



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

### **Minutes of Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 6 November 2024**

Present: (Attendance Register)

Due to apologies off the Chair and Vice-Chair a vote was taken for the Chair of Finance and General Purposes to Preside as Chair of the Meeting. The Clerk informed Members that the meeting is being recorded.

Councillor A. R. Owen (Chair of Finance & Recreation) presiding

Councillors, D. Adaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, W. Catterall, B. Crease, A. I. Dunbar, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, E. Loughnane, R. Mansell, A. Manship, V. Roberts, P. Shotton, I. R. Smith & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs H. M. Goldsmith (Administrative Officer)

7 members of the public

#### **130. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of meeting was received.

Councillor A. Owen reminded members of the protocol on multi location meetings. We have to adhere to the same principals if we are on Zoom as in meetings. Phones are to either be muted or switched off and are expected to speak with the same courtesy and respect that you are at the meeting.

All Members agreed and were fully conversant.

A copy of the protocol is available from the Clerk.

#### **131. APOLOGIES**

Councillor A. Dunbobbin, A. Hughes, D. Owen & D. Richardson.

Councillor E. Loughnane expressed sadness at the recent passing of Broughton and Saltney Community Councillor Veronica Gay. He requested that an email be sent to Broughton and Saltney Community Council and family.

#### **132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal Interest in Item 11 – Planning Applications.

Councillor A. Wren declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 – Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

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



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Councillor J. B. Attridge declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 – Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar declared a Personal Interest in Item 19 – Remembrance Services.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 20 – Financial Assistance Application.

Councillor R. Mansell declared a Personal Interest in Item 22 – Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges.

Councillor A. Owen left the meeting before the next agenda item.

### 133. COMMITTEE REPORTS ETC

(a) Members Panel – 16 September 2024

(b) Consultative Meeting – 2 October 2024

(c) Planning Meeting – 2 October 2024

(d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 2 October 2024

Through the Clerk Councillor A. Dunbobbin requested an amendment to Item 109. A vote was taken and it was carried that the minutes are accurate and remain as situ.

Councillor A. I. Dunbar requested to speak regarding item 108.

Councillor A.I. Dunbar asked why at the Interservices meeting Councillor D. Owen mentioned the false accusation of the Secretary of Interservices swearing at a Soldier that happened over 2 years ago.

The Chair called a Point of Order and asked Councillor Dunbar if there was anything he had to say that was relevant to the minutes.

Councillor Dunbar said there were no improprieties at the meeting that happened 2 years ago.

A Point of Order was called again. Councillor Dunbar was asked again if there was anything relevant to the minutes.

Councillor Dunbar said he wanted to explain what happened at the last Interservices meeting with Councillor D Owen and her chaperone.

Councillor Owen stated this is not relevant to the minutes. We are talking and accepting the minutes from the last meeting. If you cannot say anything relevant to these we move on to the next item.

A vote was taken and carried to agree the minutes and move onto the next agenda item.



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- (e) Recreation & Entertainments Committee – 2 October 2024
- (f) Regeneration Committee – 2 October 2024
- (g) Regeneration Committee Part 2 – 2 October 2024
- (h) Recreation & Entertainments Committee Part 2 – 2 October 2024
- (i) Declarations of Interest – 2 October 2024
- (j) Policy & Resources Committee – 8 October 2024
- (k) Declarations of Interests – 8 October 2024

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

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

#### **134. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

Any issues email the Clerk and these will be forwarded on.

Councillor A. Owen left the meeting before the next agenda item

#### **135. PRESENTATION**

The Chair welcomed Joe Hook, Project Integration Team Leader, Uniper UK Ltd.

Joe gave provided an update on how the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project is progressing after 6/7 months on the project. It is relatively unchanged from the last proposal.

95% of all the Carbon Dioxide omitted is captured for permanent storage. Newbuild Carbon Capture Power Station is also linked with Wider INet Project in order to enable permanent storage of the carbon dioxide and would be working in timing to the carbon dioxide transport and storage network being developed by ENI as part of Hynet project.

