



CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 7th January 2026

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

Councillors W. Catterall, A. I. Dunbar, A. Dunbobbin, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes, E. Loughnane, D. Owen, D. Richardson, P. Shotton, I. R. Smith & A. S. Wren.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Mrs H. M. Goldsmith (Administrative Officer)

3 members of the public

183. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

184. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, R. Fenwick, R. Mansell, A. R. Owen, and V. Roberts.

185. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 5 – Police Consultative

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 20 – CCTV

186. COMMITTEE REPORTS ETC

(a) Consultative Meeting – 3 December 2025.

Councillor A. Wren stated that apologies for arriving late were received from himself and not Councillor A. Owen and that the minutes be amended.

(b) Planning Committee – 3 December 2025.

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 3 December 2025.

(d) Recreation & Entertainments Committee – 3 December 2025.

(e) Declarations of Interest – 3 December 2025.

RECOMMENDED:

That reports a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) be approved and adopted as a correct and accurate record with the requested amendment.



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187. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Inspector Rob Stevenson sent his apologies and advised a member of the Deeside Neighbourhood Policing Team would be attending on his behalf.

Apologies for received from the Deeside Neighbourhood Team for non-attendance.

188. STREETSCENE MATTERS

An update was provided from County Councillors regarding matters on their ward.

Councillor Wren had received concerns from residents regarding the double yellow lines around Wepre Park and Wepre School. Cars are now parking the other side of the yellow lines which causes further problems up and down the road. Councillor Wren had made residents aware that the double yellow lines were in the interest of safety, which residents have agreed.

Councillor Richardson stated that a trial on the maintenance of weeds had been carried out. Once the outcome of the trial is available, in February he will give an update to Council.

Councillor D. Owen commented on the state of the surface of Bryn Road, this had already been reported to Streetscene.

She had requested that the salt bins on Glan-y-Morfa be filled.

The fence around the Cemetery is being upgraded.

A meeting is being arranged with all County Councillors regarding the issues of parking close to the schools.

Councillor Hughes thanked Wayne Jones and Streetscene for the work they undertake on the recycling especially over the Christmas period and stormy weather.

Councillor Richardson commented on the barrier around the Christmas tree and could the Town Council look at improving this for next Christmas.

Councillor Manship commented on the state of the road at Breezehill. There is a lack of tarmac and potholes.

Councillor D. Owen informed Council that any complaints can be reported on FCC website.

RECOMMENDED:

That the update from County Councillors be received.

189. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE

The Chair of the Council gave an update on events he had attended during December.



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190. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

No items at this stage were raised by the Public.

Confirmed 4 February 2026

Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 07/01/26

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding

191. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 3 December 2025 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

192. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted notification of planning decisions for the month of November 2025 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That this be received.

193. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Central Ward

FUL/000578/25 – 235 High Street, Connah's Quay, Deeside, CH5 4DJ

Proposed demolition of existing building and erection of 6 apartments with associated parking.

Members asked questions regarding the size of apartments, how many 1 and 2 bedroom and parking spaces available.



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Golftyn Ward

FUL/001036/25 – 8 Corwen Close, Connah's Quay, Deeside, CH5 4UF

Proposed single storey side/rear extension.

RECOMMENDED:

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

194. SECTION 91 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 NOTICE OF HEARINGS IN RELATION TO THE CONNAH'S QUAY LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT

The Clerk submitted a Notice of Preliminary meetings and hearings for CQ Low Carbon Power Project (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Application documents are available for electronic inspection at Flint, Connah's Quay, Buckley and Holywell Library. Members asked for this to be put on the Town Council website.

Councillor I. Dunbar raised concerns about the roads, paths and hedgerow and blocking right of way and how long it will take.

Councillors raised issues and were advised to email Planning Inspectorate Case Team via the email address provided on the paperwork with any comments.

RECOMMENDED:

That the notice be received and to be put on the Town Council's website.

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Presiding Chair

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 07/01/26

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, Councillor A. Manship (Chair of Recreation and Entertainment) presiding.



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195. MINUTES

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196. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- (a) Summary of Income/Expenditure by Budget Heading – November 2025
- (b) Cash & Investment Reconciliation – November 2025
- (c) Statement of Imprest Account – November 2025
- (d) List of payments General Account – December 2025
- (e) List payments General Account – For the Chair of Finance and General Purposes to have delegated authority in approving the accounts for January 2026.
- (f) Bank Reconciliation – Chairs Account – November 2025.
- (g) Bank Reconciliation – Petty Cash Office – November 2025.

