

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL
CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY
2017**

PRESENT

County Councillors MC Alexander, M Barnes, B Baynham, G Breeze, J Charlton, L V Corfield, K W Curry, A W Davies, B Davies, D E Davies, P Davies, S C Davies, M J Dorrance, E Durrant, D O Evans, J Evans, L Fitzpatrick, L George, J Gibson-Watt, M R Harris, S M Hayes, H Hulme, A Jenner, E A Jones, D R Jones, E Jones, E M Jones, G Jones, J R Jones, M J Jones, D Jones-Poston, F H Jump, K Laurie-Parry, H Lewis, K Lewis, P E Lewis, S Lewis, MC Mackenzie, S McNicholas, DW Meredith, C Mills, JG Morris, G Morgan, N Morrison, R Powell, WD Powell, D R Price, GD Price, P C Pritchard, J Pugh, G Pugh, G W Ratcliffe, L Roberts, P Roberts, K M Roberts-Jones, E Roderick, D Rowlands, D Selby, K S Silk, D A Thomas, R G Thomas, T J Van-Rees, E Vaughan, M Weale, J Wilkinson, A Williams, G I S Williams, D H Williams, J Williams, J M Williams, R Williams and S L Williams

The outgoing Chair, Keith Tampin, thanked his wife, his secretary and members for their support during his year of office. Members paid tribute to Mr Tampin for the way in which he had represented the Council.

1.	ELECTION OF CHAIR
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County Councillor Dai Davies was nominated by Montgomeryshire.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Dai Davies be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

2.	APOLOGIES
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There were no apologies for absence.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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All Members declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in relation to Members' Salaries, Allowances and Expenses pursuant to paragraph 12 (2) (b)(iv) of the Code of Conduct.

4.	RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT - ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS
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Council received details of the Councillors elected on 4th May, 2017.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the details of Councillors elected on 4th May, 2017 be noted.	To comply with the Council's Constitution.

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE LEADER

County Councillor Rosemarie Harris was nominated. Following a ballot it was

RESOLVED that County Councillor Rosemarie Harris be elected to the office of Executive Leader of Powys County Council.

6. EXECUTIVE LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that the Independent Group would be working with the Conservative group to form a Cabinet. She would advise of the appointments to the Cabinet in the coming days.

The Chair advised that he was changing the running order of the agenda to take the reports on Trefeglwys Community Council and Members' Salaries, Allowances and Expenses next then adjourn Council for the Shire Committees to meet and for group leaders to meet and finalise their appointments to committees.

7. TREFEGLWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council was advised that no candidates had come forward to stand for Trefeglwys Community Council at the elections on 4th May 2017. Until an election was held on 29th June 2017, it was proposed that the County Councillors for Blaen Hafren, Caersws, Llanidloes and Llandinam act as temporary members.

The recommendation was moved by County Councillor TJ Van-Rees and seconded by County Councillor MC Alexander and passed by 68 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To make the Trefeglwys Community Council (Removal of Difficulty) Order 2017 as set out in Appendix A to the report.	To enable the said Community Council to function in the interim period before the elections on 29 June 2017.

8. MEMBERS' SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Council considered the report of the Strategic Director – Resources on Members' Salaries, Allowances and Expenses together with the Schedule of Members' Remuneration. The salaries, allowances and fees that are payable to Members and Co-Opted Members of the Council had been set in accordance with statute, regulations and annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW).

The recommendation was moved by County Councillor TJ Van-Rees and seconded by County Councillor JM Williams and passed by 68 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>1. That the allocation of up to 18 Senior Salaries as detailed in section 4 of the report be approved.</p> <p>2. To endorse the contents of the report.</p> <p>3. To approve the Schedule of Members' Remuneration based on the report subject to the inclusion of any amendments to the Chairs of Committees.</p>	<p>To take decisions relating to Members' Salaries, Allowances and Expenses in accordance with statute and the annual report and regulations of the IRPW.</p>

The Chair advised that he was adjourning the meeting for the Shire Committee meetings to take place to consider nominations for the Vice-Chair and Assistant Vice-Chair of Council. Council adjourned at 11.15 a.m. and reconvened at 1.09 p.m. County Councillor PC Pritchard left the meeting.

