



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

### **Minutes of Recreation & Entertainments Committee and Regeneration Committee Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 12 March 2025**

Present: (Attendance Register)

Due to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council not being present it was agreed that the Chair of Recreation & Entertainments Committee chair the meeting.

Councillor A. Manship (Chair of Recreation & Entertainments Committee) presiding

Councillors D. Addaway, A. I. Dunbar, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes, E. Loughnane, R. Mansell, D. Richardson, V. Roberts, P. Shotton & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs S. L. Phillips (Administrative Officer)

1 member of the public

#### **277. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of meeting was received.

The Chair of the Council arrived at this point of the meeting. It was agreed that the Chair of Recreation and Entertainments continue chairing the meeting.

#### **278. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, A. Dunbobbin, A. R. Owen, D. Owen & I. R. Smith.

#### **279. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A. S. Wren declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Item 4 – Allotments.

### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 12/03/25**

Councillor A. S. Wren (Vice-Chair) presiding

#### **280. CCTV**

It was agreed to move this supplementary item to be discussed first.

The Chair welcomed Lisa McLellan, Zena Jones and Alistair from Flintshire County Council.



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Images of footage from the CCTV cameras were handed to Councillors. The images gave evidence from the older cameras and the upgraded digital cameras.

It was explained to Council that the Town Council has 13 cameras in Connah's Quay. There is currently 1 camera that is not working in Thornfield Avenue area.

FCC explained that if the Town Council agreed to sign the SLA at a cost of £14,220 for the financial year 2025/26 that the cameras would be upgraded to fully digital at no cost to the Town Council.

The camera on Thornfield Avenue would not be too expensive to upgrade and would remain as is.

FCC stated that the charges for 2024/25 would need to be contributed by the Town Council. The Chair stated the Town Council had agreed to not finance the cameras for 2024/25 in September and FCC were informed of this decision. Council explained that they never signed an SLA for this financial year and therefore were not liable to pay the costs. After further discussion it was suggested that the Town Council may be willing to contribute from the 1 April 2024 to when FCC were informed of Council's decision. This equates to 5 months at a cost of £6,644.32.

A vote was taken to recommended the following to full council.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That a 3 year SLA is signed. That the Town Council agree to contribute £14,220 for the financial year 2025/26. That the Town Council agree to contribute £6,644.32 for the financial year 2024/25.

The Chair thanked FCC for their update and the work they have undertaken in provided a better service and quality with the CCTV cameras.

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Presiding Chair

#### **RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 12/03/25**

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#### **281. ALLOTMENTS**

##### **a) Future Plans for the Allotment Site**

The Chair explained that the car park to the Allotment site had recently been closed off again due to a legal dispute between FCC and Lidl. The vehicle access to the Allotment site is again by driving down the Bridleway. This is not ideal as plot holders are unable to get trailers on the site. The Town Council have received quotes for work on the site such as moving the gate way. Due to the limited access on the site this is not currently possible. Town Council will be kept updated when the car park is back accessible.

##### **b) Allotment Tenancy Agreement and Tenants Handbook (copy forwarded to Councillors with the agenda).**

Councillor Dunbar raised a question about 26.1 – Termination of Tenancy and the about the clarification of the deceased tenant's next of kin being offered the tenancy on the plot. Councillor Dunbar stated that due to the vast amount of names on the waiting list this should be removed and not be offered to the next of kin.

Councillors voted on this proposal which will be recommended to full council.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That (a) the update is received.

That (b) that the wording on 26.1 is amended to read as follows:

‘In the event of the death of a tenant, the tenancy shall end either six months after the date of the death of the tenant or at the end of the current arrangement whichever is soonest.

#### **282. CIVIC HALL**

The Chair stated that discussions about the upgrade of the kitchen in the Civic Hall had now been going on for over 2 years, nothing has been done. The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting is arranged with a company who are providing a quote. Once the quote is received it will be presented to Council.

Discussion continued how the Civic Hall can be improved with events. The Chair stated that the Civic Hall and the other venues required a ‘marketing plan’.



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A member of the public asked about the baby changing facilities at the Civic Hall. The Clerk will ask the Venue Operations Manager about the facility and then put a notice on the notice board to make public aware.

A vote was taken with the proposal that a sub-committee be set up as part of the Recreation and Entertainments Committee to discuss future events in the Civic Hall.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That this proposal be agreed and recommended to full council.

#### **283. COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Chair informed Councillors that the school had asked about painting the outside of the venue. He stated this had not yet been done and the venue was looking in desperate need of improvement. The Clerk stated the painting of the outside by the school would not be done until the Spring/Summertime due to the better weather.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the verbal update be received.

Confirmed 2 April 2025

Presiding Chair

#### **REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 12/03/25**

Councillor D. Richardson (Chair) presiding

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

The Chair gave an update on the Festival. This year the event will be a one day event on Saturday 28 June. The Town Council will contact companies to seek donations/contributions for the event. The Clerk will contact FCC to find out the cost of the parade. The car park charges that FCC have recently implemented at Wepre Park were discussed.



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A vote was taken for the proposal that a sub-committee be set up to discuss arrangements for the Festival and report to full council with recommendations.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

That a sub-committee be established.

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Presiding Chair

Councillor D. Richardson thanked the public for their attendance.

#### **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.

Due to confidentiality the minutes are unavailable to the public.

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.45pm