

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority held on Monday 20th June 2011 at Council Chamber, Ruthin. Meeting commenced at 10.30am.

PRESENT

Councillor	Representing
D Barratt	Flintshire County Council
B Dunn	Flintshire County Council
G C Evans	Denbighshire County Council
S Frobisher	Denbighshire County Council
E C George	Wrexham County Borough Council
M Griffith	Gwynedd Council
P Jeffares	Wrexham County Borough Council
A M Jones	Anglesey County Council
E M Jones	Gwynedd Council
N M Jones	Flintshire County Council
D Kelly	Wrexham County Borough Council
J A Kelly	Wrexham County Borough Council
D Mackie	Flintshire County Council
A Minshull	Flintshire County Council
J V Owen	Anglesey County Council
J R Skelland	Wrexham County Borough Council
G O Williams	Gwynedd 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); C Hanks, P Claydon and R Simmons (Assistant Chief Fire Officers); R Fairhead (Training and Development Manager); G W Griffiths (Senior Fire Safety Manager); G Brandrick (Senior Operations Manager); S Morris (Corporate Planning Manager); T Williams (Corporate Communications Manager); C Dingle (Finance Manager); S Forrest (Accountant, Treasurer's Department, Conwy County Borough Council); S Roberts (Head of Facilities Department); A Davies (Member Liaison Officer) and S Jones (Member Liaison Assistant).

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Representing
L W Davies	Anglesey County Council
M LI Davies	Denbighshire County Council
P C Evans	Conwy County Borough Council
G James	Flintshire County Council
W Knightly	Conwy County Borough Council
T Roberts	Gwynedd Council
W P Roberts	Conwy County Borough Council
A Tansley	Conwy County Borough Council
M Thomas	Conwy County Borough Council

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2011/12

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for the office of Authority Chair for the 2011/12 municipal year. Councillor Sharon Frobisher was the sole nomination.

1.2 **RESOLVED that Councillor Sharon Frobisher be elected as Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2011/12 municipal year.**

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR 2011/12

2.1 The Chair proceeded to seek nominations for the office of Authority Vice-Chair for the 2011/12 municipal year. Councillor Aled Morris Jones was the sole nomination.

2.2 **RESOLVED that Councillor Aled Morris Jones be elected to serve as Vice-Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the 2011/12 municipal year.**

Cllr E C George asked whether the Authority should consider a rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair's posts on a two-year basis. He explained that this had been discussed by the previous Authority and although it had not been agreed, Cllr George felt it would be a good way to encourage other Members to take up the roles in future. The Clerk explained that this could not be a formal arrangement with the current constitution of the Authority.

At this juncture, the Chair took the opportunity to welcome three new Councillors from Wrexham County Borough Council, D Kelly, J A Kelly and J R Skelland, onto 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 21st June 2010 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 2011/12.

5.2 **RESOLVED to note the:**

- (i) **appointment of members to the Authority by the constituent authorities who nominate annually;**
- (ii) **composition of the full Authority membership for 2011/12;**
- (iii) **formal appreciation of the work of resigning and replaced Members.**

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

Cllr Sharon Frobisher (Chair)	Denbighshire
Cllr Meirick Lloyd Davies	Denbighshire
Cllr Gwilym C Evans	Denbighshire
Cllr Aled Morris Jones (Vice-Chair)	Anglesey
Cllr Lewis W Davies	Anglesey
Cllr J V Owen	Anglesey
Cllr Bill Roberts	Conwy
Cllr Merfyn Thomas	Conwy
Cllr Brian Dunn	Flintshire
Cllr Grenville James	Flintshire
Cllr Tudor Owen	Gwynedd
Cllr Trevor Roberts	Gwynedd
Cllr Pat Jeffares	Wrexham
Cllr Rodney Skelland	Wrexham

Audit Committee

Cllr Ted George (Chair)	Wrexham
Cllr David Kelly	Wrexham
Cllr James Kelly	Wrexham
Cllr Philip C Evans	Conwy
Cllr W Knightly	Conwy
Cllr Adrian Tansley	Conwy
Cllr Glyn Williams	Denbighshire
Cllr David Barratt (Vice-Chair)	Flintshire
Cllr Norma M Jones	Flintshire
Cllr Doreen Mackie	Flintshire
Cllr Ann Minshull	Flintshire
Cllr Margaret Griffith	Gwynedd
Cllr Evie Morgan Jones	Gwynedd
Cllr Gwilym O Williams	Gwynedd

RRP Working Group

Cllr Sharon Frobisher (Chair)	Denbighshire
Cllr Meirick Lloyd Davies	Denbighshire
Cllr Aled Morris Jones (Vice-Chair)	Anglesey
Cllr J V Owen	Anglesey
Cllr Bill Roberts	Conwy
Cllr Merfyn Thomas	Conwy
Cllr Brian Dunn	Flintshire
Cllr Grenville James	Flintshire

Cllr Tudor Owen
Cllr Trevor Roberts
Cllr Ted George
Cllr Pat Jeffares

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(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 Vice 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 2011/12

7.1 The report was presented to inform Members of the dates for meetings in 2011/12.

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

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority meetings

Monday 17th October 2011 - Gwynedd
Monday 19th December 2011 - Wrexham
Monday 19th March 2012 – Anglesey

Executive Panel meetings

Monday 18th July 2011
Monday 19th September 2011
Monday 21st November 2011
Monday 6th February 2012

Audit Committee meetings

Monday 26th September 2011
Monday 30th January 2012