

Article 5 – Chairing The Council

5.01 Role and Function of the Chairman

The Chairman will be elected by the Council annually but neither the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Council can be Members of the Executive. The Chairman and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will have the following responsibilities:

1. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
2. to preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively with regard to the rights of Councillors and citizens and in the interests of the community;
3. to ensure that the Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Councillors who are not on the Executive or hold Committee Chairs are able to hold the Executive and Committee Chairmen to account;
4. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
5. to be the conscience of the Council;
6. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council or he/she determines appropriate;
7. to nominate other Councillors to attend civic and ceremonial functions as he/she determines appropriate.

5.02 No Councillor may serve for more than 2 years within any five year period as Chairman of the Council.