

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council - Finance & General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 1st March 2019, 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Frank Bradfield – Chairman

Cllr D J Hawkins, The Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr F Davies

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr S Hillman

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr I Turner

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell- Vice Chairman

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT.

The following interests were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial:
Cllr Mrs C Beard	51.1 Conwy CBC Play Provision T&F Gp.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC and Play T&F Gp.
	56.1 Conwy CBC Mobile Library service.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F Bradfield	56.1 Conwy CBC Mobile Library service.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P C Evans, JP	56.1 Conwy CBC Mobile Library service.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr G J T Robbins	56.1 Conwy CBC Mobile Library service.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr H T M Saville	51.1 Conwy CBC Play Provision T&F Gp.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC and Play T&F Gp.
	56.1 Conwy CBC Mobile Library service.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC

50. MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Friday 11th January 2019 were received and signed by the Chairman.

51. URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

51.1 Email received from Conwy CBC inviting Town & Community Council's to nominate one

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

non-voting representative to the Conwy CBC Play Provision Task & Finish Group. Nominations were to be submitted by the 15 March 2019. The nominees selected would represent the five Local Area Forum's and should not be a member of Conwy CBC. In view of the Town Council's funding of Llandudno Play areas and the first meeting of the Task & Finish Group being on the 20th March, it was agreed not to defer to Council.

Two nominations were received and following a vote by a show of hands **IT WAS RESOLVED** *that the Chairman of the Community Services & Tourism Committee, Cllr Miss C Marubbi, be nominated to attend the Conwy CBC Play Provision Task & Finish Group and that the nomination be ratified by Council.*

52. CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2019

The reports included updates on the Ad-hoc grants budget, Community Fund, and General Development Fund to 31 January 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the financial statements for January 2019 be approved.*

53. AUDIT

53.1 Copies of the annual Internal Audit Plan 2018/19 from JDH Business Services and the Interim Audit one, were received. There were no issues arising in the Auditor's interim report one.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to thank the staff for the excellent work for the Town Council's audit.*

53.2 A copy of the Wales Audit Office Financial Management and Governance: Town & Community Councils 2017-18 was received. The Chairman commended the report to members and ran through the key points and the range of scope of Town & Community Council audits.

54. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

54.1 Tudno Playschool: annual grant application and accounts 2019-20 (*original application not received by the Town Council in November 2018*). Members noted that the Town Council had supported this annual request in previous years and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to allocate £1,000 from the ad-hoc grants budget 2019/20.*

54.2 Llandudno Detachment, Clwyd and Gwynedd Army Cadets Force: Application and accounts submitted and £768 sought towards a Royal Artillery Standard to use in 2019. **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to allocate £400 from the ad-hoc grants budget 2019/20.*

54.3 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2019

Members discussed the importance of the event to Wales, however, that the Town Council was already supporting the Conwy National Eisteddfod in 2019. Therefore, **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to forego supporting this event in 2019. Cllr D J Hawkins asked for his vote against to be recorded.*

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

55. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ANNUAL REPORT AND DETERMINATIONS 2019/20

Members had been previously circulated with the Independent Remuneration for Wales Annual report 2019/20, *which was received*, and payments to members of community and town councils 2019/20. Members noted that a decision was required by the Council in respect of Determinations 40-48, unless mandatory, and noted the requirements for payments to be annually published.

- Determination 40: £150 payment to members unless they advise to the contrary. **This was a mandatory determination.** The Council had budgeted accordingly for 2019/20.
- Determination 41 (optional): Must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of one and maximum of five members in recognition of specific responsibilities. **IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt determination 41 for the Chairmen of the three Standing Committees, but that this would be reviewed should the number of Standing Committees change in the future.**
- Determination 43 (optional): Can make payments to members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. **IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt determination 43, at the rates specified by the Panel.**
- Determination 44 (optional): Payment of overnights subsistence expenses. **IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt determination 44, at the rates specified by the Panel**
- Determination 45: the payment of financial loss allowance. **IT WAS RESOLVED not to adopt determination 45.**
- Determination 46 (mandatory): provision for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults and personal assistance needs up to £403 per month, subject to receipts. **This was a mandatory determination.** Members noted the Panel's definition of 'Approved duties'. No budget had been allocated for 2019/20 and this was difficult to estimate, therefore, **IT WAS RESOLVED to handle any requests from general reserves upon submission of applications and receipts**
- Determinations 47 and 48 (optional): Payment to a Civic and Deputy Civic Head of £1,500 and £500 respectively. **IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt determinations 47 and 48.** The Council had budgeted accordingly for 2019/20.

56. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY FINANCE SUB COMMITTEES

56.1 Civic Sub Committee held 15th January 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Civic Sub Committee, held 15th January 2019, be approved and accepted.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

57. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

57.1 Conwy CBC Home and Mobile Library consultation (*deferred from Council 18.01.19; response date 10 March 2019*)

Additional information had been sought (as requested by the Town Council) and received regarding the average number of visitors and number of loans at the following Llandudno stops: Ty Llywelyn, Cysgod y Gogarth, Taverners Court, Penrhyn Beach East, Hanover Court, Craig y Don Community Centre, Cwrt St Tudno, Queen Elizabeth Court and Ormeside. It was noted that the number of customers and number of loans issued were highest at Ty Llywelyn, Cwrt St Tudno, and Ormeside.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council respond to the consultation regarding the Home and Mobile Library service and to ask Conwy CBC to give kind consideration in its plans to retaining the mobile library stops at Ty Llewelyn, Cwrt St Tudno, and Ormeside due to usage and number of loans.

57.2 A grant 2019/20 thank you letter from Cyfeillion y Ffolt, Llandudno, *was received*.

57.3 A grant 2019/20 thank you letter from Conwy National Eisteddfod 2019 *was received*. The Clerk would enquire again about local fundraising events that members may wish to support.

57.4 A grant 2019/20 thank you letter from Llandudno Museum *was received*.

58. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as **Friday 26th April 2019 at 7.00pm.**