

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 7th October 2016, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr F Davies – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr G Davies

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth

Cllr Ms P Hebron

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr J E Ridler

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

34. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi –The Mayor (*civic engagement*)

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr B Evans

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr Mrs I L Groom

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Cllr M Williams

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

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

There were no interests declared.

36. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE FROM CONWY FAIRTRADE RENEWING LLANDUDNO'S STATUS AS A FAIRTRADE TOWN

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Nia Higginbotham, Chairman, and the Reverend Mike Harrison, Conwy Fairtrade Coalition, to the meeting and they presented the Town Council with a certificate from Conwy Fairtrade renewing Llandudno's status as a Fairtrade Town. On behalf of the Mayor, the Town Council's Fairtrade representative, Cllr B B Bertola, spoke about the tremendous work of Conwy Fairtrade in the town and the role of a diverse range and age of participants. The work of Conwy Fairtrade in Fairtrade education, policy, procurement, support and campaigning in Wales (the world's first Fairtrade nation) was commended, as was the Chairman's role in overseeing the certification of five Fairtrade Towns in Conwy. Mrs Higginbotham addressed the Council and express thanks and appreciation for the Town Council's

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role in supporting Llandudno as a Fairtrade Town since 2008. She outlined, with examples, that Fairtrade was about fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in developing countries, decent living conditions and local sustainability. It was reported that the Conwy coalition had won a UK prize first prize for Fairtrade Fortnight.

37. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk reported that there had been an incident of anti-social behaviour at the West Shore Shelter on the 6th October 2016, resulting in some of the windows being pushed in. The police had been notified. Whilst the windows could be repaired, advice was being sought from the Conservation Officer, Conwy County Borough Council, and suitable contractors regarding options to improve security of the windows. Conwy County Borough Council had also informed that the CCTV camera at West Shore was not working due to a technical fault. The CCTV Manager had been informed of the above incident and asked if the local camera could be prioritised for repair.

38. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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39. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor reported that The Mayor was attending a civic engagement this evening: the 'Your Champions Awards'.

The Mayor had written to the Mayor of Nice following the terrorist attacks of Summer 2016 and a letter of Thanks had been received, which the Deputy Mayor read out. The Immediate Past Mayor had also previously written to HM The Queen to congratulate her on her 90th birthday and a letter of appreciation had been received from Buckingham Palace which was also read out.

It was reported with sadness that Lord Gordon Borrie (Director General of Fairtrading) had died. Lord Borrie had been evacuated to Llandudno from the South of England at the start of the war and was educated at John Bright Grammar School. He had also been chief speaker at Cllr Ridler's Civic Sunday, 1992.

The Mayor had attended a number of engagements including: Wales and Britain in Bloom judging days, the Honda Goldwing parade, Wales GB Rally, and the presentation of a Mayoral Certificate to Father Anthony Jones on his retirement after 50 years' of service to the Catholic Church.

A letter had been received from Cllr G Burchett and Cllr Mrs P Burchett announcing their resignation, with regret, from the Town Council due to moving away from the area, The letter was read out.

IT WAS RESOLVED to receive the letter of resignation from Cllr G & Mrs Burchett, to Thank them for all their work for Llandudno Town Council and to wish them all the very best for the future.

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40. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

Planning and Transportation Committee

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- Transport & Public Rights of Way Sub Committee, held 18th July 2016 (pages 93 - 96)

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Community Services and Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 13th September 2016..... 105 - 117

Includes:

- Miss Alice Sub Committee, held 27th June 2016 (pages 109 - 110)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 20th July 2016 (pages 111 - 113)
- Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 26th July 2016.(pages 114 - 117)

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 23rd September 2016..... 118 - 135

Includes:

- Civic Sub Committee, held 15th July 2016 (pages 133 -135)

With reference to item 32, the Chairman of the Civic Sub Committee updated members on proposed repairs to the Ted yr Ogor memorial. The memorial would consist of a brick structure, with a central core of concrete, in keeping with its surroundings. A site meeting had been held with a suitable contractor and there had been discussion on reducing the proposed height (and, therefore, the cost). Samples and proposals would be discussed with the family when they visited Llandudno shortly and a final decision would be made within the previously agreed scheme of delegation. Liaison would continue with the harbourmaster regarding the proposals and dates. Members expressed appreciation to the Chairman.

With reference to item 33.2: donation to The Royal British Legion Riders Poppy Launch, the chairman reported that the Riders were not now able to visit Llandudno due to the Wales Rally GB but had been very grateful for the offered £50 towards the event.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council make a donation of £50 to the local branch of the Royal British Legion in view of the Riders Poppy Launch event no longer visiting Llandudno due to the Wales Rally GB.

41. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD WITH CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL REGARDING THE ELECTORAL REVIEW ORDER FOR LLANDUDNO

A verbal report was received on a meeting of The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Committee Chairmen Cllr T R Davies and Cllr G J T Robbins with Mr I Davies, Chief Executive, Cllr P C Evans, JP, Cabinet Portfolio Holder Governance & Regulation and Sian Williams, Head of Democratic Services, Conwy County Borough Council, to discuss the County Borough Council 'Review of Electoral Arrangements Order 2015. The Town Council had previously objected at the consultation stage to the reduction of thirty Councillors to twenty in the proposed order. It was outlined that the Order had been made by Conwy County Borough Council on Guiding Principles for the review

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which included electorate figures, councillor to elector ratio's, a recommended membership figures of seven to 20 councillors for Town & Community Councils, and a report by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales which suggested that a council with an electorate of 16,000-19,999 should have 20 councillors. Comparison had been made of Llandudno with Prestatyn Town Council's 18 councillors for 15,000 electorate.

At the meeting, the Town Council's representatives had expressed concern that aspects such as the pro-activeness of the Town Council and population fluctuations had not been considered by Conwy County Borough Council when deciding the Order. The range of the Town Council's functions had been outlined and it was noted that information on the Town Council's strategy and structure had already been sent. It had also been questioned what advantage was there to Conwy County Borough Council in the reduction, especially with any potential service or function devolution to Town and Community Councils. It was noted, however, that the Order could not be changed. The Mayor was to write to the Minister although it was noted that the Welsh Government considered that it was a matter for the County Council. The Chairman of the Finance Committee observed that the consultation on the Order had received few responses from Town & Community Council's and that Councils and Councillors may not have been aware of the full implications of the review of electoral arrangements. He highlighted that perhaps in the future it would be worth Llandudno/Town & Community Council's asking for a presentation. At the meeting, concern had also been strongly expressed about the potential impact on the operation of Llandudno Town Council and services provided. It was raised that current operations, particularly the number of Llandudno events and sub committees which required a high degree of Councillor involvement, might not be sustainable with the reduction in members. It was hoped, however, that there would be opportunities for continued partnership working with the County Council and other bodies.

The Town Council's representative on the North Wales Association of Local Councils highlighted that the Welsh Government was now looking to review Town & Community Councils rather than County Councils. He queried how the proposed reduction in the number of Town & Community Councils might impact, and would the twenty councillors from 2017 need to take on more roles and responsibilities. The recent statement from Mr Drakeford AM in respect of this was noted and that more consultation was expected. It was a matter of wait and see.

42. REPORT ON LLANDUDNO'S ENTRY IN 'WALES IN BLOOM 2016'

The Chairman of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee reported that Llandudno had achieved a Gold and 176 marks out of 200 in the 2016 Royal Horticultural Society's Wales in Bloom competition. It was also hoped that Llandudno would do well at the forthcoming Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony.

IT WAS RESOLVED to record a Vote of Thanks to the Llandudno Sub Committee Chairman and members, and all volunteers and groups involved with the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee for their excellent achievements this year.

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43. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint a representative to the Llandudno Promenade Consultative Group (1 vacancy)

IT WAS RESOLVED *that Llandudno Town Council appoint Cllr Ms Pat Hebron to be the representative on the Llandudno Promenade Consultative Group.*

44. TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2015/16

A completed external audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been received from new external auditors BDO. The Clerk reported that the annual return had to be presented to Council for approval and acceptance. There were only two issues arising: one that a minute reference and date of approval had not been entered in the Section Annual Governance Statement and secondly that the annual budget should take greater consideration of the level of reserves held by Council. The Clerk commented that the reference had been missed in error and that reserves were well considered, but this would be made clearer to the auditor for 2016/17.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to approve and accept the External Audit report for 2015/16.*

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

45.1 An email from the Community Health Council regarding a presentation to Council or Committee was considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to invite the Community Health Council to give a presentation to the Community Services & Tourism Committee from January 2017.*

45.2 An Email from CVSC regarding the Summer Playscheme: 'Playing out 2016' was discussed. It was noted that attendance in Mostyn Ward was low and it was queried whether this was due to lack of advertising or interest.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to enquire of the Summer Playscheme how the scheme was advertised and promoted and the level of interest of participating children.*

45.3 A letter outlining the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016 was received.

45.4 A North Wales Fire and Rescue Service Consultation: 'Affordable Fire & Rescue Services for North Wales, response date: 12 December 2016, was considered. It was noted that the Service was facing cuts and the document set out options. Concern was expressed over cutting retained staff, some of which provided cover for Llandudno, and it was suggested that the retained appliance at Wrexham be removed as this was the only station which had two appliances capable of being moved by full time crews. This could be achieved as there was overlapping cover in North Wales and good co-operative working. This would be on the basis that no retained staff were reduced in Mid and North Wales.

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IT WAS RESOLVED *that Llandudno Town Council recommend to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service that one full time engine from Wrexham be removed, as any reduction in retained staff would be more devastating.*

45.5 A Thank You from The Royal Naval Association Llandudno in respect of Trafalgar day celebrations, October 2016 was received.

45.6 A Thank You from Penrhyn Bay Community Library for the annual grant was received.

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

There were none received.

47. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 9th December 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.