

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 2 September 2009

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D Barratt (Chair) presiding

Councillors Mrs. E. M. Barratt, D. M. Birch, J. B. Bone, A. I. Dunbar, Carol Granger, R. V. Hill
R. P. MacFarlane, E. W. Owen, A. J. Roberts & P. J. Wainwright.

Mr. Gary Feather (Clerk & Financial Officer)

Mrs. E. M. Hyde (Senior Administrative Officer)

Mrs. S. Wilson (Administrative Officer)

Mrs. H. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

77. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was taken as read.

78. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge,
Mrs. P. M. Attridge, Mrs. Y. R. Birch, W. Hastings, K. Kelly, P. Kindlin, A. P. Shotton,
I. R. Smith. & R. V. Williams.

79. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (42)

The Chair welcomed CBM Andy Skyner to the meeting.

CBM Andy Skyner reported back on items previously discussed at the 1 July 2009 meeting:-

- (a) Van parked on the grass verge on the corner of Howard Street restricting the view of the road – CBM Skyner reported that the man had been spoken to and he will move the vehicle.
- (b) Letter of support re lighting in Thornfield Avenue – CBM Skyner informed Councillors that a letter of support had been provided.
- (c) CCTV cameras use where criminal damage had been done to property and the perpetrator confronted – CBM Skyner informed Councillors that if CCTV was present where a crime had been committed then it would certainly be looked at. Councillor Birch informed CBM Skyner that even though he had identified the individual involved nothing seems to have been resolved.
- (d) Inconsiderate parking on the hill by Penglwadys – CBM Skyner reported to Councillors that an action plan was in place and is ongoing.
- (e) Anti-social behaviour in the St. Marks area – CBM Skyner informed Councillors that he had been in touch with Councillor J. B. Attridge, who originally raised this issue. The family in question has been identified and the situation is being dealt with.

- (f) Use of the area around Fron Road garages by youths – CBM Skyner reported to Councillors that at the last Neighbourhood Policy Meeting this was discussed and there has only been one complaint in the last three months, more are required for this matter to be monitored.
Councillor A. J. Roberts requested that the Clerk write a letter to Flintshire County Council to ask for appropriate obstructions to be put in place.
- (g) Parking on zigzag lines outside Dee Road Infants School – CBM Skyner reported that this will be monitored by the Police, together with the help of the school.
- (h) Concerns over drinking in the town, especially Central Park – CBM Skyner informed Councillors that a recent operation with Trading Standards resulted in sixteen shops selling alcohol being visited but only one underage individual was served.
- (i) Vandalism at the College Stadium – CCTV data – CBM Skyner informed Councillors that he had liased with Mr. Paul Hinchliffe, a manager at Deeside College who was happy with the situation at present but should the situation change he will inform CBM Skyner.
Councillor A. J. Roberts expressed the opinion that the camera should be concentrated more on the Stadium than on the road.
- (j) Wepre Park – youths congregating – CBM Skyner reported that this is an action plan area, an operation has recently been carried out, lots of youths were present on the car park and the situation was dealt with. No charges were made because there was no anti-social behaviour but Councillors will be informed should there be any future incidents.
- (k) Mopeds – CBM Skyner reported to Councillors that there were four mopeds that have been identified. One received a Section 19 and the others have been warned. The situation will be monitored.

The following matters were raised by councillors and discussed:-

- (i) Councillor A. I. Dunbar made a complaint with regard to fly tipping in Thornfield Avenue. It has been reported to the authorities that 6 to 8 bags were left outside G. & S. Window Systems in Thornfield Avenue. It will be checked but the situation needs to be monitored.
- (ii) Councillor A. I. Dunbar reported that a manhole cover in Thornfield Avenue had been badly bent but has since been repaired.
- (iii) Councillor A. I. Dunbar reported that he was informed by a lady in Mill Lane that youths were congregating on a wall just before Whitegates, they were drinking and smashing bottles. One youth tried to set fire to trees with an aerosol can. Mill Lane is due to be cleaned on the 3rd September 2009 but he feels the area needs to be monitored due to the intimidation of local residents.

