

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 6th May 2016, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr F Bradfield – The Mayor

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr J E Ridler

Cllr F Davies

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr G Davies

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr M Williams

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

The Mayor’s Chaplain, the Reverend Beverley Ramsden, offered prayers prior to the meeting

71. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr B Evans

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs I L Groom

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Absent:

Cllr J D Hold

Cllr G O Roberts

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

There were no interests declared.

73. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

74. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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With reference to Item 64.1: Quotes to fill in, re-instate, and lay 264 slabs at the Alice pool at West Shore, Llandudno, the Town Clerk reported on three quotes received via Conwy County

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Borough Council and that, due to the deteriorating condition of the site, this could not await the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Options had been well explored.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council accept the lowest quote for the infilling and laying of 264 slabs at the Alice Pool, West Shore, from Dragon Civil Engineering at £2616.20 ex vat and to proceed with the work as a matter of priority.

With reference to the Calendar of meetings 2016/17, the Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reported that the November meeting of the Community Services & Tourism Committee would fall on the same night needed for the back-up date for the Fireworks and, whilst it was hoped that the back-up would not be needed, ***IT WAS RESOLVED to move Community Services & Tourism Committee to the 15th November 2016.***

75. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on key engagements attended, including the Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza, the annual Town Twinning exchange visit from Wormhout, the Alice Day, and various Charity and Award events. He was also honoured to present Mr Arthur Wignall with the Legion D'Honneur medal. On the 21st April 2016, the beacon on the Great Orme Summit had also been lit to commemorate HM the Queen's 90th birthday.

76. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

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

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 6th April 2016..... 284 - 290

With reference to Item 100, a member expressed concern over the decision of the Planning & Transportation Committee on planning application 0/42570 and whether all factors had been taken into account. The Chairman of the Committee responded that members had taken into consideration all Welsh Government and local government guidance in reaching the recommendation and the application was contrary to the Local Development Plan.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 22nd April 2016..... 291 - 308

Included:

- Grants Sub Committee, held 12th April 2016 (pages 296-299)
- Staffing Sub Committee, held 18th April 2016 (pages 300-301)

With reference to Item 68, the Town Clerk reported that the hand for the White Rabbit had been found by the Sculptor on the ground and appeared to have fallen off rather than been damaged as at first feared. It had been the Sculptor who had undertaken the repairs. He would continue to monitor the statue.

With reference to item 73.2: Summer holiday play provision, the Chairman of the Finance Committee read out an email from the provider confirming that the Town Council's contribution would only be for the scheme in Llandudno. It was noted that the amount of sites funded would be up to the Town Council and

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***IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask the Summer Holiday Play Provision provider to investigate the possibility of the scheme moving to a different ward each week for the five weeks or, if this was not possible, then as many wards as could be managed.*

76.2 Minutes of Community Services & Tourism Sub Committees

- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 10th February 2016 309 - 313
- Miss Alice Sub Committee held 22nd February 2016..... 314 - 316
- Town Twinning Committee held 24th February 2016 317 - 319

77. MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES 2016/17

77.1 To elect members to the following Standing Committees of the Council for 2016-2017:

77.1.1 Community Services & Tourism Committee:

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that membership of the COMMUNITY SERVICES & TOURISM COMMITTEE would be: Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams; Cllr B Bertola; Cllr F Bradfield; Cllr M Bullock JP; Cllr G Burchett; Cllr Mrs P Burchett; Cllr F Davies; Cllr G Davies; Cllr G I Davies; Cllr T R Davies; Cllr T Dewar; Cllr Billy Evans; Cllr Mrs D Good; Cllr D J Hawkins; Cllr Mrs J E Haworth; Cllr J D Hold; Cllr Mrs J Jones; Cllr Mrs M Lyon; Cllr Mrs C Marubbi; Cllr Miss A O'Grady; Cllr M A Pearce; Cllr J E Ridler; Cllr G J T Robbins; Cllr G O Roberts; Cllr D Sutcliffe; Cllr M Williams; Cllr Mrs M Wigzell; Cllr Mrs A M Yates.*

77.1.2 Finance & General Purposes Committee:

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that membership of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE would be: Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams; Cllr B Bertola; Cllr F Bradfield; Cllr M Bullock, JP; Cllr G Burchett; Cllr Mrs P Burchett; Cllr F Davies; Cllr G Davies; Cllr G I Davies; Cllr T R Davies; Cllr T Dewar; Cllr Billy Evans; Cllr P C Evans, JP; Cllr Mrs I L Groom; Cllr D J Hawkins; Cllr J D Hold; Cllr Mrs J Jones; Cllr Mrs M Lyon; Cllr Mrs C Marubbi; Cllr Miss A O'Grady; Cllr M A Pearce; Cllr J E Ridler; Cllr G J T Robbins; Cllr G O Roberts; Cllr D N Sutcliffe; Cllr M Williams; Cllr Mrs M Wigzell; Cllr Mrs A M Yates.*

