

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 2nd November 2011

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor Mrs P. M. Attridge (Chair) presiding

Councillors J. B. Attridge, D. Barratt, Mrs E. M. Barratt, A. I. Dunbar, W. Hastings, R. V. Hill, K. Kelly, P. Kindlin, E. W. Owen, A. J. Roberts, A. P. Shotton, W. P. Shotton, I. R. Smith and P. J. Wainwright.

Mr I. D. Jones (Clerk & Financial Officer)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

123. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

124. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors D. M. Birch, Mrs Y. R. Birch, J. B. Bone, Carol Granger and R. P. MacFarlane.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared an interest in item 23(e) – Waiver of Hire Charges.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar declared an interest in item 23(e) – Waiver of Hire Charges.

126. POLICE CONSULTATIVE

The Chair welcomed Inspector Paul McKeown to the meeting.

Inspector McKeown informed Councillors that the Police had demonstrated at the recent Anti-Social Forum a system called Beatmap, which held details of crime in relation to its locality. Councillors would be invited to attend the Forum and discuss any issues they may have every five weeks.

Councillors asked for fixed dates for the Forum meetings. Inspector McKeown stated that he would prefer to have a fixed dates but due to the day to day role of the Police this would be impossible. He informed the Councillors that they could e-mail the Police with any issues, questions or arrange an appointment to go to the Police Station to discuss the issues.

All public information could be viewed on the Government site through North Wales Police website.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar asked Inspector McKeown to pass on his thanks to his team for the excellent demonstration received at the Forum.

Councillor J. B. Attridge asked if Connah's Quay would still maintain the existing number of Police Community Support Officers and whether this number would increase after the Welsh Government had announced an additional 98 for North Wales.

Inspector McKeown informed the Council that Connah's Quay would have access to more Police Community Support Officers. The Police were currently at the interview stage and

once this was completed the training would commence. Current timescale for the Police Community Support Officers to be working on the Streets was planned for the New Year.

Councillor R. V. Hill asked Inspector McKeown if he could ask officers to keep an eye out for bicycles without lights at night. Inspector McKeown would remind officers of this matter and to challenge the people involved.

Councillor A. J. Roberts asked how the Police prioritise the calls coming in. Inspector McKeown informed Councillors that once the call was taken it was graded. The control room then dispatched the Police to the call according to grading and priorities were dealt with first. Inspector McKeown also advised that due to the high volume of calls coming into the department, the Police unfortunately could not be everywhere at the same time.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar enquired as to how well Connah's Quay's CCTV was working. Inspector McKeown informed the Council that he was happy with the current working of CCTV cameras for Connah's Quay.

Confirmed 29 November 2011

Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 02/11/11

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

127. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 5 October 2011 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

128. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 049086 Boathouse Inn, Connah's Quay
Proposed installation of a 84cm satellite dish on 1.2m concrete pallet mount.
- (b) 049131 137 Normanby Drive, Connah's Quay
Proposed erection of a two storey side extension.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council had no objections in respect of these applications (a) & (b) as outlined above.

- (c) 049128 18 Vaughan Way, Connah's Quay
Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of an annex.
- (d) 049136 Land at Connah's Quay Power Station, Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay
Erection of converter station comprising a maximum 3no. building units housing specialist electrical equipment and associated works.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council would like a site meeting in respect of these applications (c) & (d) as outlined above. Also in respect of (c) the Town Council objects to the proposal as the development appears to be a "Tandem Build" as a separate dwelling capable of occupation. It is not connected to the existing dwelling and can therefore not be correctly described as an Annex. To avoid any doubt it is requested that a site visit be arranged via local members.

129. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 048349, 048819, 048825 & 048878.

RECOMMENDED:

That the notification be received.

130. FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - ADOPTION

The Clerk submitted letter dated 7 October 2011 from Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda), regarding the progress in the adoption of the Flintshire UDP.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

131. SPEED SIGNAGE

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 14 October 2011 from Hugh Jones, Speed Management Officer Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor Mrs E. M. Barratt has raised her concerns regarding the speed limit on numerous occasions at Wepre Park. Councillor Mrs E. M. Barratt also reported that the speed restriction sign was in the incorrect place and needed to be moved or a new sign nearer to the Park area.

Councillors agreed that this was a risk issue and that the road needed to be made safer due to the popularity of the park.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council expressing the Council's concerns and requesting further action be taken to make this area safer.

132. ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

Members items of complaint/reports

- (i) Councillor W. Hastings reported fly-tipping on Maude Street and unsightly rubbish on the river bank that consisted of bin bags and household rubbish.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk report these matters to Flintshire County Council.

- (ii) Councillor P. Wainwright asked if there was any update on the speed restriction at the cemetery. Councillor R.V. Hill stated that Flintshire County Council had still not agreed to the Town Council's request of a 30mph zone, but positive negotiations had taken place.
- (iii) Councillor A. J. Roberts asked if a letter be issued to the High Street Precinct owners regarding the potholes on the road outside the shops. Councillor A. I. Dunbar stated that the land owners were waiting for the start of the link path before carrying out this work. Councillor A. I. Dunbar also repeated that the link path start date had been delayed.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to the Keren Associates owners of the Precinct requesting the repair of the surface of the roadway.

