ahmed on his inauguration as the first Muslim Deputy Lord Mayor for the City of Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor announced that Tenovus the Cancer Charity will be my nominated charity for the year. Tenovus is the leading cancer charity in Wales providing support services to people in the community suffering from the disease and that she looked forward to working with the charity representatives on many fundraising events over the future months. The Lord Mayor hoped that all Councillors show their support where possible by attending the events planned throughout my mayoral year.

Finally the Lord Mayor thanked the outgoing Lord Mayor, Derrick Morgan and the outgoing Lady Mayoress for being superb ambassadors for our capital city.

4 : ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF FOR 2014/2015

Council, at its meeting on 27 March approved the nomination of Councillor Ali Ahmed as Deputy Lord Mayor Elect.

The nomination was formally proposed by County Councillor Weaver and seconded by County Councillor Woodman.

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff with the chains of office.

The Lord Mayor invested the Deputy Lady Mayoress, Salma Ahmed, with her chain of office.

The Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor signed the Declarations of Acceptance

5 : VOTE OF THANKS FROM THE LEADER & LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION, CONSERVATIVE GROUP, INDEPENDENT GROUP AND PLAID CYMRU GROUP.

The Leader welcomed this opportunity to be able to lead the tribute to thank the outgoing Lord Mayor, Councillor Derrick Morgan and thank him for his enormous contribution to civic business in the City of Cardiff since his appointment in September 2012.

On behalf of himself and Councillor Heather Joyce, as the previous Leader of the Council he extended both warm and sincere personal thanks to Councillor Morgan for undertaking the civic roles and responsibilities with great warmth, dignity and enthusiasm, and for the tremendous support and fund raising efforts for the two charities, Llamau and Cardiff Foodbank.

On behalf of the City of Cardiff the Leader presented Councillor Morgan with his outgoing badges of office.

Councillor Woodman , on behalf of the Opposition, offered thanks for Councillor Morgan's excellent chairmanship of Council meetings over the last couple of years, and as Lord Mayor for being such a wonderful

ambassador for Cardiff. She also offered thanks to his Consort, Nellie, for her support of him.

Councillor Walker, on behalf of the Conservative Group, having known him for so long, also offered his thanks for the excellent two years' service.

Councillor Cowan on behalf of the Independent Group indicated that she was also delighted to be able to thank him for the giving of his time so freely for charity events, in particular in Rhiwbina and the positive feed bag that has always been received.

Councillor Neil McEvoy on behalf the Plaid Cymru Group, thanked him for chairing the council meetings so admirably whilst being a credit to himself and the city. The Group has appreciated his help and support and the fact that he has been approachable. He wished him well for the future.

6 : ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST LORD MAYOR

The outgoing Lord Mayor indicated that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as the Lord Mayor of Cardiff for the last 20 months. During that time has attended many memorable events and occasions and met countless citizens with amazing stories – many who have overcome disadvantages and are now flourishing and achieving their potential.

He had represented the people of the city on extremely poignant and heartfelt acts of Remembrance for Holocaust and the victims of two world wars and other genocides. These events are even more poignant this year as the start of World War 1 is commemorated and the memories of the people who were affected by these atrocities will always remain.

Over the past two years the Lord Mayors nominated charities, Llamau and Cardiff Foodbank have benefitted greatly from the support of Members, local communities and members of the public and he indicated that this year's fundraising total for Cardiff Foodbank is over £19,200 and equally important – over a tonne of food donations have been collected at Council venues which have made a real difference to people suffering short term periods of crisis.

The outgoing Lord Mayor thanked the Lady Mayoress for her continual support and the many consorts who have accompanied him on engagements, the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor for all her support and wished her well in her role as incoming Lord Mayor of Cardiff and all Members of Council for their support.

7 : MINUTES - 17 APRIL 2014

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor subject to the following amendments:

Min No: 189 - Page 604

To remove the word 'licence' from the last sentence.

Min No: 190 – Page 613

That the supplementary question put forward by Councillor Woodman be amended to read:

'Would the Cabinet Member confirm it this administration is continuing collecting E Roof stats'

8 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 16 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, and to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

9 : THE CARDIFF UNDERTAKING FOR COUNCILLORS

On 1 July 2004, Council approved the Cardiff Undertaking to provide an opportunity for Members to publicly commit to using their term of office to work for the Council, the City and its citizens, and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council.

Elected Members were asked signed up to the Cardiff Undertaking as amended to reflect the approved Local Resolution Protocol and endorse their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Cardiff Undertaking be endorsed.

10 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

HMS Dragon given the Freedom of Cardiff

I was pleased to see the city of Cardiff celebrating its newest Honorary Freemen this month as HMS Dragon, the Royal Navy's newest warship, came to visit, mooring in the Roath Basin, Cardiff Bay.

The ship and its 190-strong crew were awarded the Freedom of the City in a ceremony outside City Hall. A flag waving crowd soaked up the sunshine as they showed their support while the Band of the Royal Marines played and Captain Rex Cox accepted the honour.

The crew celebrated the award by marching through the streets of Cardiff with swords drawn, bayonets fixed and colours unfurled to the delight of visitors to the city centre.

HMS Dragon follows in the footsteps of the last warship to be affiliated to the city. HMS Cardiff was awarded the Freedom of the City in 1988. The ships are two of only ten organisations to be presented with the Freedom of the City since records began in 1886.