- (iv) Councillor A. I. Dunbar reported that a number of people had missed the MPP e-mail. CBM Skyner said he needs to be informed of the ones that cannot be understood.
- (v) Councillor D. M. Birch reported youths drinking at Hillside Park and the Derwen Deg. He thanked the Police for their presence.
- (vi) Councillor R. V. Hill thanked Officers for their support with regard to the lighting at Thornfield Avenue.

80. NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

The Clerk, through the Chair, introduced the two new members of staff, Suzanne Wilson and Helen Edwards.

81. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The Chair welcomed Mr Robert Robins to the meeting.

Mr Robins thanked Councillors for inviting him to give this talk. He explained that he would talk for 8 to 10 minutes and then give Councillors the opportunity to ask questions. He informed Councillors that Overview and Scrutiny meet at County Hall on a weekly basis, they can carry out research, do analysis, gather evidence and make recommendations. He explained that the committee is similar to a Parliamentary Select Committee but they operate more informally through task groups to deal with particular topics. When the Local Government Act 2000 introduced Executive arrangements into principle councils, there was also a requirement for each such authority to have at least one Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Broadly speaking, the responsibilities of this committee are to hold the Executive to account, assist in the improvement and development of Council policies, monitor service delivery and contribute to improving the local community. They currently have seven Overview & Scrutiny Committees, which collectively cover all of the County Council functions. The Co-ordinating Committee is effectively the Overview and Scrutiny 'business manager'. It is this committee, which deals with requests from either Members of the County Council or from members of the public that a Scrutiny Committee consider a particular topic. Suggestions are welcomed from the public and the e-mail is scrutiny@flintshire.gov.uk

Mr Robins then asked Councillors if they had any questions.

Councillor D. Barratt informed Councillors that a call had been received concerning the cemetery and good progress had been made.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar asked, if Councillors were not happy with a decision made by the local County Council would there be any avenue whereby Councillors could ask for the Scrutiny Committee's assistance. Mr Robins answered no. Councillor Dunbar enquired that if this Council is asking for something to be implemented and it is not done so to the satisfaction of the public would there be an avenue to go down. Mr Robins replied that there was not.

Councillor A. J. Roberts noted that on page 4 of the hand out Mr Robins had supplied,

under the heading ‘Who else do we work with?’ Town and Community Councils are not mentioned and enquired if these councils will be brought in at some point. Mr Robins stated that the people who are mentioned under that heading are organisations that provide services across Flintshire – North Wales Police, Welsh Ambulance Service, NHS Trust. That does not mean that they will not, in the future, if a council comes up with an idea, give it consideration. Mr Robins also stated that the reason the Churches are mentioned is that they have a legal requirement to co-opt members from the Church. Councillor Roberts asked where we go from here, can we ask for the committees support? Mr Robins stated that it may well be that we can work closely with the Town Council.

The Clerk, through the Chair, mentioned the cemetery and that it was a major concern to the town, going on for five years and when would be an appropriate time to approach Scrutiny to look at it. The County Council were repeatedly asked what was happening and nobody was held to task for it. Mr Robins replied that the first thing would be to bend the ears of local members. He also mentioned that they publish their agenda on the County Council website and you can write in if you have a particular concern that has been going on for a long time, they may then be able to pursue it. The Clerk mentioned that if an item came up that would be of interest to the Town Council, it would be helpful if they could e-mail us.

Councillor R. V. Hill enquired if a Town Councillor represents a person in his ward, would he be able to go to the Scrutiny Committee meeting and put his case across. Mr Robins could not see why not. From time to time people are invited to meetings and if a member of the public had concerns and the Chairman of the committee was satisfied that that person could make a contribution he could see no problem.

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Barratt enquired if there was any element for whistle blowing in Overview & Scrutiny, even if a member feels it should be scrutinised. Mr Robins told Councillors that he would say there is no such scope because it is a public process and County Council has good whistle blowing policies. Overview & Scrutiny need to keep transparent, they would need to be satisfied that the person was making a genuine point and not having an axe to grind.

