

## CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 2 December 2009

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D Barratt (Chair) presiding

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

Mr. Gary Feather (Clerk & Financial Officer)

Mrs. H. M. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

#### 188. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was taken as read.

#### 189. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Mrs E. M. Barratt, W. Hastings K. Kelly, A. P. Shotton, & R. V. Williams.

#### 190. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (155)

The Chair reported that there would be no Police attendance at the meeting due to an incident in Queensferry.

The Chair reported feedback from some of the items previously discussed items at the 2 September 2009 meeting:-

- (b) The youths congregating in Mill Lane and on Somerfield car park have now moved to the One Stop Shop. The Police are monitoring the situation.

The Chair reported feedback from some of the issues raised at the November 2009 meeting:-

- (iii) Councillor R. V. Hill expressed concern that some people who are riding bikes have no lights and they are also wearing dark clothing. The police are monitoring this situation.
- (v) Regarding Police contact, Councillor D. Barratt said he found the situation better in Cae Lllys Close but still could not contact the Police when needed.

Councillor A. Roberts suggested any new issues should be brought up at the next meeting.

Councillor J. B. Attridge stated that police presence is vital at these meetings as Councillors have issues that need to be raised. Councillor J. B. Attridge also asked how to contact the Police when they do not answer the telephone. Councillor R. V. Hill stated there should be 4 CBM's at Connah's Quay and currently there is only 2 available to cover 4 peoples jobs. Councillor R. V. Hill requested to know why no maternity cover is provided and stated in future this should be the case. Further discussion ensued and Councillor J. B. Attridge requested the Clerk to write to Inspector Mark Hughes.

## RECOMMENDATION

That a letter be sent to Inspector Mark Hughes informing him of their concerns about lack of non-attendance at the meetings.

191. The following matter were raised by Councillors and discussed:-

(i) Dog Fouling

Councillor P. J. Wainwright stated the situation in Halkyn View is getting worse, not better. A visit by the CBM's was suggested. Requested signage be put up.

Councillor J. B. Attridge advised that the County Council were using own enforcement and this comes into force on 2 December 2009.

(ii) CCTV

Councillor A. I. Dunbar raised the issue that the pictures from the CCTV cameras in Central Park are not good quality at night and asked for the Clerk to write to Highways regarding this.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar also requested that the bulbs in the lights in Thornfield Avenue be changed from amber to white. Nothing has been done as yet.

Councillor J. B. Attridge stated that some cameras have infra red lights and asked the question was this looked at for our cameras or was the cost too much. The clerk stated that the cost was prohibitive.

Councillor R. V. Hill asked if we could change the camera in Central Park to an infrared one.

## 192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 6 – Planning

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 14 Clwyd Pension Fund

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 30 (c) – Waiver hire charge

Councillor R. V. Hill declared an interest in item 30 (c) – Waiver hire charge

Councillor A. Roberts declared an interest in item 30 (c) and (e) – Waiver hire charge

Councillor R. P MacFarlane declared an interest in item 30 (c) – Waiver hire charge

Councillor P. Attridge declared an interest in item 14 Clwyd Pension Fund

Councillor C Granger declared an interest in item 14 Clwyd Pension Fund

Councillor B. Bone declared an interest in item 14 Clwyd Pension Fund

Councillor D. Barratt declared an interest in item 14 Clwyd Pension Fund

## PLANNING COMMITTEE – 02/12/09

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

### 193. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 27 October & 4 November were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 194. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 046884      Kelsterton Farm, Kelsterton  
Proposed erection of existing barn into 5 dwellings.

Councillor R. P. MacFarlane raised the issue that this is a green barrier area.

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the clerk write to the Head Of Planning Services to enquire whether this is a green barrier area

- (b) 046902      Land rear of Precinct/ Car Park Fron Road  
Proposed erection of one (1) 8m high CCTV column and one (1) 10m high CCTV column.

#### RECOMMENDED:

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

- (c) 046933      Land adjoining 24 Afon View, Connah's Quay.  
Proposed erection of 2 one bedroom flats

Councillor R. P. MacFarlane stated that no site visit has been done as of yet by planning. The design is not in keeping with the area.

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that a site visit needs to be carried out.

### 195. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 046641, 046666, 046707, 046783.

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the notification be received.

196. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

- (a) The clerk submitted letter dated 5 November 2009 from Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning, Flintshire County Council re: Town/Community representation (copy enclosed).

