



CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Person and Hybrid - Wednesday 1st July 2026

Present: (Attendance Register)

Councillor A. Dunbobbin (Chair) presiding

Councillors A. I. Dunbar, R. Fenwick, E. Loughnane, R. Mansell, D. Owen, V. Roberts & I. R. Smith.

Mrs S. Wilson (Clerk)

Miss H. Edwards (Administrative Officer)

3 x members of the public

41. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was received.

42. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors D. Addaway, L. Attridge, E. S. Faulkner, G. A. Faulkner, A. Hughes, A. Manship, A. R. Owen, D. Richardson, P. Shotton & A. S. Wren.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 7 – Police Consultative.

Councillor A. Dunbobbin declared a Personal Interest in Item 7 – Consultative - GoSafe.

44. COMMITTEE REPORTS ETC

(a) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 3 June 2026

(b) Consultative Meeting – 3 June 2026

(c) Planning Committee – 3 June 2026

(d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 3 June 2026

(e) Recreation & Entertainments Committee – 3 June 2026

(f) Declarations of Interest – 3 June 2026

(g) Finance & General Purposes Committee Part 2 – 3 June 2026

RESOLVED:

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



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45. CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair. The following nominations were received:

Councillor R. Fenwick

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED:

The majority vote, that Councillor R. Fenwick be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chair. The following nominations were received:

Councillor D. Owen

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED:

The majority vote, that Councillor D. Owen be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

46. MEMBERS PANEL

Nominations were sought for members panel. The following nominations were received:

Councillor I. Smith

Councillor D. Owen

A vote was taken.

RESOLVED:

The majority vote, that Councillor D. Owen be elected for the ensuing year.

47. POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the Police to the meeting.

The Clerk thanked the Police for their attendance at the Festival.

Councillor Owen enquired about the opening times at the Police Station on Wepre Drive, she suggested that a notice be put on the door to inform residents of the opening times.

Police stated that they would address this with the front desk staff as they have their own rota.

Councillor Owen also stated that Police reports and updates online seem to have stopped.

The Police stated that the Officer that updated this has since left the position. This may be re-instated in the future.



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Councillor D. Owen enquired as to whether a PCSO could attend the Sea Cadets to do a talk on an adhoc basis about various issues such as children swimming in the Dee.

She raised concerns regarding the anti-social behaviour in the Red Hall pub and enquired as to whether anything had been reported and asked if a PCSO could call in and have a chat with the Landlady.

PCSO stated that not a lot had been reported but would call in.

Councillor Owen informed the Police that there are again vehicles parked on Dock Road with no tax and MOT. Who is this reported to?

Police stated that no tax is DVLA. No mot is either the Police or the Local Authority.

Councillor A I Dunbar stated that problems have arisen again in the Thornfield shops area. Bikes riding on the pavements and kicking the metal shutter on the shops. Could this area be patrolled?

The Clerk informed the Police that de-ployable cameras are being discussed later in the meeting for the Thornfield Avenue and Red Hall Pub areas. The Clerk asked if we could be provided with statistics on anti-social behaviour incidents in these areas.

This information should be provided for the September meeting.

Councillor Fenwick mentioned speeding on Wepre Drive and Ffordd Newydd is still happening.

Police informed members that Officers and Police are getting trained to use speed guns and issue tickets hopefully within the next few months.

Councillor Mansell informed PCSO's that she has received complaints regarding alcohol being consumed by the shops behind the Connaught's Quay Precinct.

48. GOSAFE

The Clerk submitted an email dated 24 June from GoSafe, North Wales Police (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RESOLVED:

That the email be received.

49. STREETSCENE MATTERS

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



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Councillor R. Mansell stated that she had problems with getting through to Streetscene on the phone. She had reported this. The Clerk will make Wayne Jones aware of this.

Councillor D. Owen informed members that there had been several successful prosecutions on Councillor Mansell's ward with landlords being fined. Problems with recycling – missed collections and brown bin labels, the state of pavements, paths and alleyways

Councillor V. Roberts had received complaints regarding pink sacks not being delivered and collected. Councillor Owen will raise this issue with Streetscene.

Councillor Mansell made a suggestion of the possibility of having one of the empty caged vans from Streetscene when the alleys are being tidied up available.

50. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE

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

Councillor A. Dunbobbin thanked the Clerk, Sarah and Helen for organising the Festival, also thanked Councillors and volunteers who were there on the day. Councillor Dunbobbin also thanked the stall holders.

51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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Presiding Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 01/07/26

Councillor R. Fenwick (Chair) presiding



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Councillor Fenwick thanked Members for voting her to be Chair. Councillor Fenwick also thanked Councillor Wren for his dedication to the Planning Committee throughout the years.

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting held 3 June 2026 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

53. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

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

54. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Central Ward

FUL/000341/26 - 1A Dock Road, Connah's Quay, CH5 4DS

Subdivision of existing industrial unit to form leisure facility.

FUL/000365/26 – 58 Mold Road, Connah's Quay, CH5 4QN

New vehicle crossing required to property as this is on a classified road it requires planning permission.

Wepre Ward

FUL/000474/26 – 51 Wepre Park, Connah's Quay, CH5 4HU

Variation under Section 73 to amend the commencement time limit condition of planning permission 063811 to grant a further 5 years.

