



## **CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 1 February 2023**

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D. Owen (Chair) presiding

Councillors D. Addaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, W. Catterall, B. Crease, A. I. Dunbar, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, R. O'Gorman, A. Hughes, R. Mansell, A. Manship, A. R. Owen, P. Shotton, I. R Smith, M. White & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

#### **99. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of meeting was received.

#### **100. APOLOGIES**

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

#### **101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. Mansell declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 (Supplementary Agenda) – Caban Cae'r Nant.

Councillor A. S. Wren declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 (Supplementary Agenda) – Caban Cae'r Nant.

Councillor L. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 21b –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 21b –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 10 – Planning Applications.

Councillor E. S. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 14 – Connaah's Quay Sea Cadets.

Councillor G. A. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 14 – Connaah's Quay Sea Cadets.

Councillor M. White declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 21b –Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor R. O'Gorman declared a Personal Interest in Item 16 – V.C Hub (Veterans & Community).

#### **102. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

No Police were in attendance.



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The Clerk asked the Chair if she could interrupt the meeting at this point for a small awards ceremony, to which the Chair agreed.

The Clerk informed Members that she had received two Community Champion Awards to present to two Councillors for all their hard work with the Ukraine Appeal. The Clerk asked for Councillor J. B. Attridge to come forward and collect his award, Councillor Attridge was pleasantly surprised and shocked on receiving this award. The Clerk then asked for Councillor D. Owen to come forward to collect her award and thanked the Clerk.

### **103. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE**

The Chair advised Members that she had no official duties as Chair in January. However, February would be a very busy month.

The Chair advised Members that she was again helping with the Ukraine Appeal between 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Councillor J. B. Attridge politely reminded the Chair that she attended the monthly Deeside Support 4 disco at Connah's Quay Cricket Club.

The Chair thanked Councillor Attridge and advised she visited a resident who was celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

The Chair advised she attended an event in Wrexham at the PISC Office, to speak about all the work she had carried out for the people of Ukraine.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the verbal update be received.

### **104. PRESENTATION - KICKS FOR KIDS**

The Chair welcomed Steve Taylor from Kicks for Kids.

Steve Taylor thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting to provide an update on the Kick for Kids scheme. He spoke of his thanks to the Town Council and said he can't thank them enough for all the support. He advised that the free football sessions were still



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continuing but have also introduced other sports such as cricket and rugby and are in some ways like a mini playscheme. Parents often ask how much the sessions are and are so grateful that they are all free of charge. They are getting more interest from High School children and are going to get in contact with Connah's Quay High School to see if they can visit sometime. Currently engaged with over 300 children. Steve made comment again that the success of the programme was all down to Connah's Quay Town Council.

Councillor J. B. Attridge thanked Steve for the update and advised that the Town Council had agreed to support Kick for Kids for the current Financial Year. The Town Council for the next Financial will be introducing a Youth Engagement Programme where they will continue to support Kick for Kids and other groups. He asked Steve to submit to the Council a business plan for the future. Parents on Central ward have spoken to Councillor Attridge advising him of the change in their children after attending Kick for Kids, and wished when he was young for a programme like this.

Councillor P. Shotton asked Steve what funding he thought they would require and if he had contacted other local groups or agencies for support.

Steve advised that the funding would be similar to this year. He had contacted Jay Catton of Connah's Quay Nomads regarding having the use of the 3g pitches, but the only times available were 8.30pm – 9.30pm, which was no good for the ages of some of the children who attended.

Councillor M. White advised this was a great story, great to hear and may long continue.

Councillor I. R. Smith asked what was Steve's background?

Steve advised that he had worked with children in Toxteth, Speke and all around Liverpool and worked with children who needed help, from children that no one wanted to work with to children with special needs.

Councillor R. O'Gorman spoke how refreshing it was to see both boys and girls taking part and playing football.

The Chair thanked Steve Taylor for taking time and coming to speak to Members.



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### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the presentation be received.

### **105. PRESENTATION – WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN**

The Chair invited Councillor R. O’Gorman to explain to Members about the White Ribbon Campaign.

Councillor O’Gorman thanked the Chair and advised Members that he first heard of the White Ribbon Campaign by Mrs Pam Attridge and the late Carl Sargeant. White Ribbon is the UK’s leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls. He proposed that the Town Council also support DASU, Domestic Abuse Support Unit. The Town Council needs to support and look after the community.

Councillor J. B. Attridge fully supported Councillor O’Gorman’s proposal and asked for all Members to once again ‘make the White Ribbon pledge’. This can be done via the White Ribbon website.

Councillor M. White advised Members the he was a White Ribbon Ambassador and agreed that the Town Council support both Charities. He spoke of the number of men contacting for help against domestic violence was staggering.

All Members were in favour of supporting both White Ribbon Campaign and DASU

### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the presentation be received.

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**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 01/02/23**

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

### **106. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 4 January 2023 (page 32) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

### **107. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

None received.

