

# **Article 5 – The Mayor**

## **5.1 Election of Mayor**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually from amongst the councillors.

## **5.2 Role and function of the Mayor**

1. The Mayor will have the following responsibilities
  - a. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
  - b. to preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of councillors and the interests of the community;
  - c. 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 all members are able to hold decision makers to account;
  - d. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
  - e. to be the conscience of the Council;
  - f. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate;
  - g. to support other councillors to enable them to carry out their civic duties effectively.
2. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will assume the responsibilities of the Mayor.
3. The Mayor will not be a member of any committee appointed by the Council.