Councillor R. P. MacFarlane, as a member of the County Council “machinery” spoke regarding the cemetery. The administration at County Council changed and they felt it necessary to seek assurances from the new administration. This was taken to the Scrutiny Committee and now of course work has commenced. Whilst we need to pass on our information, the Scrutiny Committee also needs to pass information on and it is necessary for good levels of communication to exist.

Councillor P. J. Wainwright noted that in the hand out provided, on page 7, under the heading of “Topics” that have previously been considered, Highways and Maintenance are mentioned; he enquired how open they were at county level. Mr Robins replied that they are open to scrutiny. Councillor Wainwright referred to the little roundabout on Mold Road and stated that nobody from this Council was consulted about it and that it has been the cause of numerous complaints. Mr Robins said that it would have seemed legitimate to consult the Town Council.

Councillor A. J. Roberts enquired how the Council can go back to Scrutiny and cannot see how it will involve the Town Council at all.

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Barratt informed Mr. Robins that in the past the Town Council was asked where, for example, bus stops should be located but this has now stopped and some have been placed in dangerous locations. Highways should consult the Town Council who

have local knowledge. Councillor R. V. Hill informed Mr. Robins that this Council has written to the County Council about the roundabout. Mr Robins made the suggestion that the Clerk writes to the Scrutiny committee saying that further to discussions that have taken place this evening it has been suggested that this be brought to the Scrutiny Committee meeting in October. Councillors also mentioned that Ffordd Llanarth has a similar problem but with regard to road bumps. Mr Robins advised Councillors to put these matters to the committee and the 21 members of the co-ordinating committee can decide if it can be a subject for the committee.

The Chair, Councillor D. Barratt thanked Mr Robins for coming to the meeting and expressed the hope of better communications in the future.

Mr Robins thanked the Councillors for their invitation, for the welcome and the interest that had been shown. He stated that he felt he had something to take away and put to his members.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 02/09/09

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

83. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 1 July & 28 July 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

84. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 046641 65 Clivedon Road, Connah's Quay
Proposed two-storey extension to the side with integral garage.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objection to this application.

- (b) 044317 Land at (Barratt Homes) Ffordd Newydd, Connah's Quay
(Detailed Application)
Proposed erection of 139 homes with road layout, means of access and public open space with habitat improvement and protection.

Councillors discussed this planning application in depth with regard to infrastructure,

overspill in schools, service issues and increased traffic on Wepre Lane. Councillor D. Barratt informed Councillors that this application would not come before the Planning Committee until at least October 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council objects to this application on the above mentioned grounds.

That the Clerk also writes to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

85. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 043547, 044877, 045076, 045077, 046091, 046186, 046269, 046304, 046309, 046375, 046399 & 046411.

RECOMMENDED:-

That the notification be received.

86. PLANNING CUSTOMER FOCUS GROUPS

The Clerk submitted letter dated 25 August 2009, together with Focus Group Workshop Summary of Comments from Mr Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) in which he stated that he had summarised the main points which came out of each session and invited Councillors to check their accuracy and also to advise him of any points which may not have been raised at the time but which will be valid in the context of the service review.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar and the Clerk attended the meeting at County Hall, a number of questions were discussed with regard to pre application process, submission/validation, consultation and assessment and decision and post decision. This Council wanted more electronic consultation and asked for notification of what decisions were on 106's. A manual was provided to help understand the process. A DC manual will include where we stand as a Town Council. It was felt that there would be a strong application to change some of it. It will involve earlier consultations and observations and there will be some time to peruse applications.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter from Mr Andrew Farrow is received and the report from Councillor A. I. Dunbar and the Clerk be received.

87. ROADS & FOOTWAYS
ITEMS OF COMPLAINT/REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS

- (a) Safety Barriers – Link Footpath to main road (Dee Road & Mold Road)
The Clerk submitted letter dated 23 June 2009 from Alan Pugh, Head of Neighbourhood Area Service, Environment Directorate, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) stating that the Clerk's correspondence has been forwarded to the relevant service area for

action.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

(b) Fron Road Park

The Clerk submitted letter dated 7 July 2009 from Neighbourhood Policing Team, North Wales Police (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which stated that there is an ongoing problem and they are actively targeting people who are using vehicles in an anti-social manner in order to eradicate these types of problems. They also support Connah's Quay Town Council in their efforts to gain roadside furniture and increased lighting within this area.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