The Clerk advised that she attended a Planning Training session at Flintshire County Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January which she found very informative. She also advised that the administration staff had difficulties logging onto the portal.

### **108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Central Ward**

FUL/000812/22 – Land at Dock Road, Connah's Quay, CH5 4DS.

Application for new headquarters for the Connah's Quay Sea Cadets with 15 no. parking and parade ground.

Members all fully supported this planning application. A fantastic new building for the Sea Cadets to use.

#### **Golftyn Ward**

FUL/000014/23 – Land at Mold Road, Connah's Quay, CH7 6BZ.

Application proposed agricultural produce and machinery storage building (resubmission of 064051).

### **RECOMMENDED:**

The Town Council has no objections to the above planning applications providing they follow planning policy.

FUL/000034/22 – Field West of Highmere Drive, Connah's Quay, CH5 4YH.

Application of construction of a residential development of 141 no. dwellings and associated works.



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Councillor A. Hughes advised he had serious concerns and the Town Council should propose to again object to this planning application.

Councillor I. R. Smith made an amendment for the development to have 35% low cost affordable housing, the Town Council should be influencing more affordable housing. Social housing with private rent is desperately needed in Connah's Quay.

Councillor P. Shotton agreed with Councillor Smith's amendment and made comment that as this development has already been listed on the LDP low cost affordable housing should be considered.

Councillors Voted for Councillor Smith's amendment

7 in favour

9 against

2 abstain

Councillors voted for Councillor Hughes' proposal

9 in favour

9 abstain

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

The Town Council objections to the above planning application on the same observations as previous.

#### **Wepre Ward**

FUL/000026/23 – 12 Woodfield Close, Connah's Quay, CH5 4RF.

Application proposed single storey side extension to bungalow to provide new bathroom and shower room.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

The Town Council has no objections to the above planning application providing they follow planning policy.



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#### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 01/02/23**

Councillor B. Crease (Chair) presiding

#### **109. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 4 January 2023 (pages 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **110. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Clerk submitted the below reports for the Month of December 2022 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

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

Councillor M. White asked the Clerk for clarification on 12c Statement of Imprest Account “G K Beulah & Co”, “First Data” for the Quay Café as the Café is no longer open and “Zoom Communications”.

The Clerk advised that the payment for “G K Beulah & Co” related to an order for Shields, the Town Council can then plan the Presentation event to present the shields to ex-Councillors. The payment for “First Data” was for the card machine as the Town Council are still under contract, however, the hand held card reader was being used at the Civic Hall and would continue to be used at the venue. Payment for “Zoom Communications” was the Zoom Subscription fee, to be able to hold remote access meetings if we needed. The Clerk advised that she will be obtaining quotes for hybrid facilities for the Council Chambers to be in line with Local Government for Council Meetings.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

All were in favour that reports (a), (b) & (c) be agreed.



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### **111. NORTH EAST WALES HERITAGE FORUM**

The Clerk submitted a membership renewal for 2023/24 for North East Wales Heritage Forum (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

All Members were in favour.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the membership be renewed.

### **112. CONNAH'S QUAY SEA CADETS**

The Clerk submitted email dated 4 January 2023 from Tony Squires, chairman – Unit Management Committee, Connah's Quay Sea Cadets thanking the Town Council for their support with their application to apply for match funding via the levelling up fund (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge made comment that he had met with Tony Squires after receiving the unfortunate news that the National Government refused the bid. Everyone involved in the levelling up fund bid were very disappointed. Councillor Attridge continued to comment that Janet Roberts had asked to come on-board to assist with further bidding. Bids would be made to the Big Lottery Fund and Councillor Attridge had been made aware of 2 large businesses wishing to support the Connah's Quay Sea Cadets. Tony Squires had told Councillor Attridge of his disappointment of the failed bid but he wouldn't give up.

Councillor P. Shotton advised what a wonderful presentation the levelling up bid was, and how the Conservative Government and Westminster have let down our Community.

Councillor R. O'Gorman advised that he would be more than happy to help the Sea Cadets put forward future bids.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the email be received.





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#### **113. SUB COMMITTEE GROUP**

The Chair asked for Members to participate in a Sub Committee Group in recommending the Town Councils' venues rates/charges for 2023/24.

Councillor Attridge proposed that the Group Leaders advise the Clerk on which Members would participate in the Sub Committee Group, 5 Independent and 3 Labour Members.

All Members agreed.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That 5 Independent and 3 Labour Members participate in the Sub Committee Group.

#### **114. V.C HUB (VETERANS & COMMUNITY)**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 25 January 2023 from Chris Sharp, V.C. Hub Chair regarding their interest in usage of the Quay Café as a Community Hub (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge welcomed Tony from V.C. Hub who was in attendance. Councillor Attridge proposed to give the Clerk delegated powers to take negotiations further forward. The V.C. Hub can apply for a number of grants for the Café which the Town Council are unable to apply for.

