

**AWDURDOD TÂN AC ACHUB CANOLBARTH A GORLLEWIN
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MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

**COFNODION
CYFARFOD CYFFREDINOL BLNYDDOL YR AWDURDOD**

**GANOLFAN GYNADLEDDA
PENCADLYS Y GWASANAETH TÂN AC ACHUB,
CAERFYRDDIN**

Dydd Mercher 6 Mehefin 2007

**MINUTES
OF THE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THE CONFERENCE CENTRE
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
CARMARTHEN**

Wednesday 6 June 2007

11.30am – 12.05pm

PRESENOLDEB/ATTENDANCE

Presennol yn y Cyfarfod/Present at Meeting:

CADEIRYDD/CHAIRMAN: B J Hall

IS-GADEIRYDD/VICE CHAIRMAN: C J Crowley

AELODAU/MEMBERS: Cyng/Cllrs: J S Allen-Mirehouse,
T Devichand, J J J Davies, T E Evans,
K Harris, F M Jones, D R James,
P James, P Llewellyn, C Morgan,
G Phillips, C Philpott, T Theophilus,
C Waller, M Williams,
J D A Thompson, D Prothero,
G Seabourne

YMDDIHEURIADAU/APOLOGIES: Cyng/Cllrs: J Dudley, P Spender,
R Lewis

1 DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None were declared.

2 PERSONAL MATTERS/OUTGOING CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Hall said that it had been a privilege to have served as Chair of the Fire Authority for the past two years. He thanked everyone for their support during what was, at times, a difficult period and wished fellow Members and Officers every success for the future.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

Councillor C J Crowley was proposed and duly seconded. There were no other nominations.

Upon being put to the vote,

It was RESOLVED that Councillor C J Crowley be elected Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority for the ensuing year 2007/2008.

In response, Councillor Crowley thanked Members for their support and confidence in him and paid tribute to Councillor Hall for his commitment and total support for the Fire and Rescue Authority.

4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

Councillor T E Evans was nominated and duly seconded. There were no other nominations.

Upon being put to a vote

It was RESOLVED that Councillor T E Evans be elected Vice Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority for the ensuing year 2007/2008.

Councillor Evans thanked Members for their confidence in him and offered the Chairman his full support during his term of office.

5 TO APPROVE THE COMPOSITION OF THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM

The Authority were requested to approve the composition and appointment of members to Committees and Working Groups for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

RESOLUTION

It was RESOLVED that the Membership and composition of the Authority's Committees and Working Groups be agreed as follows:

Resources (14)

Councillors: C Morgan, G Seabourne, D C Prothero, T Devichand, G Phillips, J Dudley, P Spender, J Allen-Mirehouse, J D A Thompson, J J J Davies, T E Evans , T Theophilus, C Philpott, C Waller

Personnel (9)

Councillors: D R James, C Crowley, K Harris, K Becton, F M Jones, B J Hall, M Williams, P James, R Lewis

Performance, Review and Audit (9)

Councillors: C Morgan, D Prothero, D R James, F M Jones, P Spender, J D A Thompson, C Waller, J J J Davies, P James

Modernisation Working Group (8)

Councillor C J Crowley (Chair of the Authority)
Councillor T E Evans (Vice Chair of the Authority)
Councillor T Theophilus (Carmarthenshire)
Councillor P James (Ceredigion)
Councillor D R James (Swansea)
Councillor P Spender (Neath Port Talbot)
Councillor J Allen-Mirehouse (Pembrokeshire)
Councillor J D A Thompson (Powys)

RRP Working Group (6)

Councillor J J J Davies (Carmarthenshire)
Councillor P James (Ceredigion)
Councillor D R James (Swansea)
Councillor C Crowley (Neath Port Talbot)
Councillor J Allen-Mirehouse (Pembrokeshire)
Councillor M Williams (Powys)

Industrial Relations Sub Committee (9)

