

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 8th December 2017, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr F Davies –The Mayor

Cllr B B Bertola
 Cllr F Bradfield
 Cllr Mrs J Jones
 Cllr Mrs M Lyon
 Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr M A Pearce
 Cllr G J T Robbins
 Cllr I Turner
 Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

A minute's silence was held for Mrs P. Wood, former Mayoress 2001-2002.
 The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Beverley Ramsden, offered prayers prior to the meeting.

45. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr D J Hawkins – Deputy Mayor (<i>civic engagement</i>)	Cllr P C Evans, JP
Cllr Mrs C Beard	Cllr Miss A O'Grady
Cllr A W Bertola	Cllr S R Hillman
Cllr Mrs L G Emery	Cllr M Hold, JP

Absent:

Cllr M J Pavey	Cllr H T M Saville
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46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following declarations of interest were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr I Turner	51. Grants Sub Committee. Llandudno Town Band.	Personal: Town Council Representative.

47. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Cllr B B Bertola had been duly signed and was received.

48. URGENT ITEMS

Members expressed concern about the low attendance of Councillors at tonight's meeting. Whilst it was appreciated that there might often be good reason for apologies, attendance had been low for other recent Council and Committee meetings. Concern was expressed, in particular, about low attendances so early in the Council term. The

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Mayor was asked to write to members and to remind of their duties. Reference was also made to recent low attendance for meetings held on Friday nights and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to refer to the next meeting of the Council a review of meetings being held on Friday nights due to low attendances.*

49. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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50. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the last Council meeting. These included: the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony at Venue Cymru (where Llandudno was presented with a Gold award); Conwy County Borough Council Sports Awards, the naming ceremony for the new Lifeboat station and the dedication service for the new lifeboat; the Trafalgar Day Parade, Armistice Day, Boer War Services and Remembrance Sunday; and the Llandudno Christmas Parade. The Mayor would also be attending various Christmas events and visiting Llandudno Hospital on Christmas Day.

The Mayor commented that it had been a very good year for the Council, particularly with successes in Bloom and events such as the Fireworks and Christmas Parade. The excellent public attendance for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday was commended. Other stakeholders and community groups in the Town were thanked for their support and assistance with the Town Council's events.

51. 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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<u>Community Services & Tourism Committee</u>	
Held on Tuesday 14 th November 2017	145 – 156

Included:

- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 29th August 2017 (page148 – 149)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 19th September 2017 (pages 151 – 153)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 20th September 2017 (pages 154 – 156)

The Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee thanked staff, Councillors and partner organisations for such a successful fireworks event.

<u>Finance and General Purposes Committee</u>	
Held on Friday 24 th November 2017.....	157 – 181

Includes:

- Grants Sub Committee, held 9th November 2017 (pages 172 - 181)

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With reference to item 44.2, Cllr M A Pearce and Cllr Mrs C Marubbi asked for it to be recorded that they were not in support of the Festival. With reference to the same item, a member expressed concern that rocks had migrated towards the RNLI slipway. The County ward member for Craig y Don, Cllr Bradfield, offered to look into this.

52. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To elect Representatives to Outside Bodies for which there were vacancies:

52.1 North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils (1 vacancy)

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Cllr B. B. Bertola as the Town Council's representative on the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils for 2017/18.

52.2 Llandudno Town Band (1 vacancy)

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Mrs C. Marubbi as the Town Council's representative on Llandudno Town Band 2017/18.

52.3 Ysgol Bodafon (1 vacancy, School Governor)

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Cllr F. Davies as the Town Council's representative to Ysgol Bodafon for 2017/18.

53. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Deferred from Council 06 October 2017: to establish a Working Party to identify and progress the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), scheduled to come into effect May 2018. Members had been circulated with information on the Regulation at the October meeting. It was also reported that Conwy County Borough Council was looking at whether Data Protection services could be offered to Town & Community Council's through Service Level Agreements.

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint the following members to the General Data Protection Regulation Working Party to look in detail at the regulation requirements and any actions required: The Mayor (Cllr F Davies), Finance Chairman (Cllr F Bradfield), Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr Mrs J Jones and Cllr Mrs C Marubbi.

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

54.1 A Welsh Government Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales (*response date: early 2018*) ***was received.***

54.2 A Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board: Draft Well-being Plan Consultation (*response date: 22 January 2018*) ***was received.*** Members commended the document but expressed concern at the resources needed to implement the requirements of the Act.

54.3 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales: Guidance on the conduct of community reviews by principal councils. Members expressed strong interest in

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submitting a response to the consultation and to re-iterate previous concerns raised regarding the reduction in the number of members, allowance not being made for the increase in population during the tourism season, and the proactiveness of the Town Council and high level of events and community involvement. The response to include that Councillors were struggling to fulfil all the work undertaken by the Town Council, particularly management of events, and that Councillors were only voluntary and had taken on additional workloads as a result of the reduction in numbers. Given the body of evidence, it was hoped that no changes would be made with any future review of the boundaries of Llandudno.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee Chairmen write in response to the consultation guidance that, following the reduction in the number of Llandudno Town Councillors, that it was hoped that no changes would be made with any future review of the boundaries of Llandudno.

54.4 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner North Wales: Challenges faced by the Police Service and North Wales Police. Members commented on the excellent report but expressed concern regarding the depletion of police numbers. ***IT WAS RESOLVED to respond and to thank North Wales Police for its assistance to Town & Community Councils.***

54.5 Information from Llandudno Museum regarding a review of Governance and charity commission registration ***was received.***

54.6 Two letters from Mrs JE Finch-Saunders, AM, congratulating the Council on the success of Remembrance Sunday and Fireworks and a third letter expressing concern about the Council not funding polling cards for the Tudno Ward by-election ***were received.*** A member commended Councillors for saving the public purse by not funding polling cards due to the high costs of by-elections and polling cards, and the many and increasing pressures on budgets.

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

There were none received.

56. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 19th January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked members and staff for all their work during the year and wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year.