



Connah's Quay Town Council

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22 February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held on Monday 28 February 2022 at 6.30p.m.

The meeting will be hosted via Zoom video/telephone conference call due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Full details about how to access the meeting will be issued in advance of the meeting.

Yours faithfully

STEVEN GOODRUM
Clerk & Financial Officer

Agenda

Monday 28 February 2022

- 1 **Notice of Meeting**
To receive notice of meeting.
- 2 **Apologies**
To receive apologies for non-attendance.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest**
To receive details from Members of any Declarations of Interest relating to matters being considered at this month's Council Meeting.
- 4 **Minutes**
To receive and approve, or otherwise, as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting held 31 January 2022 (copy enclosed).
- 5 **Committee Reports etc.**
To receive the following (copy enclosed).
 - (a) Consultative Committee – 2 February 2022
 - (b) Planning Committee – 2 February 2022
 - (c) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 2 February 2022
 - (d) Recreation and Entertainments Committee – 2 February 2022
 - (e) Declarations of Interest – 2 February 2022
- 6 **Accounts**
To approve payment of the Accounts for the month of February 2022 (copy enclosed).

Connah's Quay Town Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 31 January 2022

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 W. Caterall, A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, Mrs G. A. Faulkner, B. Futia, W. Hastings, N. Jones, R. O'Gorman, D. Owens, C. Risley, A. J. Roberts, and, A. S. Wren.

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

64. Notice of Meeting

The notice of meeting was received.

65. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, W. Crease, and, R. V. Hill.

66. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

67. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings held 20 December 2021 were received, approved and agreed as a correct record.

68. Committee Reports

- (a) Planning Committee – 20 December 2021
- (b) Consultative Committee – 5 January 2022
- (c) Planning Committee – 5 January 2022
- (d) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 5 January 2022
- (e) Recreation and Entertainments Committee – 5 January 2022
- (f) Declarations of Interest – 5 January 2022
- (g) Special Finance and General Purposes Committee – 20 January 2022
- (h) Declarations of Interest – 20 January 2022

RESOLVED:

That reports (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) be adopted.

63. Accounts

The Accounts for the month of January 2022 were approved for payment as per the schedule.

Confirmed 28 February 2022

Presiding Chair

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 6.38pm.

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 2nd February 2022

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: W. Catterall, B. Crease, A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, Mrs G. A. Faulkner, R. O'Gorman, W. Hastings, N. Jones, A. J. Roberts, I. R. Smith, S. D. Tattum and A. S. Wren.

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

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

169. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

170. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, R. V. Hill, Mrs D. C. Owen and C. Risley.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Crease declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 – Mill Lane Allotment Update (Q3).

Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 16 – Connah's Quay and District Angling Club.

Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 22 – Mill Lane Allotment Update (Q3).

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

172. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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

The Clerk informed Councillors to forward any question and he would raise with the Police.

Confirmed 28 February 2022

Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 02/02/22

Councillor A. I. Dunbar (Vice-Chair) presiding

Councillor Davies was nominated by Councillor Dunbobbin to Chair the meeting as Councillors

R. O’Gorman and A. I. Dunbar were not in attendance.

173. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Golftyn Ward

17/01/22 063907 – 25 Sandy Way, Connah’s Quay

Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage, single storey rear extension.

At 6.35pm Councillor Dunbar joined the meeting and took over as Chair of Planning Committee.

South Ward

18/01/22 063985 – 67 Wepre Lane, Connah’s Quay

Proposed single storey rear extension and new side dormer. Re-modelling of existing side dormer.

Wepre Ward

18/01/22 063922 – Land South of Flintshire Bridge Converter Station, Weighbridge Road, Connah’s Quay

Application for removal of variation of a condition following grant of planning permission (050340).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objections to the planning applications above providing they follow planning policy.

Rearrange to order as per agenda.

174. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 20 December 2021 (page 45) and 5 January 2022 (page 47) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

175. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

At 6.38pm Councillor O’Gorman joined the meeting.

176. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Wepre Ward

27/01/22 063929 – Former Co-Operative Supermarket, High Street, Connah’s Quay

Proposed erection of Class A1 retail store, car parking and servicing areas, revised site access, landscaping and other associated works following demolition of existing building.

Councillor Dunbar invited County Councillor Martin White to speak regarding the above planning application. The Clerk & Members advised it was not Council Practice for a non-member to speak about an agenda item unless there were making a presentation to Council agreed in advance.

Councillor Dunbar advised how pleased he was that Flintshire County Council are backing this planning application and hoping that the Town Council will also support the proposal. The new retail store will stop all the anti-social behaviour that is currently happening at the old Co-Op site.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk writes to the Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objections to the planning applications above providing they follow planning policy.

Confirmed 28 February 2022

Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 02/02/22

Councillor A. J. Roberts (Chair) presiding

177. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 5 January 2022 (page 48) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

178. COVID 19 UPDATE

The Clerk provided a verbal update to Members informing them that there haven't been any significant changes since Januarys Meeting. All risk assessments for each venue have all been reviewed and updated.

