

## **NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Council Chamber, Ruthin. Meeting commenced at 10.30am.

### **PRESENT**

#### **Councillor**

L W Davies  
M LI Davies  
B Dunn  
J G Evans  
J M Evans  
A Jones  
P R Lewis  
H McGuill  
D J Miles  
W R Owen [arrived 10.40]  
R E Parry  
P H Pemberton  
P Penlington  
W P Shotton  
J R Skelland  
A Tansley  
W O Thomas

#### **Representing**

Anglesey County Council  
Denbighshire County Council  
Flintshire County Council  
Anglesey County Council  
Anglesey County Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Conwy County Borough Council  
Flintshire County Council  
Conwy County Borough Council  
Gwynedd Council  
Conwy County Borough Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Denbighshire County Council  
Flintshire County Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Conwy County Borough Council  
Flintshire County Council

### **Also present:**

S A Smith (Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive); C P Everett (Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Authority); K W Finch (Treasurer to the Authority); D Docx (Deputy Chief Fire Officer); P Claydon, R Simmons and R Fairhead (Assistant Chief Fire Officers); G W Griffiths (Training and Development Manager); G Brandrick (Senior Fire Safety Manager); K Roberts (Senior Operations Manager); S Morris (Corporate Planning Manager); T Williams (Corporate Communications Manager); S Forrest (Accountant, Treasurer's Department, Conwy County Borough Council); A Davies (Member Liaison Officer) and S Jones (Member Liaison Assistant).

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **Councillor**

R Davies  
A I Dunbar  
A Evans  
J B Hughes  
L A W Jones  
G Lowe  
D A MacRae  
P Owen  
M A Reece  
W T Owen

#### **Representing**

Denbighshire County Council  
Flintshire County Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Gwynedd Council  
Gwynedd Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Conwy County Borough Council  
Denbighshire County Council  
Flintshire County Council  
Gwynedd Council

Cllr Aled Morris Jones attended the meeting to formally handover the chairmanship to the new Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2013/14

- 1.1 Cllr A M Jones requested nominations for the office of Authority Chair for the 2013/14 municipal year.
- 1.2 Cllr B Dunn proposed Cllr M LI Davies and this was seconded by Cllr W O Thomas and Cllr A Jones. No other nominations were proposed. Cllr M LI Davies gave a brief history of his background prior to the vote.
- 1.3 **RESOLVED that Cllr Meirick LI Davies be elected as Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2013/14 municipal year.**

Cllr M LI Davies thanked Members for their vote of confidence and proceeded to chair the meeting thereafter.

2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR 2013/14

- 2.1 The Chair sought nominations for the office of Authority Deputy Chair for the 2013/14 municipal year.
- 2.2 Cllr A Tansley proposed Cllr P R Lewis and this was seconded by Cllr R Parry. No other nominations were proposed. Cllr P R Lewis gave a brief history of his background prior to the vote.
- 2.3 **RESOLVED that Councillor Peter R Lewis be elected to serve as Deputy Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2013/14 municipal year.**

Prior to leaving the meeting, Cllr A M Jones thanked the NWFRS for all its work especially during the flooding incidents in 2012. He also thanked members, officers and the unions for their hard work. Cllr B Dunn proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr A M Jones for his work as Chair of the Authority.

3 NOTICE OF URGENT MATTERS

- 3.1 The Chair advised that no items had been submitted to the Clerk for consideration.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes of the Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were submitted for approval.
- 4.2 No matters arose from the minutes submitted.
- 4.3 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

5.1 The report was presented to confirm the appointment of members of the Authority and the composition of the full Authority membership for 2013/14.

5.2 It was noted that Cllr Jeffrey M Evans is an independent member not Labour as stated in the report.

5.3 **RESOLVED to note the Authority membership for 2013/14.**

6 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

6.1 The purpose of the report was to invite the Authority to appoint membership of internal and various external committees including the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

6.2 **RESOLVED:**

- (i) not to apply the principle of political balance to Committees;**
- (ii) membership of committees to be as follows:**

**Executive Panel**

M Ll Davies	Denbighshire
P R Lewis	Conwy
L W Davies	Anglesey
J M Evans	Anglesey
A Tansley	Conwy
R E Parry	Conwy
R Davies	Denbighshire
P W Owen	Denbighshire
B Dunn	Flintshire
H McGuill	Flintshire
W R Owen	Gwynedd
W T Owen	Gwynedd
A Evans	Wrexham
P Pemberton	Wrexham

**Audit Committee**

J G Evans	Anglesey
O A Jones	Wrexham
J R Skelland	Wrexham
G Lowe	Wrexham
A I Dunbar	Flintshire
W P Shotton	Flintshire
M Reece	Flintshire
W O Thomas	Flintshire
D A MacRae	Conwy
D J Miles	Conwy
P Penlington	Denbighshire
L A W Jones	Gwynedd
C Hughes	Gwynedd
J B Hughes	Gwynedd

**(iii) to appoint representatives to external bodies as set out below:**

Local Government Association (LGA)	Chair
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Council	Chair
WLGA Fire Services Panel	Chair and Deputy Chair
Chairs and Chiefs Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group	Chair
LGA Fire Services Forum	Chair
WLGA Co-ordinating Committee	Chair
Firebrake Trustees	Chair

7 MEETING DATES 2013/14

7.1 The report was presented to inform Members of the dates and venues for meetings in 2013/14.

7.2 **RESOLVED to note the dates as follows:**

**North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority meetings**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Gwynedd  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 - Flintshire  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – Anglesey  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Conwy

**Executive Panel meetings to be held at Fire and Rescue HQ, 2pm**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Audit Committee meetings to be held at Fire and Rescue HQ, 2pm**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014