

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Council called by the Chair on Monday 26th February 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor Cllr ES Evans, Deputy Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr FD John, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr RJ Thornton, Cllr N Walsh, with S Mann (Clerk).

205 Apologies for Absence: Cllr BT Price, Cllr R Price (Leave), Cllr S Williams & JS Foster (Deputy Clerk).

206 Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare both **pecuniary interests** (financial interests) and **non-pecuniary interests** (personal or other interests) that could influence their decision-making in relation to items on the agenda. This declaration ensures that other councillors and the public are aware of potential conflicts. None declared.

207 Public Representations from members of the public in attendance about any business to be discussed: None.

208 Casual Vacancy

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were excluded from discussions on this item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

208.1 Co-Option of New Councillor. The meeting convened with four candidates to address a casual vacancy through co-option. Each of these candidates had previously accepted an invitation to meet with the council during their allocated time slots. After conducting interviews with all four candidates, the council proceeded to hold a secret ballot. The Clerk tallied the votes from this confidential ballot, which was subsequently verified by the Chair of the meeting. The final count revealed that Mr. Will Chant emerged as the successful candidate to fill the casual vacancy. The meeting recognised the strengths and suitability of all four candidates and passed a resolution directing the Clerk to promptly inform each candidate of their success or disappointment, while also expressing gratitude and encouraging their ongoing interest in community service.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed

Date

Chair