



CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 4 January 2023

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor D. Owen (Chair) presiding

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

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

The Chair wished all Members a happy new year.

Councillor G. A. Faulkner informed Members of the sad passing of Mrs Morfydd Auty. Mrs Auty was a community ambassador and a chapel member, she was always there for everyone in the community as a listener to people and will be missed by many. Councillor Faulkner will advise the Clerk with the funeral arrangements for any Councillors wishing to attend and pay their respects.

The Leader of the Council reiterated the words said from Councillor Faulkner and added what a wonderful lady Mrs Auty was and she will be missed by so many people in the community.

A minutes silence was held in respect of Mrs Auty.

74. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

75. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors D. Addaway & P. Shotton.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor G. A. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 11 –Notification of Requests for Financial Assistance.

Councillor E. S. Faulkner declared a Personal Interest in Item 11 –Notification of Requests for Financial Assistance.



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Councillor A. I. Dunbar declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 13 – Connaht's Quay & Shotton Interservices.

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 8 – Planning Applications.

77. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

No Police were in attendance.

Councillor R. O'Gorman advised Members of a new PCSO for the area. An invitation will be sent to all Councillors regarding a "walkabout" in the town in due course.

78. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE

The Chair advised Members that she had visited all the schools to present the winners from the Christmas card competition. Attended a church service and Nativity at St. Marks Church, also attended Nativity performances at Bryn Deva and Golftyn Schools. Alongside Councillor J. B. Attridge and part of Flintshire Forum provided seasonal hampers to a number of residents in their ward. Served Christmas meals to residents at Glan-Y-Morfa Court. Presented Awards to local people at a Nanny Biscuit event at the Civic Hall. Attended the New Years' Eve celebrations at the Civic Hall which was a great success.

Councillor J. B. Attridge advised how thrilled Ray Woolley was for being recognised for his work carried out in the community at the Nanny Biscuit event.

The Chair informed Members to put forward to the Council any nominations for the people in the community, who deserve to be recognised for work they undertake within the town and local area.

RECOMMENDED:

That the verbal update be received.

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Presiding Chair



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PLANNING COMMITTEE – 04/01/23

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

79. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 28 November 2022 (pages 15 & 16) and 7 December 2022 (pages 20 & 21) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

80. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

The Clerk advised that she would be attending a Planning Training session at Flintshire County Council on Monday 9th January.

81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Golftyn Ward

FUL/000764/22 – Weighbridge Road, A548, Sealand, Deeside CH5 2UL.

Application for removal of condition 6 following grant of planning permission 046966.

RECOMMENDED:

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

Confirmed 30 January 2023

Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 04/01/23

Councillor B. Crease (Chair) presiding

82. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 7 December 2023 (pages 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.



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83. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk submitted the below reports for the Month of November 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 R. O’Gorman asked for clarification on 10c Statement of Imprest Account “Zoom Communications”.

Councillor B. Crease advised that this was the Zoom Subscription fee, to be able to hold remote access meetings if we needed.

Councillor Crease commented that it was important to remember what a difficult year it had been. He stated what an exceptional job the Clerk was doing with the accounts and what support and help she had given. He then made comment how the Council can move forward effectively and deliver support to the Town.

RECOMMENDED:

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

84. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for financial assistance had been received from the following:

Wales Air Ambulance.

Councillor A. Wren proposed that the Council review their Financial Assistance Policy. The Council currently does not give grants/donations to charity requests but offers free use of the Civic Hall for a fundraiser event.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar disagreed with the proposal Councillor Wren had recommended, as in the past the Town Council had received letters praising the Council for allowing the use of the Civic Hall and the monies the charity had raised at such events.



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After much discussion Councillors voted on Councillors Wren's proposal to review the Financial Assistance Policy.

All Members were in favour.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk reply to Wales Air Ambulance as Council Policy and reviews the Financial Assistance Policy for Council's approval.

85. POLICY & RESOURCES MEETING

Councillor J. B. Attridge proposed a date of Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 6pm for the Policy & Resources Meeting.

All Members were in favour.

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed date be received.

86. CONNAH'S QUAY & SHOTTON INTERSERVICES

The Chair clarified to all Members that Councillor A. I. Dunbar was speaking on behalf of the Interservices Committee as Treasurer and invited Councillor Dunbar to sit at the front.

The Chair asked Councillor Dunbar that once he had given the feedback from the Interservices Committee if there were any arising questions how would they be addressed.

Councillor Dunbar advised that any questions should be sent via the Clerk to the Interservices Committee.

