



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

### **Minutes of Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

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

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Miss H. M. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

6 x members of the public

#### **299. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice of meeting was received.

#### **300. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors D. Addaway, J. B. Attridge, L. Attridge, W. Catterall & A. R. Owen.

#### **301. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **302. COMMITTEE REPORTS ETC**

(a) Consultative Meeting – 1 April 2026

(b) Planning Committee – 1 April 2026

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 1 April 2026

(d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – Part 2 Confidential – 1 April 2026

(e) Recreation & Entertainments Committee – 1 April 2026

(f) Declarations of Interest – 1 April 2026

#### **RESOLVED:**

That reports (a), (b), (c), (e) & (f) be approved and adopted as a correct and accurate record. That report (d) be deferred to the Town Council meeting in June and that the zoom recording from the Part 2 Confidential Meeting be made available to Councillor Richardson and re-viewed by the Clerk.



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#### 303. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair welcomed PCSO's from Shotton.

Officers had been working with the college and attending community events.

An email was read out from PCSO Jacqui Plesak regarding speeding on Wepre Lane. The Clerk to contact GoSafe with the information from the PCSO.

Councillor A. Dunbar stated that youths are still gathering behind the shops on Thornfield Avenue, shouting abuse and banging the metal shutters after 10pm. There has been an influx of scooters and e bikes on Badgers Walk after 6pm.

Councillor R Mansell reported that over the bank holiday weekend there were young girls drunk, throwing rubbish and screaming in the Fron Road play area. There are incidents happening mainly on a Friday night after 6pm. E Bikes riding up and down causing a hazard for children in the play area. Could Police be more vigilant in this area.

Councillor D. Owen stated problems in Princes Street and requested a meeting with the Police instead of the PCSO's as more needed.

Councillor A Wren enquired as to which area of Wepre Lane is being monitored for speeding as part of Wepre Lane will be reverted back to 30.

Councillor D Richardson asked for data about accidents on Bryn Road and would that trigger some speed enforcement and help to monitor speed aswell.

Councillor A Dunbobbin stated anti social behaviour in Thornfield Area and Fron Road Park is increasingly concerning. Meeting with the police, Town Council and County Council to see what can be done to resolve these issues.

Councillor A Hughes praised PCSO's for their positive interaction with young people at Wepre Park over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Councillor D. Owen enquired as to whether the Metal Mickey in its current location could be moved to Thornfield shops as an interim measure to address the anti social behaviour.

Councillor R. Mansell enquired as to whether the PCSO's get chance to view footage on the cameras?

PCSO stated they can access some of the CCTV pretty quickly and there are also other CCTV cameras they can access by laptops.



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Councillor Mansell enquired if they have viewed any just lately with regards to the anti social behaviour. They haven't personally but can check with the local PCSO's to see if they have.

Councillor Mansell asked if cameras were installed at Fron Road play area would they be observed.

Councillor A Dunbobbin stated a meeting outside of the Council surroundings should be arranged to investigate and look at the possibility of introducing a Public Space Protection Order. Need to do something a bit more substantial than just patrolling and the Public Space Protection Order could play a part in this.

PCSO's stated that all incidents of anti-social behaviour and speeding should be reported to the police on 101 or web chat to ensure all data is recorded and resources can be allocated.

The Chair thanked the PCSO's for attending.

### **304. STREETSCENE MATTERS**

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

Councillor Wren gave an update on a request from a resident in his ward regarding purchasing or leasing agricultural land .

Councillor D.Owen reported issues with potholes on Bryn Road, still waiting for feedback from Streetscene. Councillor A. Wren highlighted that there is only one pothole repair machine for all of the Flintshire area, leading to inconsistent quality repair. Councillor Owen also mentioned plans to support the Darts Club new academy proposal on Dock Road.

Councillor D Richardson raised concerns regarding the delayed response on the outcome of the inspection on Bryn Road. Councillor Richardson stated he has got a meeting with Zena from CCTV suggesting the potential of CCTV installation around the cemetery, using funds from cemetery repairs and linking into Flintshire's CCTV.

Councillor R Mansell praised Streetscene for their improvements to Fron Road, particularly bin collection and litter management.

Councillor A. Hughes informed members that he has a meeting with Wayne Jones to discuss concerns about Bryn Road and will report back to Councillors. Councillor Hughes also stated that he has the contact details for none collection of pink refuse bags/bins.



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Councillor P. Shotton stated that the potholes on Linden Avenue and Pinewood Avenue that had been repaired had re-opened.

Councillor A Dunbobbin suggested some ideas to County Councillors on how the pothole situation could be improved:

- i. How contractors are appointed, whether bid assessment take account of durability and long term value as well as cost.
- ii. Are there warranties or guarantees on repairs
- iii. What materials are used and why and how long the repairs are expected to last under normal traffic conditions.
- iv. How we check the current approach is cost effective over the long term.
- v. What lessons learned or planned changes to make repair last longer and reduce repeats.

These are possible areas to explore that could make repairs stronger and of better quality.

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

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

### **306. 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 3 June 2026

Presiding Chair

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE – 06/05/26**

Councillor A. S. Wren (Chair) presiding



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#### **307. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meeting held 1 April 2026 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **308. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Clerk submitted notification of planning decisions for the month of March 2026 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this be received.