Councillor P. Shotton commented that he originally suggested to look at community involvement back when talks of closing the Café first started. He was pleased the V.C. Hub has declared an interest as it would become the heart of the community.

Members expressed their delight in the V.C. Hubs interest in the Quay Café. What a fantastic venture and agreed that it was a perfect fit to the community, huge respect to the veterans.

All Members agreed for the Clerk to have delegated powers.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk have delegated powers to take forward the discussions between the Town Council and V.C Hub representatives.



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#### **115. CABAN CAE'R NANT (SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA)**

The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 24 January 2023 from Sian Bland-Chaloner, Manager, Caban Cae'r Nant (copy on desks as Supplementary Agenda). The e-mail advised that as the school are now providing early entitlement they are now in a position to apply for grants. After a recent visit from Early Years Wales and Flintshire County Council, they raised a few concerns about the building. As a tenant Caban Cae'r Nant were seeking permission to enable them to achieve work to be carried out to fix/correct the concerns raised.

Councillor J. B. Attridge asked the Clerk to explain the urgency of this item and to why Members were not given notice before the meeting.

The Clerk informed that Members were required to provide permission to Caban Cae'r Nant to apply for the grant, the urgency for this items was the deadline for the grant was around 7 February 2023. If this was request was not on a supplementary item the grant deadline would have been missed. As it states in the e-mail all the works that would be carried out on the Community Centre would not have any cost for the Town Council.

Councillor J. B. Attridge advised he understood the urgency for this item and fully supported giving permission to Caban Cae'r Nant to apply for the grant and carry out the work to the Community Centre. There was zero cost to the Town Council and with the issues regarding the railing would protect the young from potential risk of dog attacks.

Councillor M. White also fully supported this and commented on the fantastic job Caban Cae'r Nant do. He asked the Clerk could the Town Council support Caban Cae'r Nant with the bid? To which the Clerk advised she would find out. Councillor White asked if the Town Council own the grass where the current railings are, the Clerk advised yes it is Town Council land. Councillor White advised how important outdoor learning was and that it is key to children's education.

Councillor A. Hughes queried if the Town Council need to act on the information regarding the dogs getting through the railings, as would the Town Council be responsible if a child got bitten by a dog? Members agreed that the school should have this on their risk assessment.



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All Members agreed for the Clerk to engage with Sian Bland-Chaloner and fully support the grant.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk contact Sian Bland-Chaloner, Caban Cae'r Nant with the Town Councils full support.

### **116. NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillor A. Manship provided Members with a report from the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils meeting which was held on Friday 20 January 2023 Prestatyn.

Councillor Manship advised some of the main issues raised during the meeting was:

- Housing – talk from a representative from the Welsh Assembly for North and Mid Wales.
- Health – report of health issues and social care for North and Mid Wales.
- Proposed Health Care – how to help welsh ambulance.
- North Coast and Cambria Line – what the youth and disabled want to see.

Councillor Manship asked if any Members wished to have a copy of the minutes from the meeting to ask the Clerk for a copy.

Councillor R. O'Gorman thanked Councillor Manship for his update.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the verbal update be received.

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### **RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 01/02/2023**

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding



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#### **117. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 January 2023 (pages 37 & 38) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **118. FOOD HYGIENE INSPECTION**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 5 December from Chief Officer, Planning, Environment & Economy at Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda). The letter provided the outcome from the food hygiene inspection that was carried out at the Civic Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. The Clerk informed Members that the Civic Hall was awarded a food hygiene rating score of a 5, this is the highest score to be awarded.

Councillor J. B. Attridge asked the Clerk to thank Gail and all the staff at the Civic Hall for all their hard work on behalf of all Members.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar said it was good to see a 5 score rating for the Civic Hall. Councillor Dunbar advised that the Labour Club had also recently received a food hygiene inspection after somebody had reported the Labour Club to the inspectors. The Club received a 4 score rating.

Councillor Attridge commented that with the greatest of respect the Council are discussing the inspection of the Civic Hall and not the Labour Club.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received.

#### **119. SUB COMMITTEE GROUP**

The Chair asked for Members to participate in a Sub Committee Group in recommending the arrangements for New Years' Eve, Connah's Quay Annual Festival and Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show.

Councillor J. B. Attridge advised that the arrangements for Connah's Quay Annual Festival would be discussed via the Town Regeneration Committee and Councillor D. Richardson.



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Councillor Attridge proposed the same as Agenda Item 15, which the Group Leaders advise the Clerk on which Members would participate in the Sub Committee Group, 5 Independent and 3 Labour Members.

All Members agreed.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That 5 Independent and 3 Labour Members participate in the Sub Committee Group.

#### **120. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES**

Civic Hall – Financial Year 2022/23

a) Deeside Hospital – League of Friends

Charity Night - Concert

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

WAIVER

Civic Hall – Financial Year 2022/23

b) Deeside Support 4

Charity Summer Ball

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023

WAIVER

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the waivers be agreed.

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Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.05pm