9.	ALLOCATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED TO BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
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Council considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council on the allocations and appointments to be made to committees and outside bodies.

Appointments to Shire Committees

The recommendation in 5.3 of the report to appoint members to Shire Committees was moved by County Councillor MC Alexander and seconded by County Councillor KM Roberts-Jones and passed by 68 votes to 1 with 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>To make appointments to Shire Committees as set out in Appendix 5.</p>	<p>To comply with the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committees.</p>

Appointments to the Standards Committee

The recommendation in paragraph 5.5 of the report on appointments to the Standards Committee was moved by County Councillor KM Roberts-Jones and seconded by County Councillor MC Alexander and was passed by 67 votes to 0 with 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
<p>(i) That the Council agrees the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) to commence an appointments process for a new Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a term of 6 years</p>	<p>To comply with the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) in relation to the appointment of Independent (Lay) Members on the Standards Committee.</p>

<p>from October, 2017 in accordance with the timetable set out in Appendix 6C of the report;</p> <p>(b) the criteria set out in Appendix 6B.</p> <p>(c) subject to (d) below, the draft newspaper advertisement set out in Appendix 6A and confirms that it should appear in the County Times and the Brecon and Radnor Express.</p> <p>(d) to authorise the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards Committee to take such steps as appear necessary to them to achieve the objectives referred to in Appendix 6. This to include (but not be limited to) the power to (i) add to and modify the contents of the newspaper notice (subject to compliance with the regulations); (ii) undertake additional advertising / awareness raising steps; and (iii) produce additional literature/promotional material.</p> <p>(ii) That the Council agree the composition of the Panel set out in Appendix 6 and delegates the power of appointment of substitutes to the Monitoring Officer as set out in Appendix 6.</p>	
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Appointments of County Councillors to the Standards Committee

The following members had been nominated by the political groups:

<i>Political Group</i>	<i>Nomination</i>
Independent Group	County Councillor Kath Roberts-Jones (To be confirmed by the Independent Group)
Welsh Conservatives	County Councillor Sarah Lewis
Welsh Liberal Democrats	County Councillor Kathryn Silk
Welsh Labour	County Councillor Susan McNicholas

Council confirmed that it was content for the Solicitor to the Council to accept nominations and approve appointments to the Standards Committee in accordance with the wishes of the political groups once the nomination from the Independent Group was confirmed.

Appointment of Co-Opted Members to Scrutiny Committee B

The following nominations had been received for co-opted members to serve on Scrutiny Committee B when considering education matters:

Church in Wales diocese representative	Mrs Margaret Evitts
Roman Catholic Church diocese representative	No nomination received
Parent Governor Representative (primary sector)	Mr Nigel Bufton
Parent Governor Representative (secondary sector)	Mrs Angela Davies
Parent Governor Representative (special needs sector)	Mrs Sara Davies

Council confirmed that it was content for the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations for the Roman Catholic Church diocese representative.

The recommendation in paragraph 5.12 of the report on the appointment of co-opted representatives to serve on Scrutiny Committee B was moved by County Councillor JM Williams and seconded by County Councillor TJ Van-Rees and passed by 65 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
To make appointments of Co-Opted Representatives as set out in paragraph 5.11 of the report to Scrutiny Committee B.	To comply with the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committees.

Politically Balanced Appointments to Council Committees

Council considered a revised Appendix 7 to the report setting out the group entitlements to places on committees that had been agreed by the political group leaders. The recommendation to approve the allocation of seats was moved by County Councillor MC Alexander and seconded by County Councillor TJ Van-Rees and was passed by 68 votes to 0 with 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To review and determine the allocation of seats on Council Committees to the different Political Groups in accordance with Appendix 7.	To comply with statutory requirements (including those concerning the need for political balance) and the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committee seats and Chairs.