RECOMMENDED:

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

That report (c) Imprest Account for November be £7,049.14 be agreed that report (d) General Account for December be £36,160.65, (e) that delegated authority be given to the Chair of Finance & General Purposes to authorise payment of the accounts for the month of January 2026 and a copy be available to Council at the next meeting.

197. OUTSIDE LIVES – COVERING DEMENTIA

The Clerk submitted an invite from Lucy Powel, The Outside Lives Team for a representative from Connah's Quay Town Council to attend (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the invite be received and that Councillor D. Owen be the Town Council representative.

198. NE WALES HERITAGE FORUM

To agree membership renewal (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).



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RECOMMENDED:

That the renewal be agreed.

199. COUNCILLORS TRAINING SESSIONS – ONE VOICE WALES

The Clerk submitted a list of training sessions for Councillors to attend run by One Voice Wales (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Members were advised to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend any of the training sessions.

RECOMMENDED:

That the list of training sessions be received.

200. MEMBERS PANEL

To agree that a Part 2 – Members Panel takes place on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 11am.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk check alternative dates and email members with suitable dates.

201. SPECIAL F&GP BUDGET

To agree that the Part 2 – Special F & GP Budget Meeting takes place on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 6.30pm.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Part 2 – Special F & GP Budget meeting takes place on Wednesday 21st January at 6.30pm

202. CCTV

The Clerk submitted the following:

- a) Letter dated 17 April 2025 from Neal Cockerton, Chief Executive, FCC
- b) Letter dated 8 December 2025 from Neal Cockerton, Chief Executive, FCC
- c) Email from the Clerk to Lisa Williams and Chief Executive.
- d) A signed copy of the SLA (as requested by CQTC) for the period April 1 2024 to March 31, 2025.
- e) A SLA (as requested by CQTC) for the period April 1 2024 to March 31, 2025.
- f) To discuss and agree the signing of (e) together with a 'payment plan'

The Clerk informed Members that in April the Town Council agreed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the period 2025 -2028.



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The SLA which is retrospective for the year 2024/25 will enable FCC to upgrade the cameras in Connah's Quay. The contribution for the Town Council is £15,946.

A member of the public commented that they had already seen a copy of the letter from Neal Cockerton at a previous meeting where it was discussed.

Council explained this is still an on-going issue, as FCC had not provided the SLA as requested by the Town Council.

Councillor Wren stated that the issues regarding the CCTV had started halfway through the financial year and the Town Council had agreed to pay for 5 months due to the agreed cancellation. No SLA had ever been received from FCC with details of cancellation conditions. The Town Council were unaware of what notice was needed due to not receiving the requested SLA.

The Town Council agreed at the time of cancellation that it was not value for money as the images were of a poor standard.

Councillor Wren stated that if Council agree to contribute the full amount for the 24/25 period there should be a guaranteed caveat that the cameras are upgraded to specification. If the expectation is not met the Town Council can exercise their right to cancel the SLA by giving 3 months' notice. Councillor Hughes stressed the importance of the cameras in the Town for peace of mind to the residents.

Councillor Dunbobbin reminded Council he had sent an email to the Clerk on 19 May which he read out at June's meeting in support of the CCTV.

Councillor Shotton proposed that the Town Council move forward with the SLA and agree and sign. The Clerk informed Council that it had been proposed to Neal Cockerton that if agree, half the £15,946 would be paid in this financial year and the remainder in next financial year. She had informed Neal Cockerton that due to annual leave she would notify him on the Tuesday after the meeting of Councils decision.

Councillor Dunbar asked about upgrading of the cameras.

A member of the public asked why this issue was still on going and could this have been escalated above the Chief Executive if the information requested was not forthcoming. As a resident the Town Council needs to agree and move on.



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Councillor D. Owen stated that the issue is the lack of not receiving a SLA from FCC and that the previous administration did not do due diligence, not just on this but other contracts and now this is being done by the current administration.

Councillor Dunbobbin responded by clearly stating that improvements to receiving contracts was with the support of all. This is not about politics before people but people before politics.

The Chair called for point of order due to the raised voices.

Councillor Shotton reiterated his proposal that the Town Council agree to sign the retrospective SLA and pay the £15,946 as per suggestion by the Clerk. All upgrades of camera specifications to be complete within 30 days of notifying FCC of Council's decision.

A vote was taken and agreed unanimously.

Confirmed 4 February 2026

Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 07/01/26

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

203. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meetings held 3 December 2025 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

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Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended 7.59pm