Present:


Officers in Attendance:

Mr D B Parry-Jones, Chief Executive
Dr B Pykett, Assistant Chief Executive
Mrs S Sanders, Committee Services Officer
Mrs E Prout, Committee Clerk

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R G Bowen,  D M Bryan,  Jonathan Preston,  T B Tudor and Guy Woodham.

1. Announcement

Council was advised that Mrs Pat Griffiths of Manorbier, a former Member of the County Council had passed away. Council extended its condolences to her family.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors D M Edwards,  M L Evans and P Kidney each declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 10 (d) – Appointment of Chairman and four Deputy Chairmen of the Licensing Committee by virtue of being Licensees.

3. Outgoing Chairman's Review of Year of Office

Having welcomed guests and Members to the Annual Meeting of Council, the Chairman undertook a brief review of his year of office.

In opening his review, the Chairman stated that the past 12 months had been very enjoyable, but challenging, and he thanked his Vice-Chairman for his unfailing support at all times during that period. The Chairman advised that he had attended over 150 events during his period of office and he stated that the best had been saved to last, when he had met with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh last week. He stated that the day had been blessed with marvellous weather and that the Royal Couple had seen Pembrokeshire at its best. He
stated that for him and the crowds of well wishers, the memory of the day would remain for a long time.

The Chairman advised that there were many high points, but too many to name individually, but he wished to mention a few in particular. The first being the Royal Family engagements; and the second being asked to open the Cleddau Reach Primary School at Llangwm, which was one of his first engagements. He stated that with the help of Welsh Government funding, the school was the last of four newly built primary schools which had been opened in a matter of months at a total spend of over £20m. That investment had been made for young people in Pembrokeshire to ensure they had access to the best resources available. On that day, he had been particularly proud to be Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman announced that he had also been proud to witness a number of high profile events which had put Pembrokeshire in the spotlight and had provided valuable publicity to boost tourism. These included the Urdd Eisteddfod at Cilwendeg; the Red Bull World Diving Contest at the Blue Lagoon, Aberreidy; Ironman Wales in Tenby; and Pembrokeshire Fish Week.

The Chairman stated that it had not been all milk and honey, as along with all local authorities, the Authority had had to make some difficult decisions in the current economic climate. He praised the Authority for its prudent and diligent management of the budget, which had avoided mass redundancies and had led to a reasonable level of Council Tax being set, noting that Pembrokeshire was still the lowest in Wales.

During his year of office, the Chairman announced that he had welcomed many guests to County Hall, many of whom had done extraordinary things, and meeting and speaking to them had reaffirmed his faith in the human race.

He then referred to the extreme weather and storms that had battered the County earlier in the year and he paid tribute to all the employees that had worked during those testing conditions to keep the County operating.

The Chairman then thanked his wife for her support during the year and he also thanked Members of Council for their support in meetings of Council, which he appreciated. He thanked Council for the honour and privilege that had been bestowed on him in his role as Chairman of Council.

4. Election of Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year

Having been Moved by Councillor D G B Lloyd; Seconded by Councillor D R Sinnett, it was

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor T J Richards be elected Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.
5. **Chairman's Oath of Office and Acceptance Speech**

The Chairman then took the Oath of Office, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chairman’s Chain of Office.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to his proposer and seconder and to Members of Council for his election as Chairman and for the kind words spoken. He also took the opportunity to thank the Outgoing Chairman for his kind words and to state that it had been a pleasure to support the Outgoing Chairman over the past 12 months.

The Chairman advised that he was looking forward to representing the Council in the civic role and for serving as Chairman in the Council Chamber; and to making proper and correct decisions for the benefit of the County. He stated that he would undertake the role to the best of his ability and that he would be fair and impartial. In respect of the civic role, the Chairman assured Council that he and his wife, Mel, would do their best in acting as ambassadors for the County. He expressed his gratitude for the confidence placed in him today and in the past.

6. **Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Chairman**

Councillor H M George, Deputy Leader of Council, in proposing a Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Chairman, paid tribute to Councillor Williams for the manner in which he had undertaken the role of Chairman. The Deputy Leader stated that it had not been an easy time for Councillor Williams as he had had to preside over some difficult issues; but, that Councillor Williams had grown and blossomed into the role of Chairman and had earned the plaudits given from all across the Chamber. In undertaking the role, the Deputy Leader stated that Councillor Williams had represented the Authority and the wider community and had done so with dignity. He referred to the occasion of the Royal Visit and he pointed out that the memories of that day would stay with Councillor and Mrs Williams for a long time; especially the fact that he had been Chairman of the County Council the day Her Royal Highness had visited Pembrokeshire. The Deputy Leader praised Councillor Williams for his ability to mix at all levels and he pointed out that Councillor Williams never forgot to speak to employees and others on such occasions.

The Deputy Leader thanked Councillor Williams for a job well done and advised him to look back on his year with pride for a job done well.

The Deputy Leader also expressed his appreciation to Mrs Williams, and other members of their family, for their support to Councillor Williams.

Councillor Richards then presented Councillor Williams with the Past Chairman’s Medal.

7. **Election of Vice-Chairman for the Ensuing Municipal Year**

Council noted that under the terms of Council Procedure Rule 6.2(b), Councillors W E Evans and P R Baker had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairman.
Having been Moved by Councillor P J Morgan; Seconded by Councillor P N Miller that Councillor W E Evans be elected Vice-Chairman; and Moved by Councillor Jacob Williams; Seconded by Councillor M Williams that Councillor P R Baker be elected Vice-Chairman, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor W E Evans be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Evans was then invested with the Vice-Chairman’s Chain of Office.

