

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 9th December 2016, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi –The Mayor

Cllr B B Bertola
 Cllr F Bradfield
 Cllr Gl Davies
 Cllr T Dewar
 Cllr Mrs D Good
 Cllr Mrs I L Groom
 Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Ms P Hebron
 Cllr Mrs M Lyon
 Cllr Miss A O’Grady
 Cllr M A Pearce
 Cllr G J T Robbins
 Cllr D N Sutcliffe
 Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

48. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr F Davies – Deputy Mayor
 Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams
 Cllr M Bullock, JP
 Cllr G Davies
 Cllr T R Davies
 Cllr B Evans

Cllr P C Evans, JP
 Cllr Mrs J E Haworth
 Cllr Mrs J Jones
 Cllr J E Ridler
 Cllr M Williams
 Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Absent:
 Cllr G O Roberts

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

There were no interests declared.

50. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

51. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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52. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a number of engagements attended, including the opening of the new kitchen facility at Llandudno Rugby Club (which the Town Council had supported), the Trafalgar Day Parade, meeting World War II Far East Prisoner veterans at a Remembrance Service, participating in Remembrance Sunday and Armistice day, attending the ceremonial finish of the Wales GB Rally, and a welcoming mass for the new Priest, Father Moses at Our Sacred Lady of the Sea church. The Mayor had also welcomed the Mayor of Frodsham, Cllr Mallie Poulton, to Llandudno and had attended a number of Christmas events including fairs and carol services, concerts and the Town Council's Christmas Parade. Over Christmas, the Mayor would be visiting Llandudno Hospital and St David's Hospice and taking part in the Boxing Day Dip.

The Mayor further reported on her Christmas card competition, whereby she had invited primary school pupils to design the card for this year. An excellent response had been received from schools, with Amy Richardson from Ysgol Tudno producing the winning design for the front of the card and Lillie Jones, Ysgol Glanwydden, the design for the back of the card.

53. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

Planning and Transportation Committee

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Community Services and Tourism Committee

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- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 27th September 2016 