The Solicitor to the Council advised that Appendix 8 to the report that set out political groups nominations to committees was only partially complete. He asked Council to give him authority to receive nominations from the political group leaders and approve appointments to committees in accordance with the wishes of the political groups. This was moved by County Councillor JM Williams and seconded by County Councillor DR Price and passed by 66 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations from the political group leaders and approve appointments to committees in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.	To comply with statutory requirements (including those concerning the need for political balance) and the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committee seats and Chairs.

Appointments of Chairs to Scrutiny Committees

The Solicitor to the Council advised that the Independent Group and the Conservatives, making up the executive, were entitled to the Chair of one of the Scrutiny Committees, and that the second appointment would be made by the committee. He asked Council to give him authority to receive nominations from the leaders of the Independent and Conservative groups. This was moved by County Councillor JM Williams and seconded by County Councillor MJ Jones and passed by 46 votes to 12 with 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To authorise the County Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations from the leaders of the Independent and Conservative groups.	To comply with statutory requirements (including those concerning the need for political balance) and the Council's Constitution in relation to the allocation and appointment of committee seats and Chairs.

Appointment of the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee

The Solicitor to the Council advised that this position had to be held by a member from the opposition groups. County Councillor Matthew Dorrance was nominated by the Labour Group and seconded by County Councillor Gary Price and by 64 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions it was

RESOLVED	Reason for decision:
To appoint County Councillor Matthew Dorrance as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.	To make appointments in accordance with statute and the Constitution.

Appointments to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

The Solicitor to the Council advised that not all of the political groups had advised of their nominations and he asked to be given delegated authority to receive nominations. This was moved by County Councillor DW Meredith and seconded by County Councillor E Durrant and by 55 votes to 0 with 8 abstentions it was

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations	To make appointments in accordance with statute and the Constitution.

<p>from the political group leaders and approve appointments to committees in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.</p>	
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Appointments to Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

The Solicitor to the Council advised that not all of the political groups had advised of their nominations and he asked to be given delegated authority to receive nominations. This was moved by County Councillor J Williams and seconded by County Councillor E Durrant and by 64 votes to 0 with 5 abstentions it was

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
<p>To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations from the political group leaders and approve appointments in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.</p>	<p>To make appointments in accordance with statute and the Constitution.</p>

Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel

The Solicitor to the Council advised that not all of the political groups had advised of their nominations and he asked to be given delegated authority to receive nominations.

County Councillor P Davies moved and County Councillor J Pugh seconded that Council adjourn to allow political groups to determine their representation on committees and outside bodies. This motion was lost 17 votes to 53 with 0 abstentions upon being put to the vote.

County Councillor DW Meredith moved and County Councillor P Davies seconded that the Solicitor to the Council be given delegated authority to receive nominations and by 63 votes to 1 with 4 abstentions it was

RESOLVED:	Reason for Decision:
<p>To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations from the political group leaders and approve appointments in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.</p>	<p>To make appointments in accordance with statute and the Constitution.</p>

Welsh Local Government Association

The Solicitor to the Council advised that not all of the political groups had advised of their nominations and he asked to be given delegated authority to receive nominations. County Councillor M Weale moved and County Councillor G Breeze seconded that the Solicitor to the Council be given delegated authority to receive nominations and by 67 votes to 1 with 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED: To authorise the Solicitor to the Council to receive nominations from the political group leaders and approve appointments in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.	Reason for Decision: To make appointments in accordance with statute and the Constitution.
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WLGA Executive Board

It was moved by County Councillor EM Jones and seconded by County Councillor MC Alexander that the Leader be appointed to the WLGA Executive Board and passed by 64 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED: That the Leader be appointed to the WLGA Executive Board.	Reason for Decision: To secure the Council's representative role.
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10. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

County Councillor David Meredith was nominated by Brecknockshire.

RESOLVED that County Councillor David Meredith be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

11. ELECTION OF ASSISTANT VICE-CHAIR

County Councillor Beverley Baynham was nominated by Radnorshire.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Beverley Baynham be elected Assistant Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

**County Councillor DE Davies
Chair**