NOTICE OF MEETING
The notice of meeting was taken as read.

APOLOGIES
Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, D. Barratt, Mrs. E. M. Barratt, R. V. Williams & P. J. Wainwright.

POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (257)
The Chair welcomed CBM Paul Williams and CBM Tim Barnett to the meeting. CBM Tim Barnett introduced himself to Councillors, giving a brief history of his time with Eastern Division.

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

(a) Prince’s Street - Councillor J. B. Attridge had concerns over the anti social behaviour by two residents in Prince’s Street. CBM Williams informed Councillors that one resident had been evicted but problems are still occurring. The Housing Officer for Flintshire County Council, Julie Gorman is at the moment looking into complaints by residents and the County Council are progressing the complaints but ensuring that everything is done correctly.
   If anyone witnesses any anti social behaviour they should be referred to the Housing Department, Flintshire County Council giving dates, times etc.

(b) Youths congregating and drinking at Community Gardens – following concerns by Councillor A. I. Dunbar, CBM Paul Williams informed Councillors that they are still monitoring this area. A key to the gardens will shortly be issued to them. Councillor Dunbar thanked CBM Williams and stated that water barrels have been provided and guttering has been put back up – the last time new ones were put up they were damaged, so could the police please continue to monitor.

(c) Connah’s Quay High School – following Councillor D. M. Birch’s concerns over youths drinking in the lane and alleyways around Connah’s Quay High School, the Police have informed Mr. G. Dixon, Headmaster of the school and patrols have been carried out with the assistance of Shelley Jones, the Inclusion Welfare Officer, lots of cigarettes have been confiscated but at this time no alcohol.
   Police have also spoken to the youths and the school will also monitor the situation.
Councillor Birch informed Councillors that he had noticed that fewer children were hanging about.
Councillor R. V. Hill also informed Councillors that he had spoken to Mr. Dixon, Head-teacher and he said he was monitoring the situation.

(d) Damage to motor vehicles within the Bryn Road area – Councillor R. P. MacFarlane brought up this problem and CBM Williams informed Councillors that both CCTV cameras have been requested, for the foreseeable future, to point both up and down Bryn Road. Confirmation of this has been received from Flintshire County Council. The Police have visited certain addresses and this will continue on a monthly basis. Driveway alarms, which normally have to be paid for by the public, have been ordered and are being provided free of charge due to the amount of damage that has been inflicted.

(e) Cold Callers – Councillor Mrs. E. M. Barratt referred Councillors to this problem of cold callers from the Mold Emergency Centre – a business that did not exist and was not linked to Flintshire County Council. CBM Williams informed Councillors that a questionnaire has been sent out and will be anonymous – once the replies have been received they will write to the organisations concerned. A letter has already gone to Scottish Power and N-Power and they have stated that the best time to get people in is between 7.00p.m. and 9.00p.m. The Police have been informed that people are being approached after 9.30p.m. and this is not acceptable. CBM Williams informed Councillors that he had ordered 50 packs of no cold callers, telephone numbers of crimestoppers etc. and a leaflet with all the main gas/water company telephone numbers on, in order to set up a password scheme with them, together with panic alarms. People who are most vulnerable in the area will get these packs straight away. He also requested that stickers be available at the Town Council Offices and the Old Age Pensioners Club, they will also be available at the Police Station. Anyone who is not happy having a chain fitted (double glazed doors) can have a door wedge, which will only allow, if necessary, the door to be opened a small amount.

(f) Richmond Road/Thornfield Avenue – Councillor W. Hastings had concerns regarding youths running into gardens. CBM Williams informed the Councillors that the Police have spoken to youths in the area and they have received no further reports. Councillor Hastings replied that ‘For Sale’ signs have been torn down and CBM Williams assured him that the area would still be patrolled.

(g) Youths congregating/ drug use in Mold Road – After Councillor D. Barratt’s concern over this matter, CBM Williams has monitored and moved youths on. The Clean Up Team has attended and needles etc. have been cleared away.

(h) Lidl Supermarket – Following concerns from Councillor R. V. Hill that youths have been assisting shoppers at Lidl with their shopping and then retaining the trolleys for the £1 deposit, CBM Williams reported that he had spoken to the Head Office of Lidl, the Manager is aware of the situation and is monitoring and the Shotton CBM informed to ensure that this problem is stopped.