Councillor Dunbar started by wishing some Councillors and staff a happy new year, Councillor J. B. Attridge requested Councillor Dunbar's distasteful comments be withdrawn as he had only wished some Members Happy New Year. Councillor Dunbar then told Councillor Attridge to 'keep his mouth shut'. At this point Councillor Crease intervened slamming the gavel to restore order. Councillor Crease stated he did not expect any Councillor to be abusive to any other Councillor, any Councillor who is will be asked to leave the Chamber. He then continued to say he was not prepared to have a Committee meeting under his chairmanship dissolve into personal attacks.



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Councillor Dunbar apologised to Councillor Crease for his outburst, and he was then asked by Councillor Crease to address the allegation made against the Interservices Committee member.

Councillor Dunbar said he wanted to tell the Council what really happened rather than what supposedly happened as per comments on Facebook.

Councillor A. Dunbar on behalf of the Interservices Committee gave their account of what happened at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November at the Civic Hall.

‘Mr Peter Davies, the secretary and organiser of the service had recently undergone an operation and was still not feeling well. He had been advised to stay at home but he still decided to turn up. Due to his illness Mr Davies missed most of the service and had to stand at the back of the room with myself as I was also late arriving due to issues at the war memorial. Due to the recent operation Mr Davies was unable to wear his hearing aid and unfortunately unable to hear clearly. During the service he explained to me that he wasn't feeling well, a lady at our side asked Mr Davies to be quiet as she could hear him talking. Mr Davies apologised to the lady. As I was explaining to Mr Davies the reason for my lateness was due to the sound system at the war memorial not working, he again spoke loudly. At this point a soldier in front of myself and Mr Davies said “can you be quiet”. Mr Davies' response was “sit down” and he waved the soldier away. The soldier sat down.

The Interservices Committee have not heard from anyone else about this incident, the only comment received was on Facebook. This comment had been written on Facebook by a Councillor where it stated Mr Davies swore at the soldier. After reading comments on Facebook the Interservices Committee have made the decision to report the comments to the Interservices Solicitors’.

The Interservices Committee are disappointed in condemning Mr Davies before finding out the truth and the threat of withdrawing any funding on the context of what an individual has put on Facebook who I am lead to believe constantly complains of everything.

Councillor Dunbar left 7.10pm



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Councillor Attridge advised Members that a complaint had been received from a member of the public, and asked for an adjournment to have the copy of the complaint photocopied for all in the room to read.

Adjournment 7.12pm

Meeting commenced 7.17pm

Councillor D. Richardson asked if Councillor Dunbar or Interservices had seen the complaint?

Councillor Attridge was advised by Councillor Bibby, ex Vice-Chair of Interservices Committee had received the complaint. Councillor Bibby passed it onto the President of Interservices Committee. Councillor Bibby advised the President had received several missed calls from Councillor Dunbar and that Councillor Dunbar had requested the complainants address.

Councillor D. Owen raised concerns over the complainants name and address being visual.

Councillor M. White reminded Councillors the importance of the names on the memorial and what they stand for. The recent incident seems to have overshadowed this and this should not be the case.

Councillor E. S. Faulkner made comment that every time an alleged incident happened would it be brought to full council to discuss?

After further discussions it was proposed by Councillor White that the Council again write to the Interservices Committee asking for a response to the complaints letter. Any questions from Councillors must be passed through the Clerk. Correspondence will then be forwarded to the President of the Interservices for response.

All Members were in favour.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk collate questions from Members and write to the Interservices Committee.

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Presiding Chair



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RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 04/01/2023

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

87. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 7 December 2022 (pages 25, 26 & 27) were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

88. NEW YEARS' EVE 2022

Councillor A. Manship advised Members what a great success the New Years' Eve event was in the Civic Hall.

Councillor R. O'Gorman advised he attended with Councillor W. Catterall, he commented what a welcoming event it was and was a great night.

Councillor J. B. Attridge thanked the Chair of Recreation and Entertainments Committee, the band was fantastic and was great to see everyone up dancing. Nice friendly atmosphere with no trouble. He asked if a sub-committee could be set up to start looking at New Year 2023, and to look at the options available with the possibility of a private party.

Members all agreed for a Sub-Committee of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk with any Members to attend.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk to liaise with the Chair to set up a Sub-Committee meeting date and report back to full Council with any updates from the Sub-Committee Meeting.

89. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

Civic Hall – Financial Year 2023/24

a) Welsh Advisory Team – F.C.C

Musical Jamboree

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st June 2023



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WAIVER

RECOMMENDED:

That the waiver be agreed.

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Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.45pm