

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 7 October 2009

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D Barratt (Chair) presiding

Councillors J. B. Attridge, Mrs. P. Attridge, Mrs. E. M. Barratt, J. B. Bone, A. I. Dunbar, Carol Granger, R. V. Hill, P. Kindlin, R. P. MacFarlane, A. J. Roberts, A. P. Shotton I. R. Smith & P. J. Wainwright.
Mr. Gary Feather (Clerk & Financial Officer)
Mrs. L. Fearn (Town Centre Manager)
Mrs. S. Wilson (Administrative Officer)

119. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was taken as read.

120. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Mrs. Y. R. Birch, D. M. Birch, W. Hastings, K. Kelly, E. W. Owen & R. V. Williams.

121. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (42)

The Chair reported that there would be no Police attendance at the meeting due to a Police Conference/Training taking place. The Chair advised Councillors that any concerns could either be passed to him or sent direct to the Police. Councillor R. P. MacFarlane asked how to contact the Police when they do not answer the telephone at St. Asaph, there is no e-mail for Connah's Quay Police and no letterbox at Connah's Quay Police Station. Councillor R. V. Hill stated there should be 4 CBM's at Connah's Quay and currently there is only 1 available. Further discussion ensued 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 CBM's in Connah's Quay and non-attendance at the meetings.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 6 – Planning Application
Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 21 – The Gambling Act 2005
Councillor P. Kindlin declared an interest in item 22 – Energy

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 07/10/09

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

123. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 25 August & 2 September were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

124. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 046680 13 Maes Uchaf, Connah's Quay
Proposed erection of a parent annexe.
- (b) 046697 Orchid Corus Colors, Weighbridge Road, Deeside Industrial Park
Proposed construction of new building, switchroom and associated hardstanding including change of use to waste, modifications to proposed building (already given permission under ref. 045230 but not yet implemented) and relocation of transformer and installation of second transformer.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objection in respect of applications (a) & (b).

- (c) 046707 48 York Road, Connah's Quay
Proposed erection of two storey and single storey extension.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objection (if all planning conditions are acceptable) in respect of this application.

125. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 046397, 046311, 046536, 046554.

RECOMMENDED:-

That the notification be received.

046554 27 Holly Grange, Connah's Quay

Councillors discussed this Notification of Planning Decision in depth with regard to use of one private hire vehicle from this property. The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Valuation Office Agency has assessed this application and due to the nature there is no requirement for business rates to be charged for the property.

Councillor A. J. Roberts was concerned with regard to other businesses that may be run from home and would like the Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council to ascertain how many more businesses are run from home and what rates they have to pay. Councillor R. P. MacFarlane stated the licence allows this business to operate within certain hours, this will be

monitored during the twelve month lease. Councillor A. I. Dunbar has concerns over the misuse of taxis at this property making the road dangerous.

RECOMMENDED:

The Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council for a record of business usage from home.

126. FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – STATEMENT OF DECISIONS AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

- (a) The clerk submitted letter dated 16 September 2009 from Head of Planning, Flintshire County Council together with Representation Form for Objecting to, or Supporting, the Proposed Modifications (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

- (b) The Clerk submitted Statement of Decisions and Proposed Modifications letter dated 16 September 2009 from Head of Planning, Flintshire County Council together with Proposed Modifications (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

- (c) The Clerk submitted a newspaper article dated 21 September 2009 from the Daily Post (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the article be received.

N.B. Councillor A. P. Shotton entered the meeting at this juncture.

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

- (a) Proposal to Construct Speed Humps on Ffordd Llanarth
To receive letter dated 3 September 2009 from Head of Highways and Traffic, Flintshire County Council, (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Director of Highways with same objections as previous.

- (b) The Need for a Deeside Bypass
To receive letter dated 22 September 2009 from Carl Sargeant AM from Alyn & Deeside Constituency, National Assembly for Wales, (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors have concerns over another bypass as Deeside already has the A55, suggestions are required to ease the traffic congestion by traffic distribution rather than a bypass.

RECOMMENDED:

The Clerk writes to Carl Sargeant A.M. with regard to any suggestions where the Deeside Bypass is going.

(c) Roundabout at Mold Road

Councillor P. Kindlin reported that this roundabout is dangerous and causing accidents.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council asking for the results of the survey carried out at this roundabout. The Clerk writes to the Police requesting a report on any incidents/accidents occurring at this area.

(d) Safety Barriers – Dee Road & Mold Road

The Clerk reported to Councillors that a complaint had been received from residents in regard to Safety Barriers. No vehicle access is available to the rear of their properties. Councillors agreed as this is a safety issue any further correspondence should be issued from Flintshire County Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received

(e) Yellow Parking Lines

Councillor A. J. Roberts requested reasons why some areas had yellow parking lines and other did not. Councillor R. P. MacFarlane stated these yellow lines have been re-painted, they are not new ones, there has been no new traffic orders issued.

