

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 3 March 2010

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D Barratt (Chair) presiding

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

Mr. Gary Feather (Clerk & Financial Officer)

Mrs. H. M. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

255. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was taken as read.

256. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, R. V. Williams & P. J. Wainwright.

257. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (221)

The Chair welcomes Sgt Anthony Hayward, CBM Paul Williams and PCSO Danny Hughes to the meeting.

CBM Paul Williams reported back on items previously discussed at the 3 February 2010 meeting:-

- (a) Contacting the Police – CBM Paul Williams reported all Police mobile phones are now working correctly and all diverss are set up. If the Officer you want is off duty their phone will divert to the control room. Any issues dial 101 and leave a message, e-mail the officer direct or call into the station if you are passing. There is no reason why we should not be able to contact the police at any time

Councillor A. J. Roberts asked about someone being at the station all the time and was informed that there is always someone there.

- (b) Youths Congregating – CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors this situation still continues to be monitored by themselves and Shotton CBM's. With regards to Mill Lane 4 calls have been received since the beginning of December relating to the youths this included 1 of a motorcycle being used. This is being monitored and tends to be during the evenings. Youths are using the fence by the Job Centre to gain access. The police requested a key to the gate. Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated that a key would be provided.
- (c) Lack of Bike Lights – CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors that an operation is to be carried out shortly in the mornings and evenings – targeting all with a view to enforcement. PCSO targeting within the next 5-7 days.
- (d) CCTV – CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors that the camera in Cae Llys Close is going for repair.

- (e) 3 - 4 scooters pulling out in front of cars which could cause accidents, also youths throwing snowballs at cars this is taking place in the area outside the Labour Club. CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors that no problems now the snow has gone and have patrolled the area with regards to the scooters and are monitoring the situation.
 - (f) Dog fouling is still being monitored. CBM Paul Williams stated that dog fouling tickets are being issued but is unaware of how many are being paid as these can be contested. If the ticket is contested then the issuing officer is called to court. The Magistrate then decides whether to prosecute or withdraw the ticket.
 - (g) Councillor P. J. Wainwright reported an abandoned car at the junction of Halkyn View, which has been there for a while. CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors that this vehicle did belong to a local person. The car was broken down and has now been removed.
 - (h) Community Gardens - CBM Paul Williams reported this situation continues to be monitored. Councillors stated that lighting is still an issue and are campaigning for new lighting. This was 3 months ago. Sgt Hayward stated he would ring Highways to chase this issue up.
 - (i) CBM Paul Williams explained that the CBM that is leaving is being replaced and Clare Roberts is on maternity leave but is not being replaced. When she returns there will be 3 CBM's.
- CBM Paul Williams also reported that he is not aware of Deeside Police Station being knocked down.
- (j) Traffic Control – CBM Paul Williams reported back regarding stopping on the yellow box at the bottom of Wepre Drive. The roadworks in Shotton were a problem for a short time but the biggest problem faced is where to stop the drivers to speak to them regarding this issue. There has been a big difference now that the roadworks have gone but it is still an issue.

The following matters were raised by Councillors and discussed:-

- (i) Councillor P. Attridge reported about having received complaints regarding two properties in Princes Street. CBM Paul Williams advised he was aware of these two properties and that they have spoken to Flintshire County Council with regards to one of these properties and are monitoring the situation.
- (ii) Councillor A. I. Dunbar has received various complaints regarding the Community Gardens. Youths are gathering there and drinking also reports of needles there but none were found. CBM Paul Williams reported that vodka bottles had been found and traced back to a shop in Shotton. The member of staff that has been selling this has been dismissed.
- (iii) Councillor D. Birch reported that some children from Connah's Quay High School are seen in Golftyn Lane during their dinner hour smoking and drinking. CBM Paul Williams will look into this.

- (iv) Councillor Mrs E. M. Barratt informed the Police that she had a gentleman call last week claiming to be from Mold Energy Centre enquiring about whether they had loft insulation. He was carrying a clipboard with Flintshire County Council on it and had his identity tag on the wrong way. Councillor Mrs Barratt rang North Wales Energy Centre regarding this and was informed that there is no Mold Energy Centre and that they do not cold call. It could be one of four firms.
- (v) Councillor R. V. Hill reported that when pensioners are shopping at Lidl they are being offered help and then their trolley is taken and the pound not returned. CBM Paul Williams will speak to the Staff at Lidl.

