



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

### **Minutes of Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 6 December 2023**

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

Councillors, D. Addaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, W. Catterall, B. Crease, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes E. Loughnane, R. Mansell, A. R. Owen, D. Owen, D. Richardson, P. Shotton, I. R. Smith & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

The Clerk informed Members that the meeting was not being recorded.

#### **144. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of meeting was received.

#### **145. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor A. I. Dunbar.

#### **146. COUNCILLOR – CENTRAL WARD**

The Chair welcomed new Councillor Vince Roberts to the Town Council.

Councillor E. Loughnane thanked ex-Councillor Ryan O’Gorman for his 5 year service to Connah’s Quay Town Council and wished him all the best. He also thanked Lynne Chick for standing for election. He welcomed Councillor Roberts to the Town Council and commented what a great addition he will be to the town.

Councillor V. Roberts thanked Members for his warm welcome and that he would do his best for the residents of Connah’s Quay.

#### **147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A. Manship declared a Personal Interest in Item 17 – Annual Membership – North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

Councillor A. Owen declared a Personal Interest in Item 17 – Annual Membership – North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.



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Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal Interest in Item 16 – Standards Committee.

Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 11 – Planning Applications.

Councillor D. Richardson declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 11 – Proposed change of use from agriculture to a dog exercise facility.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 6 – Police Consultative Arrangements

### **148. COMMITTEE REPORTS ETC**

(a) Consultative Meeting – 1 November 2023

(b) Planning Meeting – 1 November 2023

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 1 November 2023

(d) Recreation & Entertainments Committee – 1 November 2023

(e) Regeneration Committee – 1 November 2023

(f) Declarations of Interest – 1 November 2023

### **RECOMMENDED:**

That reports (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) be approved and adopted as a correct and accurate record.

### **149. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

No Police were in attendance and Members had no issues to raise.

Councillor Crease left the meeting during the next agenda item.

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

The Chair advised Members that he had attended a Charity Ball for Buckley Town Council.

Alongside his consort Mrs Ann Manship he judged the Chair's official Christmas card competition.

He had visited Bryn Deva school that morning to present the winner with their printed Christmas card. Visits had been scheduled for visits to the remaining three schools.

He had also attended a Charity Brass Band concert at the Civic Hall, a superb concert that raised over £240 for Alder Hay Children's Hospital. He commented on what a wonderful evening it had been, Councillor G. A. Faulkner who attended with Councillor E. S. Faulkner informed Members that the conductor was from Connaught's Quay.

Councillor J. B. Attridge thanked the Chair for his attendance at the Christmas Fayre that had been held in the Civic Hall. He also thanked the staff and advised that the feedback he had received had



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all been positive. The Chair advised Members that the Christmas Fayre had been a fantastic event and he had been truly humbled and honoured to have been part of it and was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Councillor R. Mansell thanked the Chair for his attendance at the opening of the shop Full Circle Security Systems.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the verbal update be received.

#### **151. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair invited Members of the public to address the Council on any item that appeared on the Agenda.

No matters were raised were raised by the public.

Confirmed 3 January 2024

Presiding Chair

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE – 06/12/23**

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

#### **152. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 November were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **153. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That this be received.



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#### **154. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **Golftynl Ward**

OUT/001016/23 – land adj. The Halfway House, Church Street, Connaht's Quay, CH5 4AS

Proposed erection of a detached block of flats.

Councillor D. Richardson advised Members that there were a number of issues with this planning application. He proposed that this planning application should be refused due to flooding and highways issue with parking.

A vote was taken for Councillor D. Richardson's proposal to refuse this planning application:

For – 17

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

##### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to Planning Flintshire County Council informing them that the Town Council objections to this planning application, due to the concerns over flooding and the highways issue regarding parking.

Councillor Richardson left the meeting before the next planning item.

##### **South Ward**

COU/000903/23 – Land North of Mold Road, Connaht's Quay CH7 6BZ

Proposed change of use from agricultural to a dog exercise facility.

Councillor J. B. Attridge welcomed and fully supported this planning application.

Councillor A. Dunbobbín advised that he had contacted Flintshire County Council Planning Department regarding this application and was informed that the proposed land was a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The proposed plans were in open countryside and may cross into mineral safeguard area.

Councillor A. Wren advised Members that at this stage the planning application was only for proposed change of use.

A vote was taken for Councillor J. B. Attridge's proposal to fully support the planning application:

For – 13

Against – 5

Abstain – 0



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#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to Planning Flintshire County Council informing them that the Town Council has no objections provided it follows planning policy.

Councillor Richardson returned to the meeting.

#### **Wepre Ward**

FUL/000955/23 – Shotwick Solar Park, Weighbridge Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LL

Proposed for removal or variation of condition no.3 following grant of planning permission 051772.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to Planning Flintshire County Council informing them that the Town Council has no objections provided it follows planning policy.

### **155. PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OPERATION AT SHOTTON MILL**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 20 November 2023 from Dan Johnson, General Manager, Shotton Mill Limited regarding new plans to expand operations at Shotton Mill Deeside. Public consultations applications for both Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government would take place, with the Flintshire County Council Consultation between Tuesday 21 November – 19 December 2023 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors welcomed and fully supported the proposed to expand operations at Shotton Mill as it would create more employment to the area.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That this letter received.