(c) Proposed Construction of Road Humps on Weighbridge Road
Deeside Industrial Estate

The Clerk submitted letter dated 24 July, 2009 from Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which acknowledged receipt of his letter of 7th July 2009 and noted the contents therein.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

(d) Highways Act 1980 – Section 90C

Notice of proposal to construct road humps – Ffordd Llanarth, Connah's Quay

The Clerk submitted letter dated 24 July 2009 from County Legal and Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which informed him that his correspondence was being forwarded to Mr Gerwyn Powell, the Council Traffic Service Manager, who will respond to the Town Council's concerns.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

(e) Safety Barriers – Link Footpath to Main Road (Dee Road & Mold Road)
alongside Salvation Army Chapel

The Clerk submitted letter dated 28 July 2009 from Alan Pugh, Head of Neighbourhood Area Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which informs Councillors that he has agreed to install pedestrian safety barriers to the rear of the kerbs immediately opposite the link footpath.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

(f) Wepre Lane

Councillor P. J. Wainwright reported that a manhole cover by number 57 is breaking up and the general condition of the road is deteriorating, especially at the junction.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had spoken to Flintshire County Council and they will replace the manhole cover with a heavy-duty cover.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Director of Highways accordingly.

(g) Garages - Fron Road

Councillor A. J. Roberts reported that a small red skip appears to be permanently placed behind the garages at Fron Road and may belong to someone who is conducting a business from their house.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to have the skip removed.

(h) Road Signs

Councillor Carol Granger reported that Cae Llys Close now has a new road sign.

RECOMMENDED:

That Councillor Granger's report is received.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 02/09/09

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

88. MINUTES

The minutes of Meeting held 1st July 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

89. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the months of June & July 2009.
- (b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the periods ended June & July 2009.
- (c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the months of June & July 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Reports be received.

90. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

The Clerk submitted e-mail from Robert Robins BA (Hons) MBA (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the e-mail be received.

91. THANKS

The Clerk submitted card received on 6 July 2009 from Mrs. Connie Jones (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) thanking Councillors for their gift on her retirement.

RECOMMENDED:

That the card be received.

92. CONSULTATION ON SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Clerk submitted letter dated 15 June 2009, together with booklet containing short questionnaire from Councillor Sharon Frobisher, Chairman (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which states that they are required to consult the public on their operational strategies each year by the end of October in preparation for the forthcoming year. She invites Councillors to respond using the questionnaire provided by 4 September 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter and questionnaire be received

93. DEESIDE FIRE STATION – BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 August 2009 from Ian Werner, Welfare Club Secretary Deeside Fire Station (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which states that they will be holding their annual charity bonfire and firework display in November and due to the cost of the fireworks having risen sharply over recent years they are requesting financial help.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Deeside Fire Station offering free use of the Civic Hall and also offering to sell tickets from the Town Council Offices for their annual charity bonfire and firework display.

94. OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009

The Clerk submitted letter dated 24 June 2009 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) together with Annual Report (not amenable to photocopy but available for inspection at the office).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter and report be received.

95. CCTV CAMERAS – STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 6 July 2009 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) together with statistical information (not amenable to photocopy but available for inspection at the office) stating that if there were any queries regarding the data, to contact him.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes thanking them for the data provided and asking them to keep the camera on the College.

96. YOUTH LEADER PROVISION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 9th July 2009 from Councillor Nigel Steel-Mortimer, Executive Member for Education & Youth, Flintshire County Council, together with letter that he drafted dated 9th June 2009 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) in which he apologised for the delay in responding to the Clerk's letter and stating that he will be in touch once the Youth Service Review is completed.

Councillor R. V. Hill reported that an article in the newspaper told of Flintshire County Council spending £80,000 on a gym for council staff to exercise and yet money was not available for a youth leader.

Councillor R. P. MacFarlane informed Councillors that the youth strategy is a report that is going the Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Councillor Steele-Mortimer and also Mr. Robins making the Council's views known.

