

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 7 July 2021

This meeting was held remotely by video call/telephone due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor L. P. Davies (Chair) presiding

Councillors A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, Mrs G. A. Faulkner, R. O’Gorman, W. Hastings, R. V. Hill, N. Jones, C. Risley, I. Smith, A. Shotton and S. D. Tatum.

Mr S. M. Goodrum (Clerk & Financial Officer)

Mrs H. Goldsmith (Administrative Officer)

20. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

21. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors A. J. Roberts and A. Wren.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 4 – Police Consultative Arrangements.

Councillor N. Jones a Personal Interest in Item 8 – Planning Applications, reference 062683.

23. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Inspector Stephen Roberts is still unable to attend meetings that use the Zoom platform.

The Clerk informed Councillors about a project bring run by Amy Parry during the summer involving designing a banner/poster to slow down on roads. Looking for Council support and if we would like to participate.

24. NOTICE OF A CASUAL VACANCY FOR THE WEPRE WARD ON THE TOWN COUNCIL

To receive notice of the Casual Vacancy (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the notice be accepted. The Chair extended the Town Council’s thanks for Councillor Dunn’s service to the local community.

Confirmed 26 July 2021

Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 07/07/21

Councillor R. O’Gorman (Chair) presiding

25. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 2 June 2021 (pages 2 & 3) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

26. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

South Ward

02/06/2021 [062822 - 3 Llanfair Crescent, Connah’s Quay](#)

Erection of an L shaped Conservatory on the rear/side of the property to contain a small utility room, toilet and sink and remove the rear 'external' door to make the space open plan.

02/06/2021 [062769 - 114 Uplands Avenue, Connah’s Quay](#)

Proposed Dormer to Rear

Golftyn Ward

08/06/2021 [062683 - 11 Broad Oak View, Off Mold Road, Connah's Quay](#)

Erection of a Single storey rear extension

07/06/2021 [063065 - 52 Highvale, Connah’s Quay](#)

Erection of a two storey extension

Central Ward

24/06/2021 [063104 - Land Off Weighbridge Road, Deeside Industrial Estate](#)

Erection of an advanced gasification plant and associated development

Wepre Ward

02/06/2021 [062955 - 80 Richmond Road, Connah’s Quay](#)

Erection of a Detached Garage in rear garden.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of the Planning Services informing him that the Town Council:

- Has no objections to planning applications 062822, 062769, 062683, and, 063065 providing they follow appropriate planning policy.
- Objects to planning application 063104 due to derived fuel and burning of gas. Consultation required with Council and then developer.
- Objects to planning application 062955 due to no access to the rear of the property.

28. PLANNING FOR DARK NIGHT SKIES: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR LIGHTING IN THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY – DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

The Clerk submitted a letter from Denbighshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda)

RECOMMENDATION:

That this be received.

Confirmed 26 July 2021

Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 07/07/21

Councillor N. Jones (Vice-Chair) presiding

29. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 2 June 2021 (pages 3 & 4) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

30. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

The Clerk submitted a report about how the changes included in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 impact the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

31. FINANCIAL UPDATE - MONTH 2: MAY 2021

The Clerk submitted a report with an update regarding the Town Council's financial position at 30th May 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received and accepted.

32. COVID 19 UPDATE

The Clerk submitted a report about how the Town Council intends to move forward as COVID-19 restrictions ease and to update on how COVID-19 is impacting the Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors suggested that guidance regarding the wearing of masks is needed when measures are lifted and buildings start to reopen properly as safety of staff is a priority.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received and that the Clerk writes to the First Minister for guidance on the relaxation of the restrictions.

33. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLANNING

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors that will help to organise the Committee's business and activities for the coming months (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

34. ELECTION COSTS

The Vice Chair of the Committee introduced an urgent item to the meeting which had been highlighted by the Clerk.

Flintshire County Council have requested that the Town Council confirm whether they would like to have polling cards for the upcoming by elections in the South and Central wards. The cost of polling cards has been estimated at approx.. £5,000.

The Councillors stated that we should have polling cards to help raise awareness of the election. It was also suggested to promote on Social Media.

RECOMMENDED:

It was agreed that the Town Council would have polling cards for the upcoming elections. Councillors requested that the Clerk contact the Elections Office at Flintshire County Council enquiring as to whether the cost could be negotiated.

Confirmed 26 July 2021

Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 07/07/2021

Councillor L. P. Davies (Chair) presiding

35. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 2 June 2021 (pages 4 & 5) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

36. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLANNING

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors that will help to organise the Committee's business and activities for the coming months (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

37. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS – MOVING FORWARD

The Clerk submitted a report about matters relating to the Mill Lane Allotment site (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

It was agreed that the provision of welfare facilities on site would be looked at as part of the annual precepting process.

Issues regarding the boundary fencing and site security would be considered at a future meeting with flooding and drainage problems dealt with as and when required.

The trees along the bridleway need to be looked at and action may be needed after a full assessment has been undertaken.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

38. QUAY PLAY 2021

The Clerk submitted a report updating Councillors on the arrangement for the 2021 summer play scheme which is funded by the Town Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk provided an update for Councillors about arrangements for this year's scheme.

Unfortunately, the Waterslide may not go ahead as in previous years due to the current COVID restrictions,

Transport to and from the Venues will not be provided this year due to lack of demand from those registering for the scheme. The Scouts have offered use of their mini bus if needed.

Any Councillors wishing to attend the scheme must inform the Clerk well in advance due to the amount of Adults permitted on site due to COVID restrictions. No photographs with any children will be permitted this year.

There will be no meals as in previous years as Welsh Government are funding Free School Meals throughout the holiday. There will be fruit, other snacks and drinks available.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

Presiding Chair

TOWN REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 07/07/21

39. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLANNING

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors that will help to organise the Committee's business and activities for the coming months (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

40. TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

The Town Manager provided a report to the Councillors for 2021/22

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

41. CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN PLAN

The Clerk submitted a report about the Connah's Quay Town Plan (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

PART 2

To formally exclude members of the Press and Public for the items below as they contain exempt information in respect of contractual advice

TOWN REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 07/07/2021

42. FESTIVAL LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk submitted a report outlining options for festive lighting and seasonal arrangements for 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors selected Quote 1 based on a 5 year agreement.

Councillors raised the question of insurance and are we liable for any damages. The Town Manager stated that this is included in the contract so it shouldn't be an issue.

Councillors enquired if some form of barrier be erected around the tree to prevent damage.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received, and Quote 1 based on a 5 year agreement be selected as the provider of the festive lighting.

The Clerk was asked to obtain clarification and written confirmation regarding the insurance arrangements for the festive lighting.

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Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.39pm