RECOMMENDED:

The Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council regarding any new traffic orders within Connah's Quay in the last five years.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 07/10/09

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

128. MINUTES

The minutes of Meeting held 2nd September 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

129. SECTION 85 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That a six-month extension be granted in respect of Councillor R. V. Williams.

130. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

RECOMMENDED:

That the Reports be received.

131. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

- (a) The Clerk submitted the Council's internal audit report dated 25 August 2009 from R Hampson-Jones, (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).
- (b) The Clerk submitted an update of Audit and Governance

RECOMMENDED:

That the reports be received.

132. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

The Clerk submitted letter dated 20 August 2009 from Brian Gibbons AM/AC, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Welsh Assembly Government, together with Local Government Partnership Scheme Report (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

133. MOLD COUNTY COURT – CONSULTATION PAPER

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 4 September 2009 from Tracey Roberts, Head of Operations, HMCS North Wales, together with consultation paper (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge reported concerns regarding reducing the number of days the public counter will be open at Mold County Court.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk issues a press release stating that Connah's Quay Town Council supports keeping Mold County Court manned full-time. The Clerk writes to Mark Tami M.P. and the Home Office for their support.

134. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT & WORKSHOPS 2009

The Clerk submitted letter dated 1 September 2009 from Paul Wood, Chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, together with invite to workshops. (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

135. ONE VOICE WALES

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 September 2009 from Ken Burton, Training Manager, One Voice Wales, together with Training Schedule 2009/10 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter and training schedule be received.

136. BOBATH CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTRE WALES

The Clerk submitted letter dated 7 September 2009 from Frank J Holmes, Chairman of Trustees, Children's Therapy Centre Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to offer Civic Hall available without charge for any fundraising events

137. PROPOSED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE, FRON ROAD

The Clerk submitted letter dated 15 September 2009 from Dave Faulkner, Head of Highways and Transportation, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor R. V. Hill reported dissatisfaction with the car park delayed opening. Information is not being communicated from Flintshire County Council. The new Council Offices are due to be available February 2010 and the Medical Centre available June 2010.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council requesting correct details of all developments on this site.

138. 'BOY RACERS' – FRON ROAD GARAGES, CONNAH'S QUAY

The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 September 2009 from Susan Lewis, Director of Community Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk read a further letter that had been received from Flintshire County Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letters be received.

139. AGE CONCERN – NORTH EAST WALES

The Clerk submitted letter dated 21 September 2009 from Tom Hanson, Digital

Switchover Help Scheme Communities Work Programme, Age Concern – North East Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

N.B. Councillor J. B. Attridge left the meeting at this juncture.

140. THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – THREE YEAR LICENSING POLICY - CONSULTATION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 September 2009 from Dr Paul McGreary, Head of Public Protection, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

N.B. Councillor J. B. Attridge returned to the meeting at this juncture.

141. ENERGY

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 29 September 2009 from Leanna Jones, Home Energy Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor R. V. Hill reported that originally Connah's Quay was not included on the list of venues, this was rectified and an Energy Advice event was held at Somerfield. Councillor R. V. Hill spoke with Leanna Jones, Home Energy Conservation Officer who informed Councillor R. V. Hill that the event in Connah's Quay was successful. More events are being scheduled for Connah's Quay. Councillor A. P. Shotton reported events such as these should be more widely publicised such as in the press. Councillor A. J. Roberts suggested advertising through the local radio station to gain more publicity for future events.

RECOMMENDED:

That the e-mail be received.

142. TIG UPDATE – CIVIC HALL

The Clerk submitted details of the key events relating to the scheme's progression to date. (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor R. V. Hill reported to Councillors the dissatisfaction the Town Council have experienced throughout the year with regards to developments with the TIG application. Councillor R. V. Hill reported in detail the events relating to the scheme's progression. Councillors discussed issues relating to the TIG meetings and appreciated Councillor R. V. Hill reporting developments. Councillors discussed the need for minutes to be issued in regard to TIG meetings for information.

RECOMMENDED

That the item be received and reported through the Town Centre Regeneration meeting Friday 9 October 2009.

Confirmed 27 October 2009

Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 07/10/09
Councillor B Attridge (Vice Chair) presiding

143. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 2 September 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

144. 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 August 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

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

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statements be received.

145. 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

Clwyd-Flint Federation of Women's Institutes
Autumn Council Meeting to be held on Tuesdays

- (i) Tuesday 30 March, 2010

50% REDUCTION

- (ii) Tuesday 26 October, 2010

WAIVER

146. DWP – JOB CENTRE

The Clerk reported to Councillors that the DWP – Job Centre, Back to Work Sessions have been renewed for a further twelve-month period using the Len Williams Room, Civic Hall.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

147. CONNAH’S QUAY HIGH SCHOOL

Councillor R. V. Hill reported a vote of thanks from Connah’s Quay High School for the Town Council’s assistance with their presentation evenings.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

148. CIVIC HALL STAGE/HALL LIGHTING

The Clerk reported to Councillors the latest developments with the new Stage and Hall Lighting in the Civic Hall.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

Confirmed 27 October 2009

Chair