

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 4th October 2019, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss A O' Grady - The Mayor

Cllr H T M Saville - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Davies

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr I Turner

Prayers were said, on behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain, by Father Augustine.

34. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Mrs L E Emery

Cllr Mrs C Marubbi

Cllr S Hillman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial:
Cllr Mrs C Beard	43: Report on Llandudno Play areas	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC.
	47. Conwy CBC review of Town Hall Lease arrangements	Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F Bradfield	43: Report on Llandudno Play areas	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC.
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Cllr P. C. Evans JP	43: Report on Llandudno Play areas	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC.
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Cllr G. J. T. Robbins	43: Report on Llandudno Play areas	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC.
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Cllr H. T. M. Saville	43: Report on Llandudno Play areas	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC.
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36. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

37. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The following minutes were approved and signed as a correct record:

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38. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements. These included: the reopening of the Conwy Valley rail line on a special steam train; presenting the Baxter Cup at Llandudno Bowling Club; starting the MG owners Club Snowdonia Run and participating in the Honda Goldwing's Parade; meeting judges for Britain In Bloom, presenting awards for the Town Council's Llandudno in Bloom competition; and attending the Royal Naval Association 50th anniversary dinner.

The Mayor further reported that her chaplain, Father Moses, had recently left the Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church to take up another important position for the church. The Mayor had presented him with the Town Council's Armorial Bearings, prior to his departure, in appreciation of his work as Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor had also conveyed the Council's best wishes to Cllr Mrs Carol Marubbi who was currently in hospital. The Mayor also reminded members of the dedication ceremony on the 12th October 2019 for the new war memorial plaque.

39. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committees were approved subject to any addenda appearing thereunder:

<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u>	
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Included:	
• Transportation & Public Rights of Way Sub Committee, held 15 th July 2019 (pages 92 - 96)	
 <u>Community Services & Tourism Committee</u>	
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Included:	
• Town Twinning Committee held 20 th June 2019 (pages 101 - 103)	
• Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 3 rd July 2019 (pages 104 - 106)	
• Fireworks Sub Committee held 11 th July 2019 (pages 107- 110)	
 <u>Finance & General Purposes Committee</u>	
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- Civic Sub Committee held 15th July 2019 (pages 127 - 128)
- Staffing Sub Committee held 29th July 2019 (pages 129 - 130)

The Chairman thanked the Deputy Clerk for covering the meeting of the Finance Committee.

40. UPDATE FROM THE LLANDUDNO IN BLOOM SUB COMMITTEE ON LLANDUDNO'S SUCCESSES IN WALES IN BLOOM 2019

The Vice Chairman, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, reported on Llandudno's successes in the Royal Horticultural Society's Wales in Bloom 2019. In addition to Llandudno achieving Gold in the 'Coastal' category and Ysgol San Sior 1st Place in the School Garden category, many groups in the Town had celebrated success in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards. These included, Level 5 Outstanding to the Friends of Queen's Park, Happy Valley and West Shore, and Blind Veterans UK.

41. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

41.1 Penrhynside Community Centre. 1 vacancy. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to *elect Cllr M P Hold, JP.*

41.2 Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd. 1 vacancy. Cllr GJT Robbins reported that he was unable to continue as the Town Council's representative due to his being appointed to the governing body by the LEA. Regrettably, there were no other Councillors able to take on the position, and it was left in abeyance.

41.3 Ysgol Bodafon. 1 continuing vacancy. Regrettably, there were no other Councillors able to take on the position, and it was left in abeyance.

42. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

The Town Clerk was pleased to report an unqualified audit from external auditors BDO and that there had been no issues arising.

IT WAS RESOLVED to *approve and accept the Annual Return and External Audit report for 2018/19.*

IT WAS RESOLVED to *record a Vote of Thanks to the Town Clerk and staff for the excellent external audit report for the year ending 31 March 2019.*

43. LLANDUDNO PLAY AREAS AND RELEASE OF ALLOCATED BUDGET 2019/20

The Town Council had allocated £24,000 in its budget for 2019/20 towards the maintenance of play areas within the Llandudno community area by Conwy CBC and the release of any funding was subject to consultation with the Town Council.

Members considered a spreadsheet and information received from Conwy CBC outlining proposed works for various Llandudno play areas and a priority rating. It was understood that Conwy CBC also committed funding towards works and had in

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2019 spent around £13,000 on play areas in Llandudno. High priority projects put forward by Conwy CBC included Canol Creuddyn, West Shore, and Mostyn Play area. There was discussion on the number of play areas in the Llandudno area, around 30, and that the demographic of sites had changed over the years resulting in changes in the usage of sites. Members were of the view that the Town Council's contribution should be deployed to the most used play areas. Members noted the recent survey by Conwy CBC on usage of play areas within the Conwy area and discussed whether any rationalisation of sites might be needed, going forward.

IT WAS RESOLVED to defer any decision and to convey to Conwy CBC that the Town Council wished to use its £24,000 play area budget for Llandudno sites that had the most usage and to ask for a detailed breakdown of maintenance requirements and costs for these.

44. LLANDUDNO ANNUAL WELL BEING REPORT

Members had been circulated with the final copy and design of the Town Council's Well-being report for 2018/19, and which was received. The draft had been approved previously, but it had required a final artistic design, which would be used annually.

45. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE CONSULTATIONS OR ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

45.1 A North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority consultation on its Environmental Strategy was received.

46. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 12 PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CLERK.

There were none received.

47. TOWN HALL LEASE WORKING PARTY

To receive a report from the Town Hall Lease Working Party, 26th September 2019.

Exempt Information EX 14/2019

IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded from this item under Standing Order 37, and they were instructed to withdraw. The reason for the exemption being the consideration of contract information relating to the Town Council's occupation of offices within the Town Hall.

Cllr Mrs C Beard, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr PC Evans, JP, Cllr GJT Robbins and Cllr HTM Saville declared prejudicial interests and left the room for this item.

The Working Party Chairman and Vice Chairman updated members on ongoing discussions with, and advice from, the Town Council's Solicitors regarding the proposals from Conwy County Borough Council for the Town Council to enter a new lease for its occupation of the Town Hall, and the offer of additional office space in the building. The working party had considered in great detail the options for the existing office accommodation and the lease of further rooms, the costs and terms and conditions of the proposed leases, and the Town Council's needs in terms of office

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space. The Working Party submitted a recommendation to Council to enter into discussion with Conwy CBC, through the Town Council's solicitor, on the proposed new lease for the Town Council's current occupation and for additional space on offer. Council would be kept updated on discussions and ongoing reports would be made to Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept and approve the recommendation of the Town Hall Lease Working Party to enter into dialogue with Conwy CBC regarding a new lease arrangement for the Town Councils' existing office space and for additional rooms offered within the Town Hall (former Arts & Business rooms, Chamber and small meeting room) and to bring back to Council a firmer proposal from Conwy Council and costs.

Members thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The public were invited to return. Cllr P C Evans JP returned to the meeting.

48. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 13th December 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.