

**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 7 Mehefin 2006

**MINUTES  
OF THE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

Wednesday 7 June 2006

**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,

YMDDIHEURIADAU/APOLOGIES: Cyng/Cllrs: D Prothero, G Seabourne,

**1 DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

None were declared.

**2 PERSONAL MATTERS/CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed Members that Councillor D Price, Member for Powys County Council and Councillor R Lewis, Member for the City and County of Swansea would not be returning to the Fire Authority as Members. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to both Members thanking them for their contribution to the work of the Authority.

The Chairman referred to the recent passing of retired DO A Evans and asked that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs E Evans, a member of the Service's Corporate Services team. Members stood as a mark of respect.

**3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/2007**

Councillor B J Hall was proposed and duly seconded. There were no other nominations.

Upon being put to the vote,

***It was RESOLVED that Councillor B J Hall be elected Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority for the ensuing year 2006/2007.***

In response, Councillor Hall thanked Members for their support and confidence in him.

**4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/2007**

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

Upon being put to a vote

***It was RESOLVED that Councillor C J Crowley be elected Vice Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority for the ensuing year 2006/2007.***

Councillor Crowley 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 2006/07 Municipal Year. Members were informed that the Property Sub Committee was set up with specific terms of reference in relation to the relocation of the control room and the construction of new office accommodation at service headquarters. Given

that both these projects had been completed the work of the Sub Committee had also come to an end.

## **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, M Smith, C Waller

### **Personnel (9)**

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

### **Performance and Policy Review (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 B J Hall (Chair of the Authority)  
Councillor C J Crowley (Vice Chair of the Authority)  
Councillor T Theophilus (Carmarthenshire)  
Councillor T E Evans (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 B J Hall (Chair of the Fire Authority)  
Councillor T E Evans (Chair of Resources Committee)  
Councillor C Philpott (Chair of Personnel Committee)

Councillor F M Jones (Chair of Performance & Policy Review)  
Councillor D R James  
Councillor D Prothero  
Councillor C Morgan  
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 representation agreed for 2006/07 along with the attendance details which showed the names of those Members who attended when the nominated Member was unable to attend. Members were asked to consider / reaffirm the existing policy in respect of representation.

The Authority had previously agreed that attendance at the Emergency Planning Conference, the LGA Conference and the LGA Fire Conference should only be agreed following the receipt and consideration of the agenda and its relevance for Members of this Authority following the devolvement of the Service to the Welsh Assembly Government.

**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.*

**7 TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

**1 LGA Urban Commission**

*It was RESOLVED that Councillor DR James be confirmed to represent the Authority on the Urban Commission*

**2 LGA Rural Commission**

*It was RESOLVED that Councillor T E Evans be confirmed to represent the Authority on the Urban Commission*

**3 WLGA Council**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair of the Authority be elected to*

*represent the Authority on the WLGA Council.*

**4 LGA Representative to the General Assembly**

*It was RESOLVED that Councillor J D A Thompson be confirmed to represent the Authority on the General Assembly.*

**5 Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership**

*It was RESOLVED that Councillor P James be elected to represent the Authority on the Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership.*

**6 Wales Fire Services Forum/WLGA Fire Service Panel**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair and Vice Chair represent the Authority on the Wales Fire Services Forum/WLGA Fire Service Panel*

**7 All Wales Programme Board**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair represent the Authority on the All Wales Programme Board*

**8 Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair represent the Authority on the Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group*

**9 Firebrake Trustees**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair represent the Authority on the Firebrake Trustees*

**10 LGA Fire Forum**

*It was RESOLVED that Councillor JDA Thompson represent the Authority on the LGA Fire Forum*

**11 Joint Council for Wales**

*It was RESOLVED that the Chair of Personnel represent the Authority on the Joint Council for Wales*

**8 TO APPROVE THE FIRE AUTHORITY'S DIARY OF MEETINGS FOR 2006/08**

Consideration was given to the schedule of meetings for 2006-2008 which set out the dates for the Fire Authority and its Committees. In accordance with the Authority's constitution the Annual General meeting would be held on the first Wednesday of the month of June. Additionally dates for Members seminars had also been listed, the first of which was scheduled to be held on the afternoon of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June when there would be a briefing for Members on the draft RRP.

**RESOLUTION**

***That the following schedule of dates be approved***

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2006-2008**

	<b>2006-7</b>	<b>2007-8</b>
<b>FIRE AUTHORITY</b>	7 June 2006 (AGM) 3 July 2006 24 July 2006 30 October 2006 4 December 2006 5 February 2007 14 May 2007	6 June 2007 (AGM) 2 July 2007 23 July 2007 29 October 2007 3 December 2007 4 February 2008 12 May 2008
<b>RESOURCES</b>	24 July 2006 13 November 2006 15 January 2007 23 April 2007	23 July 2007 12 November 2007 14 January 2008 21 April 2008
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	19 June 2006 25 September 2006 11 December 2006 5 March 2007	18 June 2007 24 September 2007 10 December 2007 3 March 2008
<b>PERFORMANCE AND POLICY REVIEW</b>	22 May 2006 4 September 2006 20 November 2006 19 February 2007	21 May 2007 3 September 2007 19 November 2007 18 February 2008
<b>MEMBER SEMINAR</b>	26 June 2006 pm (RRP Seminar) 12 March 2007	25 June 2007 10 March 2008