(i) Bicycle Riding – Councillor Hill is concerned that people are riding on the paths especially in the dark. CBM Williams informed Councillors that they have monitored and tickets have been issued. The Clerk stated that the County Council have asked a Company to review the situation and they are looking into the traffic on the road and on the pavement.
They will be invited to a meeting of the Regeneration Committee on the 12 March 2010.

(j) Dog Fouling – CBM Williams informed Councillors that Officers in plain clothes have been patrolling Central Park and utilising the CCTV cameras for the area, this has resulted in no tickets being issued as every dog owner cleared up after their dogs. CBM Williams informed Councillors that there was to be a Press Release in the Chronicle.

The following matters were raised by Councillors and discussed:-

(i) Councillor Mrs. P. M. Attridge reported concern regarding an elderly lady in Connah’s Quay who leaves her burglar alarm off and allows a druggie and a homeless person to enter her property at will, particularly on pension day. Councillor Attridge has phoned Housing at Flintshire County Council and left a message. She requested CBM Williams to look into the matter. She also informed him that a house in Howard Street that is empty has had the lock to the gates broken and the gates are now open. CBM Williams will look into both matters.

(ii) Councillor Mrs. Y. R. Birch reported dog fouling on the field of Connah’s Quay High School. It is council property and walking dogs on the field is prohibited. CBM Williams will look into the matter.

(iii) Councillor D M Birch thanked the Police for the information they have supplied.

(iv) Councillor A. J. Roberts queried the use of yellow cards, whilst they are a good thing, it has come to his attention that one youth with a yellow card was frightened to apply for a job until the card expired and another youth felt it would stop him from joining the forces. CBM Williams informed Councillors that the yellow card was intended as a deterrent for anti social behaviour and if 2 yellow cards are received within six months the youths may be referred to a team to help stop this behaviour. He stated that it is not a criminal record and parents are informed of this when a yellow card is issued, it would therefore not have an effect on a job application or application to join the forces.

(v) Councillor A. J. Roberts reported people on the swings between Fron Road and Richmond Road, usually on a Friday night drinking etc. and is concerned that they are using equipment not meant for their age group and also what could be left behind. CBM Williams enquired if the gates were locked, if they are, the Police may be able to do something.

(vi) Councillor R. V. Hill thanked the Police for all their help and enquired after an incident last Thursday evening when there was a fire. He stated that pensioners are frightened about what is going on in the area with the drug situation and enquired if the Police could do anything to help. CBM Williams replied that they are monitoring the Chapel Street area.

(vii) Councillor W. Hastings reported that last week there was an accident by Fred’s Shop in Mold Road and is concerned people park outside the shop when across the road there is a bus stop. He wondered whether barriers outside the school would be helpful. CBM Williams, although not on duty, had read the report in the newspaper, it was an accident and the little girl suffered only minor injuries. He reported that Dee Road School was also having problems with regard to parking and the Police would
be advising drivers parking at Dee Road School and Custom House Lane School where to park.

The Chair thanked CBM Paul Williams and CBM Tim Barnett for their valuable assistance.

N.B. Councillor E. W. Owen left the meeting at this juncture.

295. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor R. V. Hill declared an interest in item 22 – Welsh Eye Care Initiative Funding.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 03/03/10
Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

296. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Meeting held 26 January 2010 & 3 February 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

297. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
(a) 047171 Flats 46-57 inclusive Glan & Morfa Court, Connah’s Quay
Proposed remodelling of 12 bed sits into 8 flats, extension to gable end to accommodate lift shaft, boiler room and tank room.

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

298. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS
The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 046902.
Councillor J. B. Bone informed Councillors of a property – 3 Lon Llwyni, which this Council turned down for planning permission and was also initially turned down by Flintshire County Council. On passing he noticed that the building work was nearly finished. Permission was granted after a couple of appeals to the Welsh Office and Connah’s Quay Town Council appears to have fallen out of the loop. We have not been informed of the conditions and they have not been placed on Flintshire County Council’s website.

RECOMMENDED:
That the notification is received and the Clerk writes to the Welsh Assembly with regards to this Council being informed of appeals and the conditions attached to them.

299. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC NOTICE
The Clerk submitted Temporary Traffic Notice dated 4 February 2010 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:
That the Temporary Traffic Notice be received.
N.B. Councillor E. W. Owen returned to the meeting at this juncture.

300. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS: FLINTSHIRE
The Clerk submitted letter dated 10 February 2010 from Head of Highways and Transportation, Flintshire County Council, together with a list of all the installations (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which stated that 67 such signs have been installed in the County, the vast majority serving as a reminder of the posted speed limit (in most cases 30) and a small number warning of specific hazards such as a crossroads. Councillor A. I. Dunbar noted that Connah’s Quay has only two signs, both on Mold Road and at least one more is needed by the Wepre Park entrance and one on Kelsterton Road.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter and list of installations be received and the Clerk write to Mr Dave Faulkner, Head of Highways and Transport, Flintshire County Council requesting the above.

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

(a) Potholes
Councillor K. Kelly complained about the general state of the roads and the potholes.

RECOMMENDED:
The Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council.

(b) Ffordd Llanarth
Councillor W. Hastings was approached with regard to the insensitive pruning and tidying at Ffordd Llanarth – in the process daffodils have been mowed down before they have bloomed. Ffordd Llanarth did need tidying but the timing was wrong.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk checks on the situation and writes accordingly.

(c) Ffordd Llanarth
Councillor R. V. Hill reported to Councillors that the traffic lights were not working. Councillor E. W. Owen informed Councillors that someone had stolen the batteries. The Clerk informed Councillors that they are now working again.

(d) Top of Broadway
Councillor R. V. Hill informed Councillors that the bollards have not be rectified and people are driving through gardens. He also stated that £2 million had been allocated for Wales after the frost damage.

The Clerk has spoken to Flintshire County Council and they are trying to keep up to date with regard to the potholes – they are on a three months cycle and are trying to fill the holes systematically.
Councillor Carol Granger informed Councillors that they were working on the potholes in Llwyni Drive this morning.

(e) Dee Road/Fron Road
Councillor A. J. Roberts reported that the alleyway between 67/69 Dee Road which
goes through to Fron Road needs to be cleared.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk arranges for the alleyway to be cleared.

(f) **Golftyn Lane**
Councillor Mrs. Y. R. Birch has received complaints regarding the potholes in Golftyn Lane – three have been filled in but twenty still remain and it is causing a hazard because motorists are driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid them.
The Clerk informed Councillors that he has spoken to Flintshire County Council and they informed him that they had spoken to Councillor D. M. Birch stating that they will get to them but there is no money in the fund at present.

(g) **Howard Street – near Mold Road**
Councillor Mrs. P. M. Attridge reported that rubbish in the entry is a disgrace. The road sweeper does not go around any more, bins are left and cats go in.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

(h) **Civic Area**
Councillor A. J. Roberts stated that the road sweeper has not been around this block for a long time.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

(i) **Salvation Army**
Councillor A. I. Dunbar reported that the alleyway at the side and back of the Salvation Army is full of rubbish – clothes, even an old cooker.

**RECOMMENDED**
That the Clerk arranges for the alleyways to be cleared.

**N.B.** Councillor K. Kelly left the meeting at this juncture.
302. MINUTES
The minutes of Meeting held 3 February 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

303. FINANCIAL REPORTS
The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):
(a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the month of January 2010.
(b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the period ended January 2010.
(c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of January 2010.

RECOMMENDED:
That the reports be received.

304. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
(a) The Clerk submitted letter dated 5 February 2010 – Street Scene Seminar from Samantha Owen, Community & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator, together with Agenda and Questions and Answers Sheet (copies forwarded to Councillors with the agenda).
(b) The Clerk submitted booklet dated November 2009 (copy available at the Office for inspection).

The Clerk informed Councillors that he recently attended a meeting and more information would be made available shortly. After speaking to Mr. Andy McBeth, Flintshire County Council the Clerk was informed that when the Civic Hall is open after refurbishments a new company would be collecting bottles etc. – they will deal with public places, hospitals and Town/Community and County Councils.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter, booklet and information from the Clerk be received.