The Chair thanked Sgt Anthony Hayward, CBM Paul Williams and PCSO Danny Hughes for their valuable assistance.

258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest was received.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 03/02/10

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

259. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 15 December 2009 & 6 January 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

260. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 047124 159 Dee Road, Connah's Quay
Proposed dorma extension to front and side (partially retrospective)

RECOMMENDED:

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

- (b) 046933 Land adjoining 24 Afon View, Connah's Quay
Proposed erection of 2 no. one bedroom flats
Amended block plans illustrating parking layout.

RECOMMENDED:

Awaiting Flintshire County Council's correspondence after site visit.

261. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL BY MR S SMITH – SITE AT 153 DEE ROAD, CONNAH'S QUAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 19 January 2010 from Andrew Williams, Registry, together with the Inspector's decision (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Site visit took place on 12 January 2010. Rejected on amenity space for new dwelling.

RECOMMENDED:

That the notification be received.

262. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 046316, 046697,046741 & 046984

RECOMMENDED:

That the notification be received.

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

(a) Potholes

Councillors reported that 'potholes' have appeared all over roads in Connah's Quay. Councillor Carol Granger reported that one of the bollards in Broadway has been sawn off and people are walking across residents gardens. Councillor D. Birch stated that these need to be permanent.

RECOMMENDED:

The Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 03/02/10

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

264. MINUTES

The minutes of Meeting held 6 January 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

265. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

RECOMMENDED:

That the reports be received.

266. NORTH WALES POLICE

- (a) The Clerk submitted letter dated 21 December 2009 from Inspector Mark Hughes, Deeside Police Station (copy forwarded to Councillors with the agenda) in which Inspector Hughes addressed some of the concerns expressed by Councillors

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

- (b) The Clerk submitted letter dated 22 January 2010 from Ruth Purdie. B.A. (Hons) Chief Superintendent Divisional Commander (copy forwarded to Councillors with

the Agenda). She informed the Clerk that his letter is receiving attention and a response will be forthcoming in due course

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received

267. CONNAH'S QUAY POOL

The Clerk submitted letter dated 24 December 2009 from Mike Hornby, Head of Leisure Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) with regards to women only sessions. He states that the key policy document is the Leisure Strategy which amongst other priorities identified that we should seek to increase levels of physical activity amongst both adults and young persons year on year. Women only sessions are highly valued by those persons attending and we anticipate the session increasing in popularity in the New Year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

268. 16-18 YOUTH – CONNAH'S QUAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 30 December 2009 from Rob Edwards, County Youth and Community Officer, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated that we still need a Youth Leader.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

269. SCHOOL MODERNISATION STRATEGY – CONSULTATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 5 January 2010 from Mr Ian Budd, Director of Lifelong Learning, Flintshire County Council, (copy forwarded to Councillors with Agenda).

Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated that buildings at Wepre School need to be made fit for purpose.

Councillors commented that the first meeting regarding the amalgamation had been cancelled and were not informed when the second one took place.

Councillor A. P. Shotton requested that we have layouts and be consulted regarding future use of secondary school sights.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

270. CONTACT INFORMATION – MEP

The Clerk submitted letter dated 8 January 2010 from Mr Carl Sargeant, A.M (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

271. CADWYN CLWYD’S NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The clerk submitted newsletter with website address dated 13 January 2010 from Ceri Hughes, Administrative Officer, Cadwyn Clywd, (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the newsletter be received.

272. CCTV CAMERAS – STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The clerk submitted letter dated 14 January 2010 from Sherryl Burrows, CCTV Manager, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

This information has been received and can be viewed at the Office if required.

Councillor R. V. Hill informed us that the camera at Fforth Llanarth is out of action and has gone for maintenance.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council regarding the lighting.

273. EVENING SEMINAR INVITATION

The clerk submitted letter from Samantha Owen, Community and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator regarding a seminar on Wednesday 10 February 2010.