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Presiding Chair

### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 06/12/23**

Councillor A. Owen (Vice-Chair) presiding



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#### **156. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 November were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **157. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Clerk submitted the below reports (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda and report available on the night):-

- (a) Summary of Income/Expenditure by Budget Heading – October 2023
- (b) Cash & Investment Reconciliation – October 2023
- (c) Statement of Imprest Account – October 2023
- (d) List of payments General Account – November 2023 – Amended Copy
- (e) List payments General Account – For the Chair of Finance and General Purposes to have delegated authority in approving the accounts for December 2023.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

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

That report (c) imprest account October be £6,068.08 be agreed. That report (d) General Account (amended copy) November be £36,833.38 be agreed and report (e) that delegated authority be given to the Chair of Finance & General Purposes to authorise payment of the accounts for the month of December and a copy be available to Council at the next meeting.

#### **158. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Clerk submitted an e-mail dated 19 November 2023 from Sarah Way, Director, RainbowBiz advising that they were looking for help with the running costs of their Christmas Party and if the Town Council were able to help in any way (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor A. Manship advised that he would like to give a donation the RainbowBiz from his Chair's Account.

Councillor J. B. Attridge thanked Councillor Manship for his kind donation and commented on the great work RainbowBiz does for the community.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received and a donation from the Chair's Account.



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#### **159. STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk submitted a report from the Standards Committee from Monday 6 November 2023. The report summaries the common themes arising from the visits and to endorse them as recommendations to town and community councils in Flintshire as a whole (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the report be received.

#### **160. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 30 October 2023 from Robert Robinson, Secretary, North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils regarding the annual membership fees for August 2023 to July 2024 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor J. B. Attridge proposed that the membership be renewed.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin asked if the Council would also continue with One Voice Wales membership?

The Clerk advised that each membership provided the Town council with different services, One Voice Wales provided such services as legal advice, training and templates for policies. North & Mid Wales Association provided service and representatives from Town Councils throughout North and Mid Wales of local issues.

A vote was taken to renew the membership for North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils:

For – 18

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received and the membership be renewed.



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#### **161. DONATION OF CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Clerk informed Members that historically the Town Council donated a Christmas Tree to the community, the residents of Pen Y Llan had been receiving the Christmas Tree for a number of years.

Councillor J. B. Attridge proposed that this should continue this year. However, this be an agenda item in January to discuss the possibility of the donated Christmas Tree be allocated to different wards in Connaah's Quay each year.

A vote was taken for the Christmas to be donated to Pen Y Llan and an agenda item for January:

For – 18

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Christmas Tree be donated to the residents of Pen Y Lan and this be an agenda item for January 2024.

#### **162. CAR PARK – OLD SOMERFIELD SITE, CONNAH'S QUAY**

The Leader of the Council advised members that he was seeking support from Town Councils and to have the car park charges removed from the old Somerfield site. The building was in the process of being demolished, the parking by the job centre and swimming baths had been fenced off. The Leader proposed that the Clerk write to Katie Wilby and Dave Hughes at Flintshire County Council with an official letter requesting the charges to be removed.

A vote was taken to support Councillor J. B. Attridge proposal for the car park charges to be removed during the demolition and re-structure works:

For – 18

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That a letter be written to Katie Wilby and Dave Hughes at Flintshire County Council.





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#### **163. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2023/24**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 6 November 2023 regarding the new pay rates applicable from 1 April 2023 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received.

Confirmed 3 January 2024

Presiding Chair

### **RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 06/12/23**

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

#### **164. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 November 2023 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **165. QUAYPLAY COSTING 2024**

The Clerk submitted an e-mail 13 November 2023 from Darren Morris, Lead Officer for Play Development, Flintshire County Council with the plans and costings for Summer Playscheme 2024 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The report detailed the three year funding cycle, three or six week schemes and conclusion.

Councillor J. B. Attridge welcomed the report and commented that the Town Council budget each year for the Summer Playscheme. The Playscheme in Connaah's Quay is the largest in Flintshire. He proposed that the Clerk write to Darren Morris and agree the plan for the next three years.

The Clerk advised that Darren Morris would be attending Januarys Committee Meeting to give a presentation to the Town Council on plans for the future of the Playscheme..



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A vote was taken to agree the three year plan:

For – 18

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received and that the Clerk writes to Darren Morris, Flintshire County Council.

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

(a) Eve Compton

Charity Zumbathom

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

WAIVER

(b) Meira Powell

Musical Jamboree - FCC

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

WAIVER

Councillor D. Owen asked for clarification regarding waiver request (b) Musical Jamboree. The event was for three days and asked if the Town Council required to cancel any evening booking for those dates.

The Clerk advised that this event was attended for all local primary schools.

Councillor Owen thanked the Clerk for providing more information and was happy with the response.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That Waivers (a) and (b) be agreed.

### **167. PRESENTATIONS**

The Chair presented ex Connah's Quay Town councillors with a Town Council Coat of Arms plaque for their time and commitment during their time as serving Councillors of Connah's Quay.

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Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.25pm