The Clerk had contacted Glyn Jones requesting more details. The changes are now being implemented in January 2010 and further information to process etc. would be forwarded. The Clerk informed the councillors that there would be at least a two weeks notice when applications are discussed in a “call-over” with the Chair of FCC Planning Committee. Councillor J. B. Attridge said this was much welcomed. Often the Planning Committee overlooks the town and community council’s wishes.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

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

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

- (i) Letter dated 26 November 2009 from Mr W G Powell, Flintshire County Council re Traffic Order Yellow Lines.

Councillor A. Roberts stated he enquired what the criteria was for yellow lines and has had no response.

- (ii) Letter dated 9 November 2009 from Mr I Jones, Flintshire County Council re Mini Roundabout, Hall Lane/Mold Road together with minute extract 310 (a) February 2006.

Councillor A. Roberts discussed the implications of the roundabout. It is in the wrong area. The waiting times at the roundabout cause the traffic to queue and the amount of accidents caused because of where it is. It needs relocating to a more suitable area. Councillor R. Hill states there has been no response as to how many accidents have been caused because of the placement of the roundabout. Councillor J. B. Attridge suggested a site visit needed.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received, and that a letter be written to Inspector Mark Hughes, asking for accident statistics. That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council requesting a site visit.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 2/12/09

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

198. MINUTES

The minutes of Meeting held 4 November 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

199. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- (a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the month of October 2009.
- (b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the period ended October 2009.
- (c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of October 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Reports be received.

200. DOG FOULING CRACKDOWN

The Clerk submitted a newspaper cutting (The Leader, 24 November 2009). (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the newspaper cutting be received.

201. CONNAH'S QUAY SWIMMING BATHS

The Clerk submitted notice of new women only sessions from Kathryn, Swimming Development Officer, Flintshire County Council. (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillor P. Wainwright enquired if this is Flintshire County Council policy, as he does not feel he can support this, as it is discrimination. Councillor R. P. MacFarlane stated there have always been women only sessions at Connah's Quay swimming baths.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council asking if this is Policy.

202. CLWYD PENSION FUND

The Clerk attended a meeting. The Government are in talks about everyone having a personal pension plan from 2012. The suggested figures are 3% contribution from employer, 4% from employee and 1% from the government. Helen Burnham will be keeping us updated on this.

Councillor R. Hill asked if there is a safeguard on this. Pensions from the pension fund are protected.

RECOMMENDED:

Helen Burnham will be keeping us updated on this.

203. MOLD COUNTY COURT

The Clerk submitted the following: (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

- (a) Letter received at Council Offices on 11 November 2009 from Mark Tami, MP together with letter dated 9 November 2009 to Mr Howard Lloyd, Area Directors Office, The Law Courts, Mold from Mr Mark Tami, MP.
- (b) Letter received at Council Offices on 17 November 2009 to Mark Tami, MP together with letter dated 11 November 2009 from Howard Lloyd, North Wales Area Director, Her Majesty's Court Service.

Councillor A. I Dunbar commented on closure of County Court. All people convicted in Deeside/Mold will be dealt with at Mold. There are no concerns on the administration side. There is no confirmation as to whether the County Court is staying open or closing.

Councillor J. B. Attridge stated the main issues regarding the County Court are the opening and closing times, the court needs to be open as many hours as possible.

Councillor D. Barratt stated there is a planned closure of Wrexham County Court and it will be moved into the Magistrates Court.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received. That the Clerk writes to Howard Lloyd re ongoing commitment to keeping Mold open.

204. PLAY FOR WALES

The clerk submitted issue 30 of Play for Wales together with Join Play for Wales Annual Report for the year ended March 2009. (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated on page 15 of issue 30 it stated the closure of the North Wales Office. Where is this?

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk makes enquiries as to where the North Wales Office is.

205. CONSULTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2009 – STATUTORY

The clerk submitted letter dated 28 October 2009, from Mr Reg Kilpatrick, Head of Local Government, Policy Division. (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Mr . G. Feather, the Clerk, highlighted the Council's roles in this strategy and these need to be looked at and any comments fed back to the clerk. The charter has been reached and an action plan now needs to be produced. We need to report back to the Welsh Assembly by 15 January 2010. It was felt by the Councillors that a Sub Committee was needed. Consideration to be given at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

To receive part 1, Local Government Improvement and part 2, Collaborative Community Planning.