The statutory consultation period closes 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025. All feedback should be received whether positive or negative.

Councillors raised the following questions with the responses:

- What benefit will there be to Connah's Quay?



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Direct economic contribution ie supply chain, direct spend. Community benefit package not yet defined. There will be an education centre on the site, this will be a resource to local schools.

- What happens if the gas runs out?

In the lifetime of the project there are no expected or forecasted issues over 30 year lifetime

- Will the project extend to existing turbine houses?

Does not include anything related to existing assets. The development of new asset will close units of the existing ones.

- Any plans for SMR's post 2030?

Uniper have no interest in Nuclear development in the UK at the moment.

- What is the carbon footprint?

Do not know number. Total carbon cost over lifetime has to be calculated. Figure is in preliminary environmental report. Would find out and report back.

- Is this project trying to move us towards Zero omissions?

This is a journey to get to net zero in 2050

- When does this proposal come into effect?

End of 2030 circa 4 years. Significant benefit will be seen late 2026.

The Chair thanked Joe Hook for his presentation.

### 136. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE

No update given due to the Chair not being present.

### 137. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

A member of the public asked at the presentation how would residents of Connaught's Quay find information about the project?

A letter drop has been done so all residents should have received a leaflet. It has also been in the local press and national papers. There is a consultation being held at the Cricket Club on 7<sup>th</sup> November between 2pm – 6pm.



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Presiding Chair

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE – 06/11/24

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

#### 138. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 2 October 2024 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### 139. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

#### 140. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

##### Central Ward

COU/000183/24 – Land Adj to Old Quay House, Dock Road, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4DS

Change of use of land for the retention of 26 residential caravans with associated landscaping part-retrospective.

FUL/000795/24 – 2 Snowden Avenue, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4TX

Demolition of existing side extension garage and new 2 storey extension within the existing footprint. Erection of rear single storey extension and construction of a detached building at the bottom of the garden comprising new garage and garden rooms.

##### Golftyn Ward

FUL/000727/24 – 38 Kelsterton Road, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4BJ

Single storey rear extension.

COU/000796/24 – Unit F & F1 Quay Shopping Centre, Ffordd Llanarth, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4WL  
Change of use from Class A3 to Nail Bar (sui generis).

##### Wevre Ward

FUL/000774/24 – 17 Belmont Avenue, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4PD

Demolition of conservatory - Proposed single storey rear extension.



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ADV/000730/24 – 65 High Street, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4DD

Conversion of 1no poster advertisement display to D-Poster.

ADV/000720/24 – 107 High Street, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4DF

Proposed change of existing side gable wall elevation sign to a new larger sign.

#### **South Ward**

FUL/000846/24 – 33 Hillside Drive, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4GQ

Installation of an air source heat pump to replace existing gas boiler

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

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

#### **Golftyn Ward**

FUL/000874/24 – Land at Kelsterton Road, Connaught's Quay, CH6 5SJ

Change of use of previously developed land to form a 4 pitch family gypsy and traveller site with access from Kelsterton Road, along with the formation of a permeable surface, the erection of 1 day room, boundary fencing and landscaping part retrospective.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

A vote was taken, it was agreed that this planning application be deferred to the December Committee Meeting.

Confirmed 4 December 2024

Presiding Chair

### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 06/11/24**

Councillor A. S. Wren presiding due to the Chair of the Committee not present.

#### **141. MINUTES**

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#### **142. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Clerk submitted the below reports (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Summary of Income/Expenditure by Budget Heading – September 2024
- (b) Cash & Investment Reconciliation – September 2024
- (c) Statement of Imprest Account – September 2024
- (d) List of payments General Account – October 2024
- (e) List payments General Account – For the Chair of Finance and General Purposes to have delegated authority in approving the accounts for November 2024.
- (f) Bank Reconciliation – Chairs Account – September 2024
- (g) Bank Reconciliation – Petty Cash Office – September 2024

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

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

That report (c) Imprest Account September be £6,112.45 be agreed that report (d) General Account October be £41,443.37 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 November and a copy be available to Council at the next meeting.