The Chair, Councillor D. Barratt will be attending along with the Clerk, Mr R. G. Feather.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

274. APPLICATION BY ROWLANDS PHARMACY FOR A MINOR RELOCATION FROM ST MARKS DEE VIEW SURGERY TO THE NEW RETAIL UNITS, DEESIDE DISTRICT CENTRE, Ffordd Llanarth, Connaah’s Quay

The clerk submitted letter dated 19 January 2010 from Sarah Lloyd-Hughes, Primary Care Information Officer, Flintshire Local Health Board (copies forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

The Pharmacy has withdrawn the application.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

275. APPLICATION BY ROWLANDS PHARMACY FOR A MINOR RELOCATION FROM ST MARKS DEE VIEW, CONNAH'S QUAY TO THE PRECINCT, ENGLEFIELD AVENUE, CONNAH'S QUAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 19th January 2010 from Bethan Jones, Primary Care Assistant, Flintshire Local Health Board (Copies forwarded to the Councillors with the agenda).

The Pharmacy has withdrawn the application

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

276. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

The Clerk submitted booklet.

If further information is required the booklet is available to view at the Office. It includes 'What Children in Wales Should be Doing and Playing With'.

RECOMMENDED:

That the booklet be received.

277. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To notify Councillors that the Clerk has replied to letters received from the following:

- (a) Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- (b) Kidney Wales Foundation

278. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS – DRAFT PROPOSALS

The Clerk submitted booklet from The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

Councillor D. Barratt commented on the proposed name of the two new wards. They should be Connah's Quay Wepre and Connah's Quay Golftyn. Wepre is not South. Councillor Barratt also asked if this is aimed at reducing Councillors and asked what is the point. Four wards joined in Mold and kept all 4 Councillors. Councillor Barratt also stated that this report should be rejected. Councillor D. Birch also agreed with this.

Councillor A. P. Shotton said that this report needs to be rejected in full and looked at again. They don't know the areas. This removes Councillors away from the Community as would be losing a Councillor. It needs to be challenged as does not follow the direction of the assembly. Our views need to go to Flintshire County Council.

Councillor E. W. Owen stated more work needs to be done on this.

Councillor C. Granger asked how much consultation had been done. Should be consultation with electorate not just Councillors.

Councillor J. B. Bone expressed concern about multi member wards. Never been challenged on this and shouldn't be altered. This is for the electorate to do.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated that separating boundaries is going down the wrong path.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk respond in accordance with the previous responses / maps to the LGBC.

279. Deferred item (2) Members Panel – 14 Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay

Hope to sell 14 Wepre Drive. Looking at a footpath between 14 & 16 in the future to the new Medical Centre. If new owners approached by Flintshire County Council will consider. If we get funding would they do this.

Councillor Mrs Barratt expressed concern that we would be creating a new alleyway and more trouble.

Councillors Mrs P. Attridge and Mrs Birch stated that they would use this footpath.

Councillors stated that the sale of the house should be put in jeopardy due to the footpath

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council.

280. Deferred item (249) Budget Setting – Waivers

This item be left to the discretion of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

281. COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF SPORT

The Clerk submitted an e-mail from Mrs Lisa Fearn, Town Centre Manager dated 21 January 2010.

The Clerk asked if there were any objections to Mrs Lisa Fearn representing the Town Council at these meetings.

Councillors were in favour, there were no objections.

RECOMMENDED:

That Mrs Lisa Fern represents us at these meetings.

282 CIVIC HALL TOILET REFURBISHMENT

To receive an update.

The Clerk gave an update regarding this. The original quote to refurbish the Gents and Ladies on the downstairs floor at the Civic was £25,000. It is now £21,000.

Councillors A.I. Dunbar and D. Barratt in favour of doing this.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 03/02/10

Councillor D. Birch (Chair) presiding

283. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 6 January 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

284. 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 month of December 2009

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

- (b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements
for the month of December 2009

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

285. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

RECOMMENDED:

Ratification of the action 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 2010/2011

Christ Church Deeside

Carol Services to be held on

- (i) Tuesday, 14 December 2010
50% REDUCTION
- (ii) Thursday, 16 December 2010
50% REDUCTION
- (iii) Wednesday 22, December 2010
WAIVER

286. LETTERS OF THANKS

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

- (a) Letter dated 19 January 2010 received from Mr Greg Dixon, Headteacher, Connah's Quay High School.

- (b) Letter dated 21 January 2010 received from Mr G Lynton Jones, Christ Church, Deeside.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received.

287. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY PLAYScheme PROGRAMME, 2010

The Clerk submitted letter dated 25 January 2010 from Mike Hornby, Head of Leisure Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda)

It was agreed by all that Councillors D. Birch and J. B. Attridge should arrange to meet with Mr Hornby

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.