During its visit HMS Dragon opened its doors to members of the public. Over 3,000 people took the opportunity to tour the ship and talk to local crew members before they left Cardiff's shores and set sail for Portsmouth.

I would like to thank Captain Cox and the Crew of HMS Dragon for visiting the city and everyone who attended the Freedom ceremony, making it a fantastic day for Cardiff.

It has also been an honour and privilege to bestow the Freedom of the City of Cardiff upon the 203 (Welsh) Field Hospital.

11 : LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET

The Leader firstly offered thanks to Councillor Ralph Cook who has served as Deputy Leader of the Council for the last two years and to welcome Councillor Sue Lent to the Cabinet as the new Deputy Leader.

He also welcomed Councillor Sam Knight as Assistant to Cabinet Member for Delivering the Co-Operative Council agenda, Councillor Darren Williams as Assistant to Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Poverty and Councillor Sarah Merry as Assistant to Cabinet Member Young People and Learning, including libraries.

The Leader formally moved that Councillor Sue Lent be elected as Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor Weaver seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Lent be elected as Deputy Leader of the County Council for 2014/2015.

12 : MEMBERS' REMUNERATION & ALLOWANCES 2013/14

The report detailed for consideration the prescribed levels of Members' remuneration and allowances that are payable in 2014/15, as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW), and agree those matters which are reserved for local determination by the Council

The Independent Panel has determined that the Basic Salary for elected members in Wales to be raised from £13,175 (which was payable in both 2012/13 and 2013/14) to £13,300 in 2014/15.

The Independent Panel has determined that there is no change to the maximum proportion of the Council's membership that is eligible to receive a Senior Salary in 2014/15. In Cardiff this equates to a maximum of 19. This was reduced to 18 at the meeting of council on 27 March 2014 and is reflected in the table contained in the report.

Councillor Chris Weaver moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Nigel Howells seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED –

1. to agree the allocation of 18 Senior Salary positions for 2014/15 and an additional one senior salary position to be determined;
2. to set the Civic Salary payable for the positions of Civic Head (Lord Mayor) and Deputy Civic Head (Deputy Lord Mayor) in accordance with the Band A level of Civic Salary payments 2017/2015; and
3. that the payment of Co-opted Member fees should continue to be based on a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year in 2014/15.

13 : ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, THEIR SIZE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Constitution provides that the Council will at its Annual Meeting, decide on any amendments to its standing Committees for the municipal year, the size and terms of reference of those committees, and the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.

Councillor Chris Weaver moved the recommendations as set out in the report and amendment sheet,

Councillor Nigel Howells seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the Committee structure, size and terms of reference of each committee be agreed as detailed in appendix A to the report;
- (2) the allocation of seats on each Committee based on political balance be agreed as detailed in the appendix B to the report.

14 : NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Following the establishment of Committees and the allocation of seats on each Committee, in accordance with the requirement to achieve political balance, Council was required to give effect to the wishes of party groups with regard to the identities of the persons who were to represent that group on each Committee.

The Council received nominations for Committee Chairs and where required Deputy Chairs; and Members of Committee, details of which were included on the amendment sheet.

Councillor Chris Weaver moved the recommendations.

Councillor Nigel Howells seconded.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the nominations received from the political groups to the seats allocated to each group be noted;
- (2) the Chief Executive report to the next Council meeting the details of all nominations received from political groups for information, taking into account any further nominations or changes notified as part of and following this meeting;
- (3) the following Chairs and Deputy Chairs be elected:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Planning Committee	Councillor Michael (Chair) Councillor Lynda Thorne (Deputy Chair)
Licensing Committee	Councillor Parry (Chair) Councillor Manzoor Ahmed (Deputy Chair)
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Parry (Chair) Councillor Manzoor Ahmed (Deputy Chair)
Constitution Committee	Councillor Lent

Employment Conditions Committee	Councillor Hinchey
Council Appeals Committee	Councillor Lent
Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Cowan
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Richard cook
Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Groves
Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Craig Williams
Environmental Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mitchell
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Howells

15 : NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Constitution provides that the Council will, from time to time, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representative of the Council on outside bodies. This report dealt solely with those outside bodies required on an annual basis and requested at this time in order to meet particular AGM deadlines.

Councillor Chris Weaver moved the recommendations as set out in the report

Councillor Nigel Howells seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That

(i) the following nominations to outside bodies be approved:

- (a) WLGA Council – Councillor Lent
- (b) LGA General Assembly – Councillors Bale, Elsmore, Howells and Craig Williams
- (c) Prosiect Gwyrdd Committee – Councillors Derbyshire & Hinchey
- (d) South Wales Fire Authority - County Councillors Bale, Hyde, Javed, McKerlich and Patel
- (e) South Wales Police and Crime Panel - County Councillors De’Ath & Lloyd

16 : PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Council was asked to approve the calendar of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings June 2014 to August 2015 as amended.

Councillor Chris Weaver moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Nigel Howells seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the programme of Council and Cabinet meetings June 2014 to July 2015, as amended, be approved;
- (2) the programme of ordinary Committees for June to August 2015 be approved;

(Meeting closed at 17.40pm)

Chair: _____

Date: _____