Councillor C J Crowley (Chair of the Fire Authority)
Councillor J J J Davies (Chair of Resources Committee)
Councillor D R James (Chair of Personnel Committee)
Councillor P James (Chair of Performance Review and Audit)
Councillor C Philpott
Councillor D Prothero
Councillor J Allen-Mirehouse
Councillor C Waller
Councillor JDA Thompson

6 TO APPROVE THE FIRE AUTHORITY'S STANDING CONFERENCES, AND AGREE THE REPRESENTATION AT, AND NOMINATION FOR EACH CONFERENCE

Consideration was given to the current schedule of Authority Standing Conferences together with the amended representation agreed for 2006/07 along with the attendance details which showed the names of those Members who had attended when the nominated Member was unable to attend. Members were asked to consider / reaffirm the existing policy in respect of representation.

RESOLUTION

It was RESOLVED that

Members reaffirm the existing policy in respect of representation, against the backcloth of a final decision on representation being made once the programme for such conferences had been received and their relevance in the context of a devolved service evaluated.

A decision on whether the CIPFA Conference be added to the Schedule of Standing Conferences be deferred until such time as feedback is received from attendance at the 2007 Conference.

7 TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Membership of outside bodies was **AGREED** as follows:

- WLGA Council : Chair
- Wales Fire Service Forum/WLGA Fire Service Panel : Chair and Vice-Chair
- All Wales Programme Board : Chair
- Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group : Chair
- LGA Fire Forum : Cllr J D A Thompson, but relevance be reviewed
- LGA Urban Commission : No representation
- LGA Rural Commission : Cllr T E Evans
- LGA Representative to the General Assembly : Cllr J D A Thompson
- Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership : Cllr P James
- Joint Council for Wales : Chair of Personnel.

Members were also aware that the Minister had established a Wales Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee to provide policy development advice for the Welsh Assembly Government and it was noted that the Chair undertakes this role on a rotational basis with the Chairs of North and South Wales Fire and Rescue Authorities.

It was further noted that Councillor John Thompson is the nominated deputy Member for the NJC.

8 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUTHORITY'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a report which provided the legislative background to the appointment of Independent Members to sit on the Authority's Standards Committee and considered proposals to extend the existing term of office in line with revised Regulations issued by Welsh Assembly Government.

RESOLUTION

It was RESOLVED that

The Authority extend the current term of appointment of two of the four independent members on the Standards Committee by four years to the 9th December 2011 (Mr Meirion Howells and Mr Richard Martin) and of the other two by three years to the 9th December 2010 (Mr Gerwyn Morgan and Mrs Sue Fox).

9 TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2007-2009

Consideration was given to the schedule of meetings for 2007-2009 which set out the dates for the Fire and Rescue Authority and its Committees. Members noted that in accordance with the Authority's Constitution the Annual General meeting is normally held on the first Wednesday in the month of June. Given that local authority elections are due to take place in May 2008, this date would need to be changed once the dates of the Constituent Authority Annual meetings had been established. The Clerk indicated that the Member Seminars would be held on a half yearly basis, the dates of which would be confirmed as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION

It was RESOLVED that the following list of meetings for 2007 – 2009 be approved:

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2007-2009

	2007-8	2008-9
FIRE AUTHORITY	6 June 2007 (AGM) 25 June 2007 24 September 2007 29 October 2007 3 December 2007 4 February 2008 12 May 2008	4 June 2008 (AGM) 23 June 2008 22 September 2008 27 October 2008 1 December 2008 2 February 2009 11 May 2009

RESOURCES

16 July 2007
12 November 2007
14 January 2008
21 April 2008

14 July 2008
10 November 2008
12 January 2009
20 April 2009

PERSONNEL

18 June 2007
3 September 2007
10 December 2007
3 March 2008

16 June 2008
1 September 2008
8 December 2008
2 March 2009

**PERFORMANCE, REVIEW
AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

30 July 2007
1 October 2007
19 November 2007
18 February 2008

6 May 2008 (please note
that this is a Tuesday)
28 July 2008
17 November 2008
16 February 2009

MEMBER SEMINAR

September 2007
10 March 2008

September 2008
9 March 2009