305. CONTACT THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY TEAS
The Clerk submitted letter dated 4 February 2010, together with leaflet from Jane Carey-Evans, North Wales Development Officer, Contact the Elderly (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda), giving an outline of the work currently being undertaken and enquiring if Councillors would be willing to spread the word in the area with regard to organising tea parties one Sunday a month and her need for volunteer hosts and drivers.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar enquired if this request could be put on the Town Council website.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter be received and the Clerk place the relevant details on the Town Council website.

306. REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS’ ALLOWANCES REGULATIONS
The Clerk submitted letter dated 8 February 2010 together with list of questions for response from Frank Cuthbert, Head of Democracy Branch, Local Government Policy Division W.A.G (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda). Councillors discussed and it was agreed that they stick to the status quo.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter and list of questions be received and the Clerk write accordingly.

307. DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT – COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE ERRATUM
The Clerk submitted letter dated 9 February 2010 from Mr Edward Lewis, Secretary, Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter be received.

308. HOME-START
The Clerk submitted letter dated 9 February 2010 from Ann Woods, Senior Scheme Organiser, Home-Start (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) inviting Councillors to lunch at Corlan, Mold Business Park and to attend their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 14 July 2010 at 12 noon, it also gives a brief outline of the support that they offer.
Councillor Carol Granger suggested that the Chair of the Council and the Clerk attend. It was also noted that Councillor E. W. Owen would also be attending.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter is received and the Clerk replies accordingly.

309. CLWYD PENSION FUND
The clerk submitted e-mail dated 10 February 2010 together with Briefing Note from Kathleen Meacock, Communications Officer, Clwyd Pension Fund (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which contains details of the process involved in setting the pension scheme contribution rates.

RECOMMENDED:
That the e-mail and Briefing Note be received and the Vice Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Clerk deal with anything that might arise.

310. NORTH WALES POLICE – BALANCE YOUR BOBBIES
The clerk submitted letter dated 12 February 2010 from Ian Shannon, Deputy Chief Constable, North Wales Police, together with ‘Balance your Bobbies’ card (copy forwarded to Councillors with the agenda) asking if Councillors would distribute the cards within the community and informing Councillors of The Balance your Bobbies website, which the Inspector will update with the actions they have taken to address the needs of the local communities. Councillor A. I. Dunbar expressed the hope that this would not replace the MPP.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter is received and the cards be made available at the Office.

311. GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CARE & OLDER PEOPLES STRATEGY IN FLINTSHIRE

The clerk submitted newsletter received on 15 February from the Good Health, Good Care & Older Peoples Strategy in Flintshire (copy available for inspection at the Office)

RECOMMENDED:
That the newsletter be received.

312. VOLUNTARY VOICE

The clerk submitted newsletter dated February 2010 from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (copy available for inspection at the Office).

RECOMMENDED:
That the newsletter be received.

313. AINSLEY GOMMON ARCHITECTS EXHIBITION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 16 February 2010 together with photographs from Simon P. Venables, Director, Ainsley Gommon Architects (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) expressing their enjoyment at the Chair’s Civic Night and expressing the wish of setting up an exhibition at the Civic Hall on its completion, together with a reception with drinks and snacks.

Councillors agreed that this would be the first usage of the Civic Hall after the renovations, it may also aid in the promotion of the Civic Hall.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter is received and the Clerk replies appropriately.

314. TOILET PROVISION/REPLACEMENT DEMOLISHED TOILET – MARKET SITE

The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 February 2010 from Mrs. Hayley Selvester, Chief Executives Office, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor Carol Granger suggested that the two letters have different subject matters and both should not have been re-directed by the Chief Executives Office to Mr Graham Evans, Markets Manager. She requested that the letter regarding the toilets is re-sent, as it does not concern the Markets Manager.

Councillor R. V. Hill reminded Councillors that the toilet in Maude Street had been demolished and has not been replaced. People are suffering, especially the older population, as this is a health and safety problem, can a solution be sought.