#### **143. INTERNAL AUDITOR**

To agree the Internal Auditor for 2024/25.

The Clerk advised members in previous years JDH Business Services had been used.

Members agreed that JDH Business Services continue as the Internal Auditor.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Internal Auditor for 2024/25 is JDH Business Services.

#### **144. IRPW**

To receive members Remuneration form for 2024/25.

The Clerk stated that the form be completed and returned for payment to be made this financial year.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the form be received.



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#### **145. FESTIVE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk submitted a report for Council to consider arrangements for all sites over the festive period (copy forwarded to Councillors with Agenda).

In order to effectively plan for the festive period 2024/25 a decision is therefore required from Council about staffing arrangements during the festive period.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

Members agreed option 1 that each venue would close (unless there is a current booking or new booking received) for the period from close of business Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and reopen at the normal opening time on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

#### **146. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

To agree a date for the Town Council Meeting in January 2025.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

Members agreed that the meeting would be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January due to the first Wednesday of the month being a Bank Holiday.

#### **147. TOWN MAINTENANCE/CONCERNS**

Members to report any matters that have not been previously reported to Streetscene for each Ward.

Councillor Attridge requested that this item be removed from future agendas.

A vote was taken and it was agreed to remove this from future agendas

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That this item be removed from future agendas.

#### **148. REMEMBRANCE SERVICES**

The Clerk submitted a letter from Connaught's Quay & Interservices Committee for arrangements for Remembrance Services (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received.

Councillor Dunbar left the meeting for the next item.





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#### **149. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

The Clerk submitted an application for Financial Assistance from Connaht's Quay & Shotton Interservices.

The Clerk explained breakdown of the costs. Members agreed £500.00 be paid.

Councillor G Faulkner stated that there are 29 names missing off the Cenotaph and it costs a lot of money to put them on. A lot of work goes into the Cenotaph and we need to support Interservices.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That £500 Grant money is awarded to Interservices.

Confirmed 4 December 2024

Presiding Chair

Councillor Dunbar returned to the meeting.

#### **RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 06/11/24**

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

#### **150. MINUTES**

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

Civic Hall – Financial Year 2024/25

- a) Ysgol Croes Ati  
Halloween Party  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
WAIVER
- b) Caer Nant School  
School Performance



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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

WAIVER

- c) Buckley Boxing  
Charity Boxing  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
WAIVER

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the waiver's be agreed.

#### **152. ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Clerk gave an update about the lack of response of nominations for the Achievement Awards.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the planned event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November be cancelled.

Confirmed 4 December 2024

Presiding Chair

#### **REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 06/11/24**

Councillor A. Manship presiding due to the Chair of the Committee not present.

#### **153. CONNAH'S QUAY FESTIVAL 2025**

The Clerk confirmed to Councillors that the date of the festival would be the last Saturday of June which is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That this date 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 confidential item not for the public/press knowledge.

#### **REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 02/10/2024**

Councillor A. Manship presiding due to the Chair of the Committee not present.

#### **154. KATHLEEN & MAY HERITAGE CENTRE**

The Clerk stated the grant application is being completed at the moment. The 14<sup>th</sup> November this will go to the Grant Decision Committee at Flintshire County Council. Confirmation from Flintshire County Council will be received on or around the 20 November.

Councillor B Crease informed members that the electric heating is being installed and almost completed.

A site visit will be arranged in the near future for all Councillors.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the update be received.

Presiding Chair

4 December 2024

#### **MEMBERS PANEL – 04/12/2024**

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

#### **155. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024/25**



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The Clerk submitted a letter from One Voice Wales regarding the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) agreed rates pay (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda)

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received and the rates of pay be awarded.

Confirmed 4 December 2024

Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.03pm

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