



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the Ceremonial Council

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 2.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

### Councillor(s)

C Anderson  
J E Burtonshaw  
M C Child  
J P Curtice  
N J Davies  
P Downing  
M Durke  
V M Evans  
W Evans  
R Francis-Davies  
L S Gibbard  
K M Griffiths  
D W Helliwell  
T J Hennegan  
C A Holley  
P R Hood-Williams  
B Hopkins  
D H Hopkins

### Councillor(s)

O G James  
L James  
Y V Jardine  
M H Jones  
S M Jones  
L R Jones  
E J King  
E T Kirchner  
M A Langstone  
M B Lewis  
R D Lewis  
W G Lewis  
A S Lewis  
C E Lloyd  
P Lloyd  
I E Mann  
P M Matthews  
P N May

### Councillor(s)

H M Morris  
D Phillips  
S Pritchard  
C Richards  
K M Roberts  
P B Smith  
R V Smith  
A H Stevens  
R C Stewart  
D G Sullivan  
G J Tanner  
W G Thomas  
D W W Thomas  
L J Tyler-Lloyd  
G D Walker  
T M White

### Officer(s)

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| Huw Evans    | Head of Democratic Services                    |
| Adam Hill    | Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Resources |
| Phil Roberts | Chief Executive                                |
| Ben Smith    | Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer    |

### Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A M Day, J W Jones, A Pugh, J A Raynor, M Thomas and L V Walton

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## 31. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

The Chief Legal Officer gave advice regarding the potential personal and prejudicial interests that Councillors and / Officers may have on the agenda.

The Head of Democratic Services reminded Councillors and Officers that the "Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests" sheet should only be completed if the Councillor / Officer actually had an interest to declare. Nil returns were not

required. Councillors and Officers were also informed that any declarable interest must be made orally and in writing on the sheet.

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea no interests were declared.

**32. To Confer the Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea to Catherine Zeta Jones.**

The Lord Mayor welcomed the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Civic Dignitaries, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Council and Catherine Zeta-Jones to the Ceremonial Meeting of Council.

The Leader of the Council referred to the meeting of Council held on 27 June 2019 whereby Council resolved to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea to Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Catherine Zeta-Jones was born in Swansea and began her career on the stage in London before becoming a TV star in the popular adaptation of HE Bates' *The Darling Buds of May*.

Catherine won an Academy Award for her portrayal of Velma Kelly in the screen adaptation of the Broadway musical *Chicago*. She was also nominated for a Golden Globe and won the Critics' Choice Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award and a BAFTA for Best Supporting Actress for her performance.

During her career Catherine has been an ambassador for Swansea and has worked with a number of charities. In 2010, she was awarded a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for her services to the film industry and charity.

The Leader of the Largest Opposition Political Group and the other Political Group Leaders spoke in support of the motion.

**Resolved** that the Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea be conferred on Catherine Zeta-Jones.

The Lord Mayor then presented Catherine Zeta-Jones with the Honorary Freedom Scroll, granting her the Freedom of the City and County of Swansea.

Catherine Zeta-Jones responded by thanking the Council for the honour.

The meeting ended at 2.22 pm

**Chair**