Councillor A. J. Roberts suggested that the Council should seek advice as to what pressure can be applied.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar requested an update on the market situation.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter is received and the Clerk re-sends the letter regarding the toilets stating the urgency of the situation and also writes to Mr Colin Everett. That the Clerk also writes to Carl Sargent at the Welsh Assembly enquiring as to the Council’s rights. That the Clerk places the market update on the Regeneration Agenda.
315. WELSH EYE CARE INITIATIVE FUNDING
The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 February 2010 from Mr Graham Bishop, Ministerial Services Division, WAG (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter be received.

316. MASTERPLAN UPDATE
The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 February 2010 from Mr Dave Heggarty, Head of Regeneration, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) stating that the intention is that funding for the project will come from £8k from each of the two town partnership group allocations of monies. They have also secured an additional £8k from the County Council to achieve an overall pot of money of £24k for the work. The letter stated that Shotton Town Partnership agreed the content of the brief and have confirmed their support for the funding contribution from the allocated Town Partnership monies and it is the intention, at the next meeting of Connah’s Quay Town Partnership to consider the revised brief with a view to progressing the project to tender.

Councillors were confused by the letter and requested clarification because Connah’s Quay Town Council has not agreed to have funding removed from the allocation and as far as they are aware, neither has Shotton.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he thought the money was coming out of the £40k, which was at the Council’s discretion.

Councillor R. V. Hill was of the opinion that the Council was told it would take £20k. He enquired if the Clerk could ascertain what the other towns have done with their £40k, have they been told how to spend it, or been able to choose for themselves?

Councillor A. J. Roberts requested the Clerk to enquire of other Town Clerks and to ask the County Council. He also requested that a Policy and Resources Committee be convened and this item is placed on the Agenda.

The Clerk replied that as far as he knows Connah’s Quay is the only Council asked to put in a plan for the £40k.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk write to the Leader and Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council, that he also enquires of fellow Clerks if they were required to produce a plan and be told how the money was to be spent. Finally, to convene a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee and this item be placed on the Agenda and for any Councillor who has any information in this regard to send it to the Office, together with anything that needs to go on the Masterplan for Connah’s Quay.

317. ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Councillors discussed and it was agreed that because the Awards could not take place at the Civic Hall, due to refurbishments, that an alternative venue is found. It was agreed that a suitable date would be on a day of the last week before the children finish school.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk arranges a suitable venue and the process of the Achievement Awards is started.

318. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

(a) NSPCC  
(b) Victim Support

319. **FIREBRAKE WALES**

The Clerk submitted Fire Safety Report 2009 – Executive Summary (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda). Councillors discussed and Councillor A. J. Roberts enquired of the Clerk if this could be advertised.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk arrange for advertisement on notice board and website.

320. **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REGENERATION SERVICE**

The Clerk submitted Customer Questionnaire re Regeneration Service from Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) stating the main service areas and informing Councillors that the service is continually reviewing its management arrangements and the services it provides. The questionnaire is to gather feedback on the quality of the service received and on the perceptions of the Regeneration Service. Councillor A. I. Dunbar expressed the opinion that this is the most bias customer questionnaire he had ever read. Councillor R. V. Hill said there was no opportunity to say ‘we strongly disagree’. Councillor C. Granger stated that Councillors are asked to select an answer but there is nothing applicable.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council.

**RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 03/03/10**

Councillor D. Birch (Chair) presiding

321. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held 3 February 2010 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

322. **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 January 2010.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Statements be received.
(b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements for the month of January 2010.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Statements be received.

323. 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:

COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

Alderhey Children’s Hospital Charity Fayre held on Saturday, 13 February 2010 WAIVER.

324. CIVIC HALL

Councillor D. M. Birch addressed the Councillors with an update of the Civic Hall. He explained that he had been asked by the Auditors to look into having a meeting with other breweries as the one presently used is proving more and more expensive. This he will do while the refurbishments are being carried out and will inform Councillors of the outcome.

Councillor A. J. Roberts agreed that the Council is not tied to any brewery and an idea may be to have guest beers, he also informed Councillor Birch that it was not necessary for him to come back to this Committee with the information.

RECOMMENDED:
That the information is received and Councillor D. M. Birch makes enquiries of other breweries.

325. COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Job Centre, whom had previously used the Civic Hall, had temporarily transferred to the Community Centre until the refurbishment has been completed.

RECOMMENDED:
That the information be received.