97. CONSULTATION ON THE SUBMITTED DRAFT NORTH WEST PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW

The Clerk submitted letter & response form dated 27 July 2009 from Michael Gallagher, Director of Planning, Transport & Housing, 4NW (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) together with disk, SA Report – Non Technical Summary and Plan Partial Review (not amenable to photocopy but available for inspection at the office) stating the conditions under which the draft policies were undertaken and informing Councillors that the period for making comments on this submitted NWPPR runs until 5pm on Monday 19 October 2009. The Panel will report to the Secretary of State, who may consult on

suggested amendments for further comment before finally publishing the policies within a revised Regional Spatial Strategy.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter, response form, disk and SA Report be received.

98. APPLICATION BY ROWLANDS PHARMACY FOR MINOR RELOCATION FROM ST MARK'S DEE VIEW SURGERY TO 75 HIGH STREET, CONNAH'S QUAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 30 July 2009 from Sarah Lloyd-Hughes, Primary Care Information Officer, Local Health Board together with decision report (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) advising that at its meeting on 29 June 2009 F.L.H.B. Primary Care Panel rejected the above application. This decision was ratified on 22 July 2009.

The Clerk informed Councillors that there will be a Hearing and that the appeal has gone in.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter and report be received.

99. MANAGING UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS PROTOCOL

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 August 2009 from Fiona Mocko, Policy Officer Equalities, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) thanking Councillors for their comments on the draft and stating that once the process finishes in September and the feedback analysed the results will be published in the autumn.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

100. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 August 2009 from J Peter Davies, President of the Panel, Adjudication Panel for Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) updating Councillors on the activities of the Panel during last year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

101. The Clerk submitted the following re: New Cemetery (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda:-

- (a) Letter dated 16 July 2009 from Dave Faulkner, Head of Highways and Transportation, Flintshire County Council.
- (b) Letter dated 27 July 2009 from Helen Munden, PA to Director, Community Services, Flintshire County Council.
- (c) Letter dated 4 August 2009 from Mrs P Trinick, Administration and Cemeteries

Manager, Flintshire County Council.

Councillor A. J. Roberts informed Councillors that Flint Town Council have offered their support.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk again writes to the Police and Arrive Alive with regard to speed limits requesting an early reply.

102. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE ORDER RELATING TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT RETENTION AND ALLOWANCES

The Clerk submitted letter dated 4 August 2009 from Jeff Cuthbert AM, Temporary Committee Chair, National Assembly for Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) containing consultation questions and asking for comments.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

103. TOWN PARTNERSHIPS – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 6 August 2009 from Dave Heggarty, Head of Regeneration Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) stating that the development of town action plans is fundamental to the regeneration of our town centres and establishing a town partnership in each town is key to take this forward. Meetings are to be arranged and County Council Ward Members will be invited.

Councillor A. J. Roberts attended a meeting at the County Council and it was stated that there was £307,000 allocated for town partnerships. £40,000 would be allocated to the seven main towns in Flintshire, with the remaining £27,000 for administration. Each town will have to apply for the money, it must be approved and it must be spent by the end of March.

The Clerk informed Councillors that an additional £120,000 is available for tidy towns and he has asked for the criteria.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

104. FLINTSHIRE CCTV CONTROL ROOM – STAFFING LEVELS

The Clerk submitted letter dated 18 August 2009 from Sherryl Burrows, CCTV Manager, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) stating that staffing levels will be increased from Tuesday, 1st September 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received and the Clerk writes to the CCTV Manager to request an afternoon visit to the control room by the Town Councillors.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 02/09/09
Councillor D. Birch (Chair) presiding

105. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 1 July 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

106. MONITORING OF ACTIVITY/PROFITABILITY

The Clerk submitted the following Statements (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Civic Hall Activity/Profitability Statements
for the months of June & July 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

- (b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements
for the months of June & July 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

107. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

RECOMMENDED:

Ratification of the actions of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of this Committee in waiving/reducing the hire charge in respect of the following events:-

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

- (a) Deeside CYTUN
Presentation Evening to be held on Thursday, 22 October 2009.

WAIVER

- (b) School Reunion – Mrs Janet Roberts
School Reunion to be held on Saturday, 28 November 2009.