#### **309. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **Wepre Ward**

FUL/000251/29 – Land off Weighbridge Road, Deeside Industrial Park, Connaught's Quay

Application for the construction of CO2 Liquefaction Technology and associated infrastructure to support the operation of an approved waste management facility.

##### **South Ward**

FUL/000263/26 – 55 Llwyni Drive, Connaught's Quay, CH5 4NJ

Proposed erection of boundary fence, post and panels of maximum height of 1.8 metres to enlose side garden.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

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Presiding Chair

#### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 06/05/26**

Councillor V. Roberts presiding.



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#### **310. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Meetings held 1 April 2026 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **311. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

That report (c) Imprest Account for March be £8,228.69 be agreed that report (d) General Account for April be £66,854.05, (e) that delegated authority be given to the Chair of Finance & General Purposes to authorise payment of the accounts for the month of May 2026 and a copy be available to Council at the next meeting.

#### **312. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – DEFERRED FROM 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

The Clerk submitted the following in reference to improvement to Children's Play Areas 2026/27 (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

- a) Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March from Paul Jones, Head of Business Improvement & Performance (Gwella).
- b) Email from Councillor Rachael Fenwick dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That both the letter and the email be received and that the Clerk contacts Gwella with the Town Council's agreed expression of interest to improve Hillsdown Park on Hillsdown Drive.



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#### **313. LAUNCH OF 2026-27 TOWN CENTRE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Clerk submitted information from Karen Whitney-Lang, Recreation Manager, Flintshire County Council about grant funding opportunities available from April (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the information be received.

#### **314. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

For the Council to agree and sign the 'Civility and Respect' pledge (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees and signs.

#### **315. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Clerk submitted the following to receive and agree: (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

- (a) Registers of Members Interest from May 25 to April 26.
- (b) To agree any Councillors who declare an interest completes the attached form.

Councillor A. Wren queried if this was for every meeting or once a year. Some can be completed once a year and also for a single meeting.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That these be received and that (b) also be for annual as well as monthly.

#### **316. CCTV**

To receive feedback from Councillors who attended the CCTV Monitoring Suite at Flintshire County Council.

Councillor A. Wren informed members that the upgrade to the cameras had been done, the cameras can zoom in and move 360 degrees. The cameras are manned 24 hours a day. The quality of the footage is brilliant.



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Councillor D. Richardson stated that Police would liaise with Flintshire if no coverage from operators. He questioned if we could investigate the possibility and process for the Town Council to obtain and control deployable CCTV cameras.

Councillor A Dunbar enquired as to whether there is any possibility of reinstating camera at Thornfield Avenue. Awaiting a quote from Zena (CCTV Manager) for a quote to possibly reinstate this camera, not all are connected and this would need a dedicated fibre optic cable.

Councillor D. Owen enquired as to whether a quote could also be obtained from Zena to reinstate the camera opposite the Red Hall Pub.

A member of the public enquired as to why the shop at Thornfield cannot install their own CCTV camera why is it the responsibility of the Council to provide for one?

Councillor Wren stated that the camera will cover not only the shops but the location would cover Thornfield Avenue and the surrounding area.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this update be received.

Councillor D. Richardson left the meeting before the next item.

### **317. PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, DOCK ROAD**

To receive and agree works to be undertaken as per quote from VC Hub (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed for the VC Hub to carry out the works.

### **318. ONE VOICE WALES MEMBERSHIP**

The Clerk submitted Membership renewal for 2026/27 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk informed members that there are free training courses provided by One Voice Wales that Councillors can attend.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the membership be renewed.



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#### **319. INSURANCE – ASSET REGISTER**

To receive and agree the Asset Register dated 31/03/26 in association with the insurance policy (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor A Wren questioned the accuracy of the figure of the Community Centre. The Clerk stated that this figure is the maximum that insurance will pay. The Clerk will continue to gather deeds, floor plans and the required information for insurance company property valuations and arrange for updated valuations when complete.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the asset register is received and agree for updated valuations once complete.

#### **320. INCOME/EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

To receive an explanation on the overspend on the following budget headings:

- a) Civic Hall Bar
- b) School Milk Scheme

The Clerk explained to members the overspend on the expenditure on the Civic Hall Bar, the income was also exceeded the budget figure.

School Milk was an overspend due to the timing of claiming the money back.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this be received.

#### **321. EARMARKED RESERVES**

To allocate the following into earmarked reserves:

- a) Festive Lighting - £25k
- b) CCTV - £15k
- c) Summer Holiday Playscheme (QuayPlay) - £27,600

A member of the public asked if the figure for the festive lighting is an annual amount. The Clerk explained that this is a yearly cost for 26/27.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the allocated funds to earmarked reserves are agreed.

#### **322. CAAFI NAAFI SUBLEASE**

To receive an update regarding the sub-lease on the café.



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Due to the cost of the legal fees Caafi Naafi will not be amending the lease. The Town Council will continue with the current arrangement of invoicing Caafi Naafi for the rates.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this update be received.

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Presiding Chair

### **RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 06/05/26**

Councillor A. Manship (Chair) presiding

#### **323. MINUTES**

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#### **324. COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk submitted a quote from Flintshire Painting Services regarding the painting of the exterior of the Community Centre.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin enquired as to whether the Town Council could invest in recladding the Community Centre to protect the building.

The Clerk informed Councillor Dunbobbin that this would be too expensive.

#### **RESOLVED:**

Members agreed the quote of painting the exterior of the Community Centre.

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Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and finished at 8.15pm.

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