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Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 02/11/11

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

133. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 5 October 2011 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

134. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- (a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the month of September 2011;
 - (b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the period ended September 2011;
 - (c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of September 2011;
- and
- (d) Quay Café Activity Statement for the month of September 2011.

RECOMMENDED:

That the reports be received.

135. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Request for financial assistance had been received from the following and the Clerk had replied as per Council policy.

- (a) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

136. COMMUNITY / TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 October 2011 from Colin Everett, Returning Officer Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors raised concern regarding the estimated costs for elections 2012 and requested a further breakdown to be provided explaining why there was such a large incremented increase.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council as outlined.

137. COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000 – FLINTSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Clerk submitted letter dated 7 October 2011 from David M. Davies, Secretary Flintshire Local Forum (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) inviting nominations to membership of the forum.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

138. NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF TOWN & LARGER COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Councillor R. V. Hill provided Councillors a report for the quarterly meeting held on Kimmel Manor on 21 October.

Presentation given by Conwy County Council on Council Charter, Flintshire County Council already had a Charter in place.

Debate about passing and devolving Services to Town and Community Councils, how it all works and who will pay. The Welsh Government position was unclear but likely to cost the Town Council if it took on County Council services.

Welsh Language Scheme to be adopted by NWAT&LCC following the Blue Scheme.

Conference to be held at the Springfield Hotel March 2012 costing £26, with Carl Sargeant as guest speaker.

A discussion of the North Wales Treatment Plant took place, regarding the possible use of a Biomass Plant.

139. FOOTPATH AT THE REAR OF THE LABOUR CLUB

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 22 October 2011 from Andrew Birch, Asset Manager (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda). Which outlined the current stage in negotiations.

A further fuller response was awaited granting permission and rights over the land.

140. CCTV

The Clerk provided an update as follows :-

A new Project Manager had been appointed by Conwy with the project being split into two phases, an Issues Phase and Business Case Phase. It had been stressed that a priority was one to one consultation with each of the Town and Community Councils.

141. FUTURE OF CIVIC CENTRE OFFICES, CONNAH'S QUAY

No updates received.

142. NORTH WALES WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

The Clerk informed that the notice of the public meeting had been circulated to all appropriate recipients.

Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 02/11/11

Councillor J. B. Attridge (Vice-Chair) presiding.

143. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 5 October 2011 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 month of September 2011.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) That the Statement be received.
(ii) Vice-Chair of Recreation and Entertainments Committee Councillor J. B. Attridge to receive all future Stocktake Reports.

- (b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements
for the month of September 2011

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statement be received.

145. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012

- (a) Will's Wish
Table Top Sale, Sunday 6 November 2011.
WAIVER

- (b) Business in the Community
Training Event, Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 November 2011.
WAIVER

- (c) Flintshire County Council – Lifelong Learning
Holocaust Memorial Day 2012, Friday 27 January 2012.
WAIVER

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

- (d) Flintshire County Council – Lifelong Learning
Gwanwyn Festival 2012, Tuesday 15 May 2012
WAIVER
- (e) Custom House Lane CP Junior School
Closure Ceremony for Custom House Lane and Dee Road Schools, Thursday 12 &
Friday 13 July 2012
WAIVER

COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012

- (f) North Wales Police
Halloween Disco, Saturday 29 October 2011.
WAIVER
- (g) Russell IPM Ltd
Family Fun Day/Jumble Sale, Saturday 10 December 2011.
WAIVER

RECOMMENDED:

That the waiver be agreed for all of the above.

146. PROVISION OF MUSEUM / HERITAGE CENTRE AT DEESIDE

The Clerk submitted letter dated 26 September 2011 from Ian Budd, Director of Lifelong Learning Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk also submitted letter dated 26 October 2011 from Neal Cockerton, Head of Assets and Transportation Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Supplementary Agenda).

Councillors agreed that they did not wish to lose the School building as it was a Town feature and to assist pushing this matter forward to invite both Ian Budd and Neal Cockerton to discuss all issues involved with the Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk write to Ian Budd and Neal Cockerton inviting them to attend a future Committee Meeting as outlined.

147. REPORT TO FLINTSHIRE LOCAL TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS
PROGRAMME 2011

The Clerk submitted report dated October 2011 from Flintshire County Summer Playscheme Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor P. M. Attridge commented on the success of the Summer Playscheme and that when she visited how happy the children and staff were.

Councillors also expressed how pleased they were with the attendance figures for Quayplay when compared to other schemes.

148. COMMUNITY CENTRE FLOOR REFURBISHMENT

Councillor J. B. Attridge reported that this matter had been dealt with at the Council Meeting.

149. FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

The Clerk informed Members that the notice of meeting had been circulated.

150. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIC HALL

Councillor J. B. Attridge reported that the Town light switch on and fireworks would also be taking place on 30 November prior to the evening celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civic Hall.

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Presiding Chair