



Minutes of Town Committee Meeting: Wednesday 1 June 2022

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D. Owen (Chair) presiding

Councillors D. Addaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, W. Catterall, B. Crease, A. I. Dunbar,

A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes, R. Mansell, A. Manship,

A. R. Owen, D. Richardson, M. White & A. S. Wren

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

1. Notice of meeting

The notice of meeting was received.

2. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors R. O’Gorman, P. Shotton and I.R. Smith.

3. Declarations of Interest

All Members present declared a Personal Interest in Item 12 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IEPW) Determinations 2022-2023.

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

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Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 13 – Levelling Up Fund.

Councillor E. S. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 13 – Levelling Up Fund.

Councillor G. A. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 13 – Levelling Up Fund.

Councillor M. White declared a Personal Interest in Item 13 – Levelling Up Fund.

4. Police consultative arrangements

Councillor J. B. Attridge requested that as the Police had not attended a Meeting since before Covid could we ask for a representative to attend the next Meeting. He was fully aware that previously the Police were unable to attend due to the meetings being on the Zoom Platform.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin advised that the agenda item should remain on the agenda for the time being as it is a value to the Town Council.

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Presiding Chair

Planning Committee – 01/06/22

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

5. Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held 2 March 2022 (pages 59 & 60) and 28 March 2022 (page 64) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

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6. Notification of planning decisions

None received.

7. Planning applications

None received.

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Finance and General Purposes Committee – 01/06/22

Councillor B. Crease (Chair) presiding

8. Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held 2 March 2022 (pages 60, 61 & 62) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

9. Councillors contact information

A copy of the Connah's Quay Town Councillors contact information should have been available at the meeting. The Clerk apologised for Councillors not receiving this information.

Recommended:

That the information be sent to Councillors before the next meeting.

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10. Councillors training

The Leader of the Council, Councillor J. B. Attridge informed Councillors all Members can attend training provided from Flintshire County Council which will fully support their role as a Town Councillor.

Recommended:

That the verbal update be received and that Councillors inform the Clerk of any specific training they require.

11. Civic Hall Update

The Chair stated that the Civic Hall kitchen is in need of an upgrade. Councillors agreed this was long overdue.

Recommended:

That the Clerk reports to the July Committee Meeting with proposals and costings.

12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Determinations 2022-2023

The Clerk submitted the determinations of the IRPW for 2022-2022 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Members were given a form relevant to Determination 44.

Determination 44 is an individual mandatory payment available to Councillors each year of £150. The Clerk explained that the payment would be given to each Councillor unless they notified the Clerk in writing that they did not wish to accept the payment or sign the given form.

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The Clerk advised Members that the IRPW are notified each year of the Councillors who have received the allowance. This information must also be displayed on the Town Council's website.

Councillor E. S. Faulkner enquired if the payment could be donated directly to a local charity rather than receiving it personally.

The Clerk explained that as it is a personal allowance it has to be paid into the Members named account this is due to an audit trail of the monies. If they decide to donate the allowance to Charity it is up to the individual.

Recommended:

That the report be received.

13. Levelling Up Fund

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 20 May 202525 from Sharon Barlow, Programme Development Officer, Flintshire County Council seeking support from the Town Council regarding the Levelling Up Fund (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor A. Dunbobbin advised it was good to see the regeneration of Tata Steel, however, expressed his disappointment regarding the proposals for Connah's Quay and called them "limp". He questioned the use of the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded to Quay Waterman's Association, but did speak of the boat trips they had set up. Councillor Dunbobbin commented of when Tarmac in the late 1980's proposed to create a nature park and marina and of a real missed opportunity, where was the inspiration? Why not aspire to the same levels as the waterfronts in Cardiff Bay, Salford and Albert Dock in Liverpool. Councillor Dunbobbin's closing remark was for the reintroduction of the Deeside Partnership Forum.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin left the meeting at 7pm

Councillor J. B. Attridge agreed with Councillor Dunbobbin comments regarding the Deeside Partnership Forum. He also expressed how deeply disappointed he was

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regarding the bid. Councillor Attridge proposed for an urgent meeting with Niall Waller, Neil Cockerton and Andrew Farrow to discuss what the Town Council wants to see in the area. He also advised the Tarmac proposals were on par with Chester River.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar said the bid was pathetic with no indication of what the Town wants. He was pleased to see in the bid funding for a new Sea Cadets building. Councillor Dunbar also backed the comments made regarding the reintroduction of the Deeside Partnership Forum.

Members agreed to support the Levelling Up Fund, however, to fight for more in Connah's Quay.

Recommended:

That the report be received and the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council supporting the Levelling Up Fund. That the Clerk writes to Niall Waller, Neil Cockerton and Andrew Farrow to invite them to a meeting with Members to discuss the requirements of Connah's Quay.

14. Calendar of meetings 2022/23

The Clerk submitted the existing arrangements for the dates and times of Council meetings (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Recommended:

That the information be received.

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Recreation and Entertainments Committee – 01/06/2022

Councillor A. Hughes (Chair) presiding

15. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held 2 March 2022 (pages 62 & 63) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

16. Civic Hall update

The Leader of the Council, Councillor J. B. Attridge advised that most Members had now visited the Civic Hall. The Clerk had completed a new snagging list and all work has been agreed to be completed. A wedding reception is booked in for the end of August and this will be the first event to take place.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar commented on the cladding on the side of the building which had been struck by the waste refuse lorries. The previous Clerk was aware of the damage and a claim had been lodged.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council and the previous Clerk for an update.

Recommended:

That the verbal update be received.

17. Waiver/reduction of hire charges

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- a) Alcoholics Anonymous
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Recommended:

That the waiver be agreed.

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At the end of the meeting Councillor M. White as part of his role as Chair of the Interservices Committee, invited Members to a Memorial for Welsh Guardsman Sergeant Malcolm Wigley. This marks the 40th Anniversary of when he sadly lost his life in the Falklands War. The Service will start at 10.55am, in attendance will be Sergeant Wigley's family and Welsh Guards from his regiment. His grandchildren will be laying poppies along with children from Wepre Primary School. The service will last for around 15 minutes and will include a roll call of all Welsh Guards who lost their lives on the Sir Galahad on June 8 1982.

Councillors asked if the Town Council could lay a wreath and if the family would like to use the Quay Building for refreshments after the service. Councillor M. White thanked the Council for the offer but it wasn't necessary as the family had requested a 'low key' event.

Confirmed 25 July 2022

Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.42pm