FUL/000347/26 – 115 Dee Road, Connah's Quay, CH5 4PB

5m single storey extension to the rear of the property, allowing for an open plan kitchen diner and a lounge. Relocation of the garage (pushing the garage further back) to allow room for the extension and a side gate to enclose access to the rear of the property.

FUL/000495/26 – 70 High Street, Connah's Quay, CH5 4DD

Proposed change of use to create a separate dwelling above an existing retail premises.

RESOLVED:

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

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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 01/07/26

Councillor V. Roberts (Chair) presiding.

55. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meetings held 3 June 2026 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

56. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

That report (c) Imprest Account for May be £5,673.07 be agreed that report (d) General Account for June be £37,823.41, (e) that delegated authority be given to the Chair of Finance & General Purposes to authorise payment of the accounts for the month of July & August 2026 and a copy be available to Council at the next meeting.

57. SENEDD MEMBERS FOR NEW FLINT WRESCAM

The Clerk a letter dated June 2026 from Sam Rowlands MS, Member for Fflint Wrescam, Welsh Government (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Members proposed that Sam Rowlands MS is invited to a future Council Meeting.



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Councillor A. I. Dunbar informed Members that if Sam Rowlands MS accepts, to put his apologies in for that meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the letter be received and that the Clerk writes to Sam Rowlands MS with a list of dates of Council Meetings until the end of the year.

58. MATCH FUNDING 2026/27

To receive email from Richard Roberts, Play Design Officer, Gwella regarding a proposal for Hillsdown Drive play area (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor Roberts raised concerns regarding the costing of the equipment and suggestions put forward by Councillor Fenwick were not taken into account.

Councillor Fenwick stated that she was disappointed by the equipment that only two items were chosen and not provided for the age range and that the money could be better spent.

The Clerk suggested that either a site visit to take place for all Councillors to attend or to invite Richard Roberts to a meeting.

Councillors agreed for a site visit.

RESOLVED:

That the email be received and that a site visit be arranged.

59. RE-DEPLOYABLE CAMERA CCTV QUOTATION

The Clerk submitted quotes from Wynn Noden (iViD) for re-deployable cameras in the Red Hall pub and Thornfield Avenue Shops areas (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillors enquired about where the camera is to be installed on Thornfield Avenue. The quote states the camera would be installed on the existing CCTV column. Councillors stated that it would be more beneficial for coverage for the camera to be installed on a lamppost outside the shops.

The Council did agree to the deployable camera to be situated in the Redhall area.

Councillor V Roberts asked for this item to be deferred to September's meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to the CCTV Manager enquiring about the position of the camera and if there are any additional costs.



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60. GAS AND ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS

The Clerk submitted a report regarding the gas and electricity contracts in the Town Council venues (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes.

RESOLVED:

Gas supplier – Pozitive Recommend for 2 years for Civic Hall and Community Centre.

Electricity Supplier – Yorkshire Gas and Power for 2 years for Civic Hall and Community Centre.

61. GAS CONTRACT – QUAY BUILDING

The Clerk submitted a report regarding the renewal of the gas contract in the Quay Building (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes.

RESOLVED:

That Pozitive Recommend is agreed for the Quay Building for 2 years.

62. COMPUTER SUPPORT CONTRACT

To agree to exclude members of the press and public for this item due to contractual matters, for this item to be discussed after Item Agenda 28.

A vote was taken by Members, and it was agreed that this be discussed after Item 28 with the exclusion of the press and public as a confidential item.

RESOLVED:

That this item be discussed after Item 28 with the exclusion of the press and public.

63. ALCOHOL CONTROL & DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPO)

The Clerk submitted an email dated 24 June 2026 from David Fitzsimon, Chief Officer Place & Growth, Flintshire County Council regarding consultation on the PSPO.

RESOLVED:

That the email be received.



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Presiding Chair

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 01/07/26

Councillor V. Roberts (Chair) presiding due to no Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee in attendance.

64. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meetings held 3 June 2026 were received and approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

65. ALLOTMENTS

To discuss and agree the re-letting of plots 2a & 2b.

The Clerk informed Members that one of the tenants has deceased and one of ill health. Both families have been contacted and no response has been received. Due to the lack of response it was agreed that a final letter be sent to the plot holders or families, stating that the Town Council will re-let the plots, notice of 7 days will be given.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to the plot holder or families.

66. CONNAH'S QUAY ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The Clerk read out an email from Inspector Rob Stevenson passing on thanks. Police officers enjoyed the event with lots of positive feedback from the community.

The Clerk wished to personally thank Councillors who were involved, Helen, Sarah and the volunteers, without their help the event would not have run as smoothly and as well as it did. A lot of hard work takes place throughout the year organising the event.

Councillor V. Roberts also thanked the Clerk, Helen and Sarah for organising the event. Positive feedback from Stallholders was received.



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Over £400 was raised for F C Nomads for undertaking the car park duties.

67. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES

- a) Graham Jones
Charity Boxing
Saturday 15th August 2026
WAIVER

RESOLVED:

That the waiver be agreed.

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Presiding Chair

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.54pm (including Part 2 – Confidential. Exclusion of press and public)