206. FLINTSHIRE SCHOOL MODERNISATION STRATEGY

The clerk submitted the letter received 16 November 2009 from Tom Davies, Head of Development and Resources, Flintshire County Council, (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

The relevant parts have been highlighted by the clerk. Councillor R. P. MacFarlane discussed sufficiency of places in the schools. Hopefully will get new investments. Scrutiny made recommendations with regards to cost and in some schools it's twice as much to educate as in other schools. There is nervousness in smaller schools with regards to funding, closure etc. Some schools are going to lose teachers, as they are not at full capacity. Councillor J. B. Attridge stated concerns that some schools have £2,000 per child to educate and where schools have surplus places they have up to £9,000 per child. This issue needs addressing.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received and that the Clerk writes to Mr Ian Budd, Director of Lifelong Learning.

207. FLINTSHIRE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The clerk submitted the Service Strategic Plan April 2010 – March 2014. (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

It was discussed by all Councillors that we needed to invite Councillor N. Steele Mortimer down here for an update and to talk through the document and find out when this would be happening. Need the Youth club to be open more nights, possibly every night. Connah's Quay have no play leader for the Youth Club. Councillor R. Hill stated that £56 per child funding is received.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes a letter to Councillor N. Steele Mortimer inviting him to the next Town Council meeting.

208. APPLICATION BY ROWLANDS PHARMACY FOR MINOR RELOCATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 27 October 2009 from Panna Singh, Department of Health and Social Services, Pharmaceutical Services together with letter dated 30 September 2009 from Joanne Watson, Senior NHS Contracts Manager, Boots Supporting Office to Ms H Monaf, Department of Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government. (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillors discussed at length. The move to 75 High Street has been turned down.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received

209. APPLICATION BY WEPRE PHARMACY FOR MINOR RELOCATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 2 November 2009 from Sarah Lloyd-Hughes, Primary Care Information Officer, together with letter dated 27 October 2009 from Panna Singh, Health & Social Services Directorate General, Welsh Assembly Government to Ms. Sarah Lloyd Hughes, Flintshire Local Health Board. (Copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillors discussed at length. Councillor R. V. Hill to keep objection in to stay where it is.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received.

210. FLINTSHIRE NEWCIS NEWS FOR CARERS

The Clerk submitted Winter 2009 issue (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Winter 2009 issue be received.

211. FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES IN WALES

The Clerk submitted letter dated 2 November 2009 from Kingsley Rees, Head of Fire and Rescue Services Branch (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda) together with proposed guidance for the Wales programme.

Councillors suggested signage is needed for rural areas so that fire service and other emergency services can find places.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

212. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – LOCAL TRANSPORT

To receive the following (copies forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda):-

- (a) Letter dated 26 October 20209 from Jamie Matthews, LTP Team Leader – Highways and Transportation Service.
- (b) Letter dated 10 November 2009 from Phill Bamford, Local Development Framework Programme Manager – Spatial Planning.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters are received.

213. N.S.P.C.C – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

To receive letter dated 27 October 2009 from Beccy Grundy, Committee Fundraising Manager, North East Wales (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge suggested that we give delegation regarding these. When letters come in for financial assistance the standard letter to be sent, they do not need a letter to be sent to them asking this, just a copy for information only.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk initiates the suggestion.

214. MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE – APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To Clerk submitted letter dated 11 November 2009 from Simone Williams, Community Fundraising, North Wales and Shropshire (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge suggested that we give delegation regarding these. When letters come in for financial assistance the standard letter to be sent, they do not need a letter to be sent to them asking this, just a copy for information only.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk initiate the suggestion.

215. INTER-SERVICES COMMITTEE – LETTER OF THANKS

The Clerk submitted letter dated 10 November 2009 from Mr Gilbert Butler, Secretary, Deeside.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 02/12/09

Councillor D. M. Birch (Chair) presiding

216. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 November 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

217. 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 October 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

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

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

218. 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) St Mark's Church, Connah's Quay  
Parish play to be held on
- (i) Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
50% REDUCTION
  - (ii) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
WAIVER
- (b) Blessed Sacrament Church, Connah's Quay  
Annual Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
WAIVER
- (c) Connah's Quay High School  
Annual School Musical – “Guys and Dolls” to be held on Monday 8 February to Friday 12 February 2010 (incl.)  
WAIVER
- (d) Sports Flintshire  
Street Dance Festival to be held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 and Tuesday 23 March 2010  
WAIVER

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011

- (e) Flintshire District Scout Council  
AGM Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 May 2010.  
WAIVER
- (f) Inter-Services Committee  
Remembrance Service to be held on Sunday 14 November 2010.  
WAIVER

COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

- (g) Friends of Central Park  
Indoor Car Book Sale to be held on Sunday 29 November 2009.  
WAIVER