

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council
Held on Friday 9th October 2015, 7.00pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams
Cllr B B Bertola
Cllr G Burchett
Cllr F Davies
Cllr G Davies
Cllr Gl Davies
Cllr T R Davies
Cllr T Dewar
Cllr P C Evans, JP
Cllr Mrs I L Groom

Cllr D J Hawkins
Cllr Mrs J Jones
Cllr Mrs M Lyon
Cllr Miss A O'Grady
Cllr M A Pearce
Cllr J E Ridler
Cllr G J T Robbins
Cllr Mrs M Wigzell
Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Mr David McKinnley, Lay worker, St John's Methodist Church, offered prayers prior to the meeting on behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain,

28. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

The Mayor, Cllr F Bradfield (*Civic engagement*)
Cllr M Bullock, JP
Cllr Mrs P Burchett
Cllr B Evans
Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM
Cllr J D Hold
Cllr D N Sutcliffe
Cllr M Williams

Absent:
Cllr G O Roberts

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

The following declaration of interest was declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr Gl Davies	Item 35.1: Quotation from Starfish Design	Prejudicial Friend of business owner.

30. URGENT ITEMS

There were none

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31. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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32. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor reported that the Mayor was attending the 'Your Champions' Awards, and had asked her to convey to members his thanks for their support during the year. The Mayor recently wrote to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of the Town Council to congratulate her on becoming the longest reigning Monarch of the United Kingdom. A response had been received from Buckingham Palace and was read out. The Mayor had attended a number of engagements over the summer, including VJ Day, the opening of Cysgod Y Gogarth, the Phabstock music festival and Wales and Britain in Bloom judging days in Llandudno. The Deputy Mayor also reported on engagements undertaken by herself.

33. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

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

Planning and Transportation Committee

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- Transportation and Public Rights of Way Sub Committee, held 20th July 2015 (pages 83-86)

Planning and Transportation Committee

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Community Services and Tourism Committee

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Includes:

- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 10th June 2015 (pages 96 - 99)
- Miss Alice Sub Committee, held 13th July 2015 (pages 100 -101)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 22nd July 2015 (pages 102 - 104)
- Town Twinning Committee, held 13th August 2015 (pages 105 - 108)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 19th August 2015 (pages 109 -110)

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 25th September 2015..... 111-132

Includes:

- Staffing Sub Committee, held 13th July (pages 115 -116)
- Staffing Sub Committee, held 21st September (pages 117 -119)

34. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON LLANDUDNO'S ENTRY IN WALES IN BLOOM

The Chairman of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee reported that Llandudno had won Gold in the prestigious RHS Wales in Bloom 2015. Thanks were expressed to members, staff, Conwy County Borough Council, Mostyn Estates Ltd, Llandudno

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Hospitality Association, community, voluntary and Friends groups, businesses, schools, individuals, and all involved.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to also record a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams.*

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

35.1 With reference to the Finance Committee, 25/09/2015, item 32.1, quotations received from Starfish Design for a Town Council logo for Llandudno Sailing Club training boats were considered

Cllr Gl Davies declared a prejudicial interest and left the room for this item.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to accept quotation 1 from Starfish Design of a portrait logo, no crest, suitable for use on sails, flags etc at a cost of £225 ex vat.*

Cllr Gl Davies returned to the meeting.

35.2 A request from the Conwy County Partnership for funding towards a 2015 Christmas campaign was considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to award Conwy County Partnership £1,000 from the Community Fund towards a 2015 Christmas campaign.*

35.3 A letter from the Minister for Public Services regarding the reform proposals for Conwy and Denbighshire *was received*.

35.4 A Welsh Government Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People White Paper Consultation- response report (*copy available at office*) *was received*.

35.5 A Welsh Government consultation on the Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 was discussed. The guidance published had been split into two key sections. The first section introduced the reader to the Act and the challenges and opportunities public bodies faced. The second section provided step by step guides of the action public bodies, public service boards and community councils needed to follow. The consultation period ran until 16th November 2015.

Members considered the challenges the Act would have on town and community councils and that Llandudno, which had an annual budget over £200,000, would be subject to the Act. Strong concern was expressed over the unnecessary burden of new legislation on limited resources, and that more time might be spent on bureaucratic documentation and processes than on developing services and projects for the benefit of local communities. It was considered that Llandudno was already doing well with a range of community engagement activities via a range of events, sub committees, projects, outside bodies representation, and School governors, and it also had its own strategy.

The guidance was considered unclear in its approach and language, and made little reference to how the WFG Act linked to other legislation, particularly planning and Local Development Plan and the Equalities Act. Members considered that existing

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legislation already covered most objectives. The timetable for the implementation of the WFG Act was also unclear and reference was made to awaiting guidance from the Public Service Boards that would be established. Llandudno could then decide what it could do, and could afford to do, within the resources available. It was noted that it was up to Councils to decide on budget requirements and staff resources. The level and nature of annual corporate reporting, the levels of community engagement and collection of statistical data required, was also unclear, and relevant case studies would be useful.

Reference was also made to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report for 2016/17 in which the Panel's attention was drawn to the desire of Welsh Government to reduce the cost of politics to the public purse. There was some discussion on how would the Welsh Government be reducing its own cost of politics and reforming its own workings.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and staff, were due to attend a seminar on the WFG ACT at Venue Cymru on the 4th November 2015 and that a report would be provided to the next meeting of the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED to write to the Director for Local Government, and respond to the consultation, outlining the above points and concerns raised, and copy to the AM's.

35.6 A press release from the St George's Hotel announcing that it had been named as the AA Hotel of the Year for Wales 2015-2016 was received. The Mayor had sent a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Town Council.

35.7 A Llandudno Christmas Fayre news letter was received and ***IT WAS RESOLVED to submit the Town Council's Armorial Bearings for inclusion in any Christmas Fayre publicity***, as requested by the event organisers.

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

There were none received.

37. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 11th December 2015** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.