Case numbers are up with Flintshire being the highest area in Wales. There was no update for the Civic Hall. It is very much business as usual for the Council and looking forward to a positive 2022.

Councillor Dunbar stated Flintshire and Wrexham are the highest areas in Wales with positive Covid-19 cases. He advised we are still not out of the woods.

Councillor Crease urged the importance of wearing masks in public places and advised Members of the chaos at the Wrexham Hospital.

RECOMMENDED:

That the verbal update be received and accepted.

179. 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).

Members agreed to move recommendations one and two.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

At 6.38pm Councillor S. D. Tattum joined the Meeting.

180. NORTH & MID-WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TOWN COUNCILS

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors to update the Council about matter arising at the quarterly meeting of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Town Councils (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors E. S. Faulkner and Mrs G. A. Faulkner provided an update on key areas from the meeting.

Councillors discussed item 5 on the report regarding the possible alternatives to the current Council Tax taking into account the ability to pay. This could be by either revised bandings or looking at local income tax. Councillors talked about the importance of what income comes into a property also the re-banding that took place in Wales in 2003.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received and option 5i) 'Council tax with revised bandings' be confirmed on the Town Councils preferred alternative to the current Council Tax arrangements.

181. TOWN COUNCILS COMMITMENT TO ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors with outlines proposals for Council to consider to extend its commitment against domestic violence in any forms against a person (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors stressed that the Council would still continue to support the White Ribbon, alongside a declaration of support for ending domestic violence. It was suggested this item be put forward to the new Council in May and the Annual General Meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

182. QUAY BUILDING MONTHLY UPDATE

The Clerk submitted a report to update members in respect of activities in relation to the Quay Building that have taken place during December 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

183. QUAY COMMUNITY ROOM UPDATE

The Clerk submitted a report to update members in respect of the facility since it reopened in September 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Members congratulated the Clerk in making the room more usable for the community.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

184. QUAY BUILDING MONTHLY UPDATE

The Clerk submitted a report to update members in respect of activities in relation to the Quay Building that have taken place during December 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

185. QUAY CLEAN

The Clerk submitted a report to seek Councils support for this event, which is to take place from 25 March to 1 April 2022 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk advised Members that anyone can help with this event.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

186. CONNAH'S QUAY AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

The Clerk submitted a report detailing Connah's Quay and District angling Club seeking the support of the Town Council, this is to help lobby Flintshire County Council to permit the area around The Rosie pond at Wepre Park to be designated a no dog zone (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors sympathised with the Connah's Quay and District Angling Club aims but felt it could not commit to backing the proposal due to their being a public footpath.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk request clarification on what Connah's Quay and District Angling Club are seeking agreement for and the wording of such, to be brought back to the March Committee meeting.

Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 02/02/2022

Councillor L. P. Davies (Chair) presiding

187. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 5 January 2022 (pages 49 & 50) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

188. 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.

189. GARDEN PARTY AT THE PALACE

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors with details about The Queen hosting three Garden Parties at Buckingham Place on Wednesday 11th May, Wednesday 18th May and Wednesday 25th May (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk advised Members that they could nominate a Councillor to put forward to attend one of the Garden Parties. The nominated Councillor would be allocated one of three dates so they must be available for all three. In previous years the invitation had been for the outgoing Chair but this year the Palace wants to reward Councillors who have gone above and beyond for their communities during the pandemic.

Councillor S. D. Tattum put forward a nomination for Councillor J. B. Attridge for all his hard work throughout the pandemic, carrying this out with ill health. Councillor N. Jones echoed Councillor Tattum's nomination stating this was a worthy nomination with all the help he gave for struggling families.

Councillor G. A. Faulkner put forward a nomination for Councillor Mrs D. C. Owen for all the work she carried out behind the scenes, working at Deeside Community Hospital. This was seconded by Councillor E. S. Faulkner.

At this point of the meeting The Chair used inappropriate language and was reminded his sound was switched on.

The Clerk prompted numerous times for the Chair to put forward a vote for the two nominations.

Councillor J. B. Attridge Votes received 9
Councillor Mrs D. C. Owen Votes received 4
One Councillor abstained from voting.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Nomination for Councillor J. B. Attridge be put forward.

190. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMEMORATIONS

The Clerk submitted a report to the Councillors to seek the views of Council about commemorating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk advised Members that the celebrations run from 2nd to 5th June 2022, and there are a number of official events planned to mark the occasion.

A number of Councillors suggested using the Civic Hall if it was not still being used as a Local Testing Site for PCR tests. It was also suggested to hold street parties.

Councillor Mrs G. A. Faulkner informed Members that at a recent event with the Over 70's Pensioners meal they were all interested at holding a party which would also involve of having a meal at the Civic Hall. The Clerk advised to contact the office regarding pencilling in a provisional date.

Councillor B. Crease advised as it was a wondrous event to celebrate as a community together.