77.1.3 Planning & Transportation Committee:

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that membership of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE would be: Cllr F Bradfield; Cllr G Burchett; Cllr F Davies; Cllr G Davies; Cllr G I Davies; Cllr T R Davies; Cllr T Dewar; Cllr Billy Evans; Cllr P C Evans, JP; Cllr Mrs D Good; Cllr Mrs J E Haworth; Cllr Mrs J Jones; Cllr Mrs C Marubbi; Cllr Miss A O'Grady; Cllr G J T Robbins; Cllr D N Sutcliffe; Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

77.2 To elect members to the following Panels and Working Parties of the Council for 2016-2017:

77.2.1 Complaints Panel

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that membership of the Complaints Panel would be:*

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Cllr M Bullock JP; Cllr G Davies; Cllr TR Davies; Cllr Billy Evans; Cllr DJ Hawkins; Cllr JD Hold; Cllr Miss C Marubbi; Cllr Miss A O'Grady; Cllr GO Roberts; Cllr DN Sutcliffe; Cllr Mrs AN Yates.

It was noted that the Complaints Panel reported directly to Council and would only be convened as and when required, in accordance with the Town Council's complaints policy.

77.2.2 Liverpool Links Working Party (9)

IT WAS RESOLVED *that membership of the Liverpool Links Working Party would be: The Mayor; Chairman of Civic Sub Committee; Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee; Cllr M Bullock JP; Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams; Cllr G Davies; Cllr Miss A O'Grady; Cllr G J T Robbins; Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

It was reported that the Office had written to Liverpool City Council but had received no response, to date.

77.2.3 Wales Bill Working Party (7)

IT WAS RESOLVED *that membership of the Wales Bill Working Party would be: The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee; Chairman of Community Services & Tourism Committee; Chairman of Planning & Transportation Committee; Cllr B B Bertola; Cllr Miss A O'Grady.*

77.2.4 Well-being & FG Act Working Party (9)

IT WAS RESOLVED *that membership of the Well-being & FG Act Working Party would be: The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee; Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services & Tourism Committee; Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning & Transportation Committee; Cllr B B Bertola.*

78. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To elect Representatives on Outside Bodies and Trusts for 2016-2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that members be elected to represent the Town Council on outside bodies and Trusts for 2016/17 as per the list attached as appendix 1.*

79. TO APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2015/16 AND ANNUAL RETURN

Members had been previously circulated with paperwork for the end of year accounts, including the Draft Statement of Accounts for 2015/16, Annual Return 2015-16, Annual Governance Statement (and parts one and two), and copy of the letter from the new External Auditors BDO LLP.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the Annual Return Accounting Statements and Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2016, as attached to the Minutes as appendix 2, be approved and submitted to the External Auditors.*

All accounts had been thoroughly internally audited and a copy of the Internal Audit Report had also circulated was received and noted.

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

80.1 A Wales Audit Office Consultation: 'The Well-being of Future Generations and what it means for your audit' *was received*.

80.2 A Review of Electoral Arrangements Order (Llandudno Town Council) 2015 *was received*. It was noted that a copy of the Order had been sought by the Office as many members had been enquiring as to confirmation of the number of Town Councillors at the next election. It was noted that the number of Councillors would reduce from thirty to twenty in 2017. Members were saddened to lose ten councillors and expressed concern about how the work of the Town Council, which was very proactive with sub committees and events many of which required a number of councillor and community member involvement, would continue.

IT WAS RESOLVED to write to the Welsh Government, and copy Conwy County Borough Council, to express concerns over the impact of reducing the number of Town Councillors by ten on the pro-active work and commitment of the Council, especially in view of the increasing duties and demands being placed on Town & Community Councils and, to also raise this at the Town & Community Council Forum.

80.3 To note that Cllr D. Cowans, Cabinet member for Highways, Environment & Sustainability, Conwy County Borough Council, would attend the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 24th June 2016. In addition to items already submitted to Cllr Cowans, members were asked to notify the Clerk of any further issues or questions.

80.4. Correspondence from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the trial replacement of traditional litter bins in Llandudno with recycling bins, and seeking suggestions on the need to site several remaining bins was considered. Concern was raised about the reference to the possible re-positioning of benches on Mostyn Street to accommodate the new bins, as the new benches had been funded by the Town Council Town Centre Improvements working party and had been designed to fit into the curves of the walls.

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite relevant officers from Conwy County Borough Council to attend a pending walk about of the Town Centre Improvements Working Party and that members notify the Town Clerk directly of any sites that they were aware of.

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

There were none received.

82. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be the **Annual General Meeting on Friday 20th May 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked members and staff for all their support and hard work during the year. The Mayor was thanked in return by members and particularly commended for his chairing skills.

