

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday, 16th May 2017 in Committee Room A, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells.

Present: Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, G Price, S Meredudd, B Makusha, B Williams

Apologies: Cllr W Francis

Absent: None

The outgoing Chairman welcomed all members to the first meeting of the new Llandrindod Wells Town Council and thanked members for their support over the last year.

AGM 01/17 Chairman's Report

"Well, what an extremely busy year it has been! When I joined the Town Council, I had no intention of being anything other than a Councillor; but when the opportunity arose to be the Mayor, I willingly accepted, hoping that I could make a difference and not let anybody down. I think it's fair to say it's not always been a smooth ride, but when you are driven into doing the best you can for the good of the town, you won't please everybody. Looking back over the many events, meetings and celebrations we have been involved with, it makes me think, how did we fit it all in to just one year?

I started my year with the hope that I could raise the profile of the Town Council within our community and forge or mend links with organisations and businesses, to try and get everyone to work together more. I hope that you feel, as I do, that we have had some success in this, and that the town on the whole, is starting to forge new links and work together more.

I have really enjoyed my time as Mayor, meeting so many people and getting to talk about our town and the many great things that go on here. I have learnt so much this year about what goes on in town and I have only just scratched the surface.

I have had so many highlights throughout the year it is hard to pick the best one, but a few that stick out are:

- Presenting the Queen's Birthday coins to the schools and being asked if I was the Queen!
- Representing the Town and laying the poppy wreath on Remembrance Day.
- The Christmas light switch on with Lily Rauber, someone that has done so much for our town.

- Representing our Town at the Anniversary Celebrations with our twin town Bad Rappenau.

But I think the most memorable will be the comments and thanks that people have given me either by email, phone calls, letters and cards or just by stopping me in the street to say thank you. This, more than anything, makes me think I didn't do such a bad job after all.

I couldn't have done any of this on my own and I would like to thank Jane for all of the help and support she has given me throughout my time on Town Council. Again, I think we would both say it hasn't been plain sailing, but we weathered the storms and have come out the other side in a better place, even with my mad ideas about what Town Council should be doing!

Finally, and for me, most importantly, my thanks to my family. We all knew it would be a busy year but they have had to put up with me being out at meetings or events, and not being at home so much. Even when we are together, just out shopping or in the street, they are used to people stopping to chat or talk over problems, and having to wait around whilst I chat away. After all of this they have still supported me and joined in with things they would probably have preferred not to do. This above all will be my memory of my time as Mayor the support you have given me, thank you.

It has been my very great pleasure to have been Llandrindod Wells Town Mayor for this year, and something that I will always treasure. Thank you for believing in me and I wish whoever is going to be following me, the very best of luck. My advice? Remember you will only get out of it what you put in."

AGM 02/17 Election of Chairman/Mayor 2017/18

Cllr Jon Williams and Cllr Elaine Worgan were nominated for the office of Chairman. Cllr Jon Williams was elected to serve as Chairman for 2017/18.

AGM 03/17 Election of Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor 2017/18

Cllr Elaine Worgan, Cllr Benjamin Williams and Cllr Brian Makusha were nominated for the office of Vice Chairman. Cllr Elaine Worgan was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for 2017/18

AGM 04/17 To appoint members to serve on Council Committees:

Members were appointed to some committees, however further appointments would be made following the co-option to the vacancies.

AGM 05/17 Cheque Signatories

Resolved: Signatories to be Cllrs G Price, S Meredudd, E Worgan, J Williams, W Francis, B Williams, B Makusha