Councillor L. P. Davies asked for an update regarding the tree planting. To which the Clerk replied dates for this would be provided at March Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

191. COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE REPORT

The Clerk submitted a report to update Council in respect of activities in relation to the Community Centre that have taken place during December 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

192. MILL LANE ALLOTMENT UPDATE (Q3)

The Clerk submitted a report to re-introduce the quarterly reporting in respect of Mill Lane Allotments. The report is intended to provide regular updates about matters relating to the Allotments. This report covers the period of Quarter 3: October – December 2021 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor B. Crease advised that he was going to talk as 1 a Plot holder and 2 a Councillor he commented that from being a Councillor he had seen the positive work for the community with the School Milk and Quayplay and fully supports the community benefits and

commends the Clerk for all the work with the Quay Community Room. However, the Allotments provide a community benefit and has shown advantages for people's general health. Where there is a cost for the School Milk and Quayplay the Allotments cost the Council nothing. If the Town Council changed the plan of the Allotments there would be the space for more plots. A Town Council by law has to meet demand for allotments, and currently there is a large waiting list. There is a clear demand over the last 12 months and the Council are not meeting this. He had sent emails to the Chair Councillor L. P. Davies on 2nd January asking him as the Chair of the Entertainments Committee what is being done to meet demand.

Councillor L. P. Davies advised a number of people on the waiting list were waiting for a specific plot and names were from people from Shotton not just Connah's Quay.

There were also a number of residents from Shotton who had Allotment Plots when it should be just Connah's Quay.

A heated debate followed at which point the Clerk intervened.

The Clerk advised that an exercise does need to be taken regarding the waiting list to see if people are still interested in allotment plots. Other sites have been looked at in Connah's Quay to assist with the demand but the sites so far have not been suitable, in some cases the land is contaminated. He would continue to seek more land and make enquiries.

Councillor A. Dunbobbins thanked the Clerk and asked for further clarity regarding Councillor Creases Declaration as advised it was a Personal Interest but it could also be Prejudicial. He also made comment that there was no need for some of the comments made during this item.

Councillor Davies advised that he had not received any e-mails this year regarding this.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received and further consideration be given to allotment provisions at a future meeting.

Confirmed 28 February 2022

Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.55pm

CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL 2021-2022

REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AS DECLARED AND RECORDED

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 FEBRUARY 2022

<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Date & Title Of Meeting</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Details of Item and Reason for Declaration</u>	<u>Paragraph No Of Code</u>
02/02/2022	02/02/2022 – Recreation & Entertainment Committee	Item 22 – Mill Lane Allotment Update (Q3)	Councillor W Crease declared a Personal Interest.	10
02/02/2022	02/02/2022 – Recreation & Entertainment Committee	Item 22 – Mill Lane Allotment Update (Q3)	Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest.	10
02/02/2022	02/02/2022 – Finance & General Purposes Committee	Item 16 – Connah's Quay & District Angling Club	Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest.	10
02/02/2022	02/02/22 – Police Consultative Arrangements	Item 4 – Police Consultative Arrangements	Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest	10

Confirmed 28 February 2022

Presiding Chair

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FEBRUARY 2022

	VAT #	VAT	£.p.
Monthly Salaries & Payments to Inland Revenue in respect of			
Monthly & Weekly paid Staff			7,044.08
Town Centre Manager			1,266.67
dd Grenke Leasing Ltd - Phones	#	7.60	45.60
dd Grenke Leasing Ltd - Phones	#	29.68	178.06
dd Grenke Leasing Ltd - Phone Equip Protection	#	17.80	106.80
dd Opus Energy - Electricity QB 07/01/22 - 06/02/22	#	8.58	180.22
dd Opus Energy - Gas QB =- 11/01/22 - 10/02/22	#	7.25	152.23
dd Opus Energy - Gas CC	#		
dd Elite - Computers	#	126.06	756.36
dd Euro Digital - Photocopier	#		33.62
dd British Gas - Electricity CH 28/12/21 - 27/01/22	#	237.08	1,422.48
Bryn Deva - School Milk - Jan			80.00
Eden Stow Properties Ltd - Insurance QB			696.44
Flintshire County Council - Clwyd Pension Fund			329.65
Flintshire County Council - Rates - CH			0.00
Flintshire County Council - Rates - QC			0.00
Flintshire County Council - Rates - QB			0.00
Golftyn School Milk - Jan			80.00
Hayes Dairy - School Milk - Jan			2,880.00
Henllan Bread			49.11
Northwest Produce			78.95
Premier Vend - Vending Machine Supplies			98.30
Ravenscroft & Thackeray			249.30
Sevenways - Refuse - CH	#	19.98	119.88
Sevenways - Refuse - CC	#	8.25	49.50
Sevenways - Refuse - QB	#	17.65	105.90
Viking	#	18.81	112.87
Welsh Water - Allotments			61.11
Welsh Water - CC			27.50
Wish n Wash			90.00
dd Pace Telecom - Telephone	#	44.90	269.42
dd HSBC Bank Charges			8.00

MONTH TOTAL **16572.05**

Chairman
