

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority held on Monday 18 June 2018 at Conwy County Borough Council Chamber, Bodlondeb. Meeting commenced at 10.30am.

PRESENT

Councillor

Bryan Apsley
Brian Blakeley
Marion Bateman
Annwen Daniels
Ann Davies
Meirick Lloyd Davies
Ian Dunbar
Peter Evans
Veronica Gay
Simon Glyn
Richard Griffiths
Eric Wyn Jones
Peter Lewis
Sue Lloyd-Williams
Geoff Lowe
Roger Parry
Dylan Rees
Paul Shotton
J Rodney Skelland
Nigel Smith
Adrian Tansley
Owen Thomas
Gethin Glyn Williams
David Wisinger

Representing

Wrexham County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Flintshire County Council
Gwynedd Council
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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); R Fairhead (Assistant Chief Fire Officer); H MacArthur and S Morris (Assistant Chief Officers); T Williams (Corporate Communications Manager); S Forrest (Accountant, Treasurer's Department, Conwy County Borough Council); A Davies (Member Liaison Officer).

APOLOGIES

Councillor

Michael Dixon
J Brynmor Hughes
I Dilwyn Lloyd
Rondo Roberts

Representing

Wrexham County Borough Council
Gwynedd Council
Gwynedd Council
Wrexham County Borough Council

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2018/19

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for the office of Authority Chair for the 2018/19 municipal year.

1.2 Cllr B Blakeley proposed Cllr A Davies and this was seconded by Cllr R Griffiths.

1.3 Cllr P R Lewis proposed Cllr M LI Davies and this was seconded by Cllr O Thomas.

1.4 Both candidates gave a brief history of their backgrounds and on being put to a secret ballot the following votes were cast for each candidate:

Candidate A: Councillor Ann Davies	9 votes
Candidate B: Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies	15 votes

1.5 **RESOLVED that Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies be elected as Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2018/19 municipal year.**

2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR 2018/19

2.1 The Chair proceeded to seek nominations for the office of Authority Deputy Chair for the 2018/19 municipal year.

2.2 Cllr S Lloyd-Williams proposed Cllr P R Lewis and this was seconded by Cllr A Tansley.

2.3 Cllr B Blakeley proposed Cllr A Davies and this was seconded by Cllr R Griffiths.

2.4 Both candidates gave a brief history of their backgrounds and on being put to a secret ballot the following votes were cast for each candidate:

Candidate A: Councillor Ann Davies	9 votes
Candidate B: Councillor Peter R Lewis	15 votes

2.5 **RESOLVED that Cllr Peter R Lewis be elected to serve as Deputy Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2018/19 municipal year.**

3 APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

3.1 The Chair sought nominations for the offices of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year.

3.2 For the post of Chair, Cllr G Lowe proposed Cllr J R Skelland and this was seconded by Cllr B Apsley. No other nominations were proposed.

3.3 For the post of Deputy Chair, Cllr G Lowe proposed Cllr B Apsley and this was seconded by Cllr A I Dunbar. No other nominations were proposed.

3.4 **RESOLVED that**

(i) **Councillor J Rodney Skelland be elected to serve as Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year;**

(ii) **Councillor Brian Apsley be elected to serve as Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year.**

4 NOTICE OF URGENT MATTERS

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

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

5.1 The minutes of the Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Meeting held on 19 June 2017 were submitted for approval.

5.2 No matters arose from the minutes submitted.

5.3 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

6 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

6.1 The report was presented to confirm the appointment of members of the Authority and the composition of the full Authority membership for 2018/19.

6.2 **RESOLVED to note the Authority membership for 2018/19.**

7 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

7.1 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).

7.2 **RESOLVED:**

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

Executive Panel

Member

Meirick Lloyd Davies (Chair)
Peter Lewis (Deputy Chair)
Richard Griffiths
Eric Wyn Jones
Michael Dixon
Rondo Roberts
Marion Bateman
Veronica Gay
Roger Parry
Adrian Tansley
Ann Davies
Brian Blakeley
John Brynmor Hughes
Gethin Williams

Constituent Authority

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

Audit Committee

Member

J Rodney Skelland (Chair)
Bryan Apsley (Deputy Chair)
Geoff Lowe
Ian Dunbar
Paul Shotton
Owen Thomas
David Wisinger
Sue Lloyd-Williams
Nigel Smith
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Peter Evans
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(iii) to appoint representatives to external bodies as set out below:

Chairs and Chiefs Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group	Usually the Chair
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Council	Usually the Chair
WLGA Co-ordinating Committee	One representative on behalf of the three FRAs
WLGA Fire Services Panel	The Chair and Deputy Chair
Local Government Association (LGA)	Usually the Chair
LGA Fire Services Forum	One representative on behalf of the three FRAs
National Issues Committee	The Chair and Deputy Chair

8 MEETING DATES 2018/19

8.1 The report was presented to inform Members of the dates and venues for meetings in 2018/19.

8.2 Following a request from several members to change the start time of Audit Committee meetings from 10am, it was agreed that the Audit Committee meeting in September 2018 would start at 2pm and that the members would discuss at that meeting the start time of future meetings.

8.3 **RESOLVED to note the dates of all meetings as follows:**

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority meetings to be held at Bodlondeb, Conwy, 10.30am

Monday 17 September 2018
Monday 17 December 2018
Monday 18 March 2019

Executive Panel meetings to be held at Fire and Rescue HQ, 10am

Monday 16 July 2018
Monday 22 October 2018
Monday 11 February 2019
Monday 13 May 2019

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

Monday 10 September 2018
Monday 28 January 2019