WAIVER

- (c) Deeside Police
Neighbourhood Forum Meetings to be held on Thursdays,
25 February, 20 May, 19 August & 25 November 2010

WAIVER

COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

- (d) Deeside Police
Neighbourhood Forum Meetings to be held on Thursdays,
11 February, 6 May, 5 August & 11 November 2010.
WAIVER

108. A STRATEGY FOR FLINTSHIRE'S LIBRARIES 2009-12

The Clerk submitted letter dated 19 August 2009 together with consultation documents from Lawrence Rawsthorne, Head of Libraries, Culture and Heritage (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) in which he asked for Councillors views on the proposals put forward in the document, these will be considered for inclusion in the final version which will be submitted to the County Council for adoption. A response is required by the 30 September 2009.

Councillor R. V. Hill reported that with regard to the temporary move of Connah's Quay Library to Shotton he has been informed if a book is required, it needs to be ordered because the premises are so small.

Councillor R. P. MacFarlane informed Councillors that Connah's Quay Library is open for the least number of hours and yet has the biggest population in Flintshire.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Lawrence Rawsthorne stating that the Councillors are not happy with the situation.

109. STANDARDS CONFERENCE WALES 2009
15 OCTOBER 2009 – CARDIFF CITY HALL

The Clerk submitted letter dated 21 August 2009 together with Event Programme from Mr Barry Davies, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which states that each Unitary Authority is allocated a maximum of 5 places for Town/Community Council delegates. He requests that he be informed of any nominations as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter and Event Programme be received.

110. QUAYPLAY – WEPRE PARK

The Clerk submitted details of attendances received from Mrs Janet Roberts by e-mail on 27 August 2009 (copies forwarded to Councillors on 28 August 2009).

Councillors R. V. Hill and Mrs P. M. Attridge visited and had an interesting morning with only one complaint that one of the helpers was busy texting on her phone and not giving enough attention to the children. The incident was pointed out and dealt with. Councillor D. M. Birch noted that attendance was slightly up and also noted that on his visits the children were enjoying themselves. He was disappointed that there were not more

outdoor activities but that did not appear to be what the children want. Councillor Hill also noted that some of the girls seemed happy to just sit and chat, while some boys preferred to play cards but we are trying to provide what they want. They also had a 'Quayplay has got talent'. Councillor Hill asked if Councillors could have a response from the children and was informed that one should be received for next months meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That the attendance lists be received and that the report from Councillors also be received.

111. NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF TOWN COUNCILS

The Clerk invited Councillor R. V. Hill to give an update of the Quarterly and Annual General Meetings.

Councillor Hill informed Councillors that a lady from Bangor was now the Chair. Talks were given – Wales in Bloom - the N.W.A.T.C.'s were informed that it had been reduced from 22 to 8 sections and if no money was found it would have to finish by October.

Sea fishing courses – the west coast will be alright but not the east coast. The east coast will be better off staying with England as they have more in common.

Upkeep of War Memorial – this is a War Memorial in Bangor for North Wales.

Auditors – concern was expressed as most work part time and do not work during the school holidays so they have to do their work in September.

The Clerk reported to Councillors that at the AGM, John Roberts retired as Serving Secretary of the North Wales Association of Town Councils and a vote of thanks will be given at the meeting in Welshpool by the new Clerk and new Secretary of the Association, Robert Robinson.

RECOMMENDED:

That the updates be received.

112. NEW YEAR'S EVE

Councillor D. M. Birch announced that the New Year's Eve entertainment (a pop duo – Cloud 29) had been booked and tickets would be sold at the same price as last year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the announcement be received.

113. MOLD COUNTY COURT

Councillor D. M. Birch informed Councillors that Mold County Court would only be open for two days a week, additional staff having to move to Wrexham. People will have to travel to Wrexham which may not be as effective. Consultation papers will be sent out.

RECOMMENDED:

That information is obtained and this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

114. CIVIC HALL

Councillor Birch reminded Councillors that the Civic Hall, which opened in 1960, will have been open for 50 years next year.

RECOMMENDED:

That Councillors think of suggestions for a celebration.