Councillor Evans expressed his thanks to Members for his election as Vice-Chairman.

8. Presentations

Mrs Elizabeth Williams invested Mrs Melanie Richards with the Chairman’s Lady’s Chain of Office, following which Mrs Richards invested Mrs Gwyneth John with the Vice-Chairman’s Lady’s Chain of Office.

Flowers were then presented to Mrs Williams, Mrs Richards and Mrs John as a token of appreciation on behalf of the Authority.

9. Review of Allocation of Committees to Political Groups and Review of Allocation of Representation on Politically Balanced Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive reported that the Council was required, under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to undertake annually the review of the allocation of Committee seats to political groups; and to review the political balance of the Council’s representative appointments to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.

Council considered the Schedules submitted setting out, respectively, the allocation of Committee seats as calculated in accordance with the appropriate formula set by the relevant statutory requirements; and the existing allocation of seats made by Council to those Councillors who were not members of a political group.

Moved by Councillor J L Adams; Seconded by Councillor H M George

RESOLVED

(a) That the Allocation of Committee Seats under the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as set out in Schedule 1 submitted by the Chief Executive, be approved.

(b) That the Review of Allocation of representative appointments on Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority under the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as set out in Schedule 1 submitted by the Chief Executive, be approved.
(c) (i) That the allocation of Committee seats to Councillors who are not members of a political group be determined as follows:

**Planning and Rights of Way Committee** – Councillors P R Baker and Jacob Williams

**Licensing Committee** – Councillor J A Brinsden

**Urgency Committee** – Councillors P R Baker and Tessa Hodgson

**Senior Staff Committee** – Councillors Tessa Hodgson and D G B Lloyd

**Corporate Governance Committee** - Councillors Jacob Williams and R M Stoddart

**Democratic Services Committee** - Councillor O W James

**Older Persons, Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors Mrs V M Stoddart and Tessa Hodgson

**Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors D G B Lloyd and O W James

**Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – Councillors P R Baker and Jacob Williams

**Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee** - Councillors P Kidney and Mrs V M Stoddart.

It was Moved by Councillor J A Brinsden; Seconded by Councillor Tessa Hodgson that Councillor P R Baker be appointed to the seat on the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. It was then Moved by Councillor R M Lewis; Seconded by Councillor D K Howlett that Councillor O W James be also appointed. On being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor O W James be appointed to the seat allocated to Members not affiliated to a political group on the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.

There was no determination made in respect of the vacant seat on the Licensing Committee allocated to Members not affiliated to a political group.

10. **Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees**

Council was advised that it was necessary to determine the allocation of the Chairmanship of the Older Persons, Health and Well-being Overview and
Scrubtory Committee as the Conservative and Pembrokeshire Alliance Groups had equal numbers.

It was Moved by Councillor J L Adams; Seconded by Councillor H M George that the Chairmanship of the Older Persons, Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee be allocated to the Conservative Group. It was then Moved by Councillor R P Kilmister; Seconded by Councillor Tessa Hodgson that the Chairmanship be allocated to the Pembrokeshire Alliance Group. On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That the Chairmanship of the Older Persons, Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee be allocated to the Conservative Group.

It was then Moved by Councillor J L Adams; Seconded by Councillor H M George

RESOLVED

(a) That the allocation of the Chairmanship of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to political groups, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Measure 2011, be as follows:

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(b) That the Vice-Chairmen for the ensuing Municipal Year be appointed as follows in respect of Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Moved by Councillor L L Frayling; Seconded by Councillor D J Neale

**Children and Families** - Councillor S Yelland

Moved by Councillor D M Edwards; Seconded by Councillor L L Frayling

**Economy** - Councillor T J Richards

Moved by Councillor D G M James; Seconded by Councillor P J Morgan

**Older Persons, Health and Well-being** - Councillor Umelda Havard

Moved by Councillor S Yelland; Seconded by Councillor B J Hall

**Environment** - Councillor Mrs P Llewellyn
Moved by Councillor D G M James; Seconded by Councillor D R Sinnett

**Safeguarding** - Councillor R Owens

(c) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year be appointed as follows in respect of the **Planning and Rights of Way Committee**:

Moved by Councillor R M Lewis; Seconded by Councillor D J Neale

**Chairman** - Councillor M Pepper

Moved by Councillor M Pepper; Seconded by Councillor R M Lewis

**Vice-Chairman** - Councillor W E Evans

(d) That the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen for the ensuing Municipal Year be appointed as follows in respect of the **Licensing Committee**:

Having been Moved by Councillor W E Evans; Seconded by Councillor D G M James that Councillor Daphne Bush be nominated as Chairman of the Licensing Committee; and Moved by Councillor P N Miller; Seconded by Councillor J A Brinsden that Councillor Alison Lee be also nominated, a recorded vote was requisitioned and votes were recorded as follows:

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RESOLVED

That Councillor Daphne Bush be appointed as Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Moved by Councillor Daphne Bush; Seconded by Councillor H M George

RESOLVED

That Councillors D G M James, W E Evans, Alison Lee and D J Neale be appointed as Deputy Chairmen of the Licensing Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

11. Calendar of Council Meetings for the Municipal Year 2014/2015:

Council considered a Calendar of Council Meetings for the Municipal Year 2014/2015 which would entail meetings of Council as follows:

- 17 July 2014
- 16 October 2014
- 11 December 2014
- 5 March 2015
- 14 May 2015
- 15 May 2015 (Annual Council)

Moved by Councillor J L Adams; Seconded by Councillor H M George

RESOLVED

That the Calendar of Meetings as submitted be adopted.

The meeting ended at 12.10p.m.