



CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 1 March 2023

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, R. O’Gorman, A. Hughes, R. Mansell, A. Manship, P. Shotton, I. R Smith, M. White & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs H. M. Goldsmith (Administrative Officer)

121. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

122. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors A. R. Owen & D. Richardson.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 20 (Supplementary Agenda) – Confidential Legal Matters.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 15 Interservice Committee.

Councillor D. Owen declared a Personal Interest in Item 19 –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor G. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 19 –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor P. Shotton declared a Personal Interest in Item 19 –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor R. O’Gorman declared a Personal Interest in Item 19 –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

124. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

No Police were in attendance.

125. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE

The Chair advised Members that she had attended a Ukrainian Cultural Event in aid of Ukraine at St Asaph Cathedral and attended the Mold Charity Dinner.

The Chair attended an Engagement day at Caer Nant to explain the role of a Town Councillor.



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The Chair and Vice-Chair Councillor A Manship judged the St Davids window display in Connah's Quay and thanked everyone who took part.

RECOMMENDED:

That the verbal update be received.

126. PRESENTATION – RICHARD ARAM

The Chair welcomed Richard Aram and Luisa Citra from Groundworks.

Richard explained that Our Back Yard project had been running since 2017 and is part of the create your own space programme. The main aims of the project are to improve green spaces in Connah's Quay, increase green space usage and provide education and training opportunities for local people.

Richard gave a short presentation on the Project in which he briefly explained to the Councillors the following:

Impacts of Covid Summer 2020

- Offered garden support to vulnerable adults and key workers
- Online activities for residents and families
- Resumed volunteer sessions where possible.
- Staff continued to maintain sites where possible.

Golftyn Capital Improvements

- Completed in late 2021
- Improved access
- New park furniture
- Planting schemes

Usage has increased since these improvements have been made.

Additional Capital Funding Landfill 2020/21

- Quay Wetlands
- Broadoak Woods
- Llwyni Valley & Meadows

Additional Capital Funding Challenge Funding

- Community Gardens Renovation
 - Improved accessibility
 - Planting Schemes
 - New fencing
- Improvements to paths at Broadoak and fencing along Dock Road



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What the Project had undertaken in 2022

- Volunteers contributed over 1500 hours
- Visited 15 different sites
- Gained new skills and qualifications.
- Worked alongside FLVC, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of Wepre Park and others

Events:

- 14 hosted during 2022
- Over 350 people took part
- Litter picking, nature craft, heritage talks, wildlife walks, nature trails and wreath making.

Youth Engagements

- Worked with a number of local schools and youth groups.

Quay Clean

- 27th March – 2nd April running alongside Keep Wales Tidy Spring Clean
- 11 organised litter picks across Connaht's Quay.

Green Space Forum

- Launching in 2023
- Any issues such as anti-social behaviour
- Training
- Private launch
- Public launch

Councillor J. B. Attridge passed on thanks from residents who had used the garden service provided by Groundworks over Covid.

Members commented on how the volunteers do excellent work.

The Chair thanked Richard and Luisa for the presentation.

RECOMMENDED:

That the presentation be received.

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Presiding Chair



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PLANNING COMMITTEE – 01/03/23

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

127. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 February 2023 (pages 50, 51, & 52) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

128. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted notification of planning decisions for the month of January 2023 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That this be received

129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

130. APPLICATION BY LIVERPOOL BAY CCS LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE HYNET CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 20 February 2023 from The Planning Inspectorate regarding the Appointment of the Examining Authority and invitation to the Preliminary Meeting (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter be received.

131. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Clerk submitted an email dated 16 February 2023 from Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding the Local Development Plan (LDP).



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Members suggested that a paper copy when available be held in the Town Council Office for inspection.

RECOMMENDED:

That the email be received.

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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 01/03/23

Councillor B. Crease (Chair) presiding

132. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 February 2023 (pages 52, 53, 54, 55 & 56) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

133. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk submitted the below reports for the Month of January 2023 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- a) Summary of Income/Expenditure by Budget Heading.
- b) Cash & Investment Reconciliation.
- c) Statement of Imprest Account.

RECOMMENDED:

All were in favour that reports (a), (b) & (c) be agreed. That the agreed total expenditure for imprest for the month of January is £5,773.45.

134. INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk submitted the Interim Audit One for 2022/23 from JDH Business Services (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).



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Members stated that critical items are identified as being implemented.

Members also thanked the Clerk for the work carried out.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be received.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar left the meeting before the next agenda item.

135.INTERSERVICES

Councillors asked the Clerk if as previously requested had the President of Interservices received a letter with the Town Council's concerns.

The Clerk informed Councillors a letter was addressed and posted to the President in January.

Councillors agreed that the letter be resent and the said letter to be hand delivered by Councillor Wren.

The Clerk asked if Interservices requested to use the Quay Building or any of the Town Councils venues for meetings would the Town Council support the request.

Councillors voted and all agreed that any room hire for the meetings with Interservices would be waived.

RECOMMENDED:

That the letter from Interservices be received and Councillor Wren to hand deliver a copy of the original letter sent to the President from the Town Council. That Interservices receive a waiver on any room hire for meetings in Town Council venues.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar returned to the meeting for the next agenda item.

136. REQUEST FOR NOMINATION FOR THE KINGS NEW YEAR 2024 HONOURS

The Clerk submitted an email dated 16 February 2023 from One Voice Wales regarding nominations for the Kings New Years Honours (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Members stated that any nominations to be forwarded to the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED:

That the email be received.



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137. RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY

The Clerk gave a verbal update regarding an audit from Welsh Government which took place on Thursday 9th February 2023 in reference to the School Milk claims.

The Clerk informed Councillors that a written report from Welsh Government is still awaiting and once received will be reported to Council.

The Clerk had contacted all Primary Schools in Connaah's Quay to find out their requirements in receiving school milk. The Clerk had requested this information be received by the end of March. The requirements from the individual schools will commence in September.

RECOMMENDED:

That the verbal update be received and the Councillors who are School Governors ensure a response is received from the school.

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Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 01/03/2023

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

138. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 1 February 2023 (pages 56, 57 & 58) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

139. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

Civic Hall – Financial Year 2022/23

a) Flint Male Voice Choir

Charity Night

Friday 14th April 2023

WAIVER



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RECOMMENDED:

That the waiver be agreed.

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PART 2

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To formally exclude members of the Press and Public for the item below as this contains except information in respect of contractual and staffing matters.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 01/03/2023

140. CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL MATTERS

To receive a verbal report from the Clerk in reference to a confidential legal matter.

The Clerk explained that due to the ongoing legalities this item is extremely confidential.

The Clerk proposed that she is given delegated authority in dealing with this confidential item.

Councillors requested a copy of necessary paperwork relating to this item before any agreement can be approved. Due to the amount of paperwork it was proposed that this be adjourned to an 'Extraordinary Meeting'. This will then allow time for Councillors to receive the paperwork.

RECOMMENDED:

That an 'Extraordinary Meeting' be convened for Friday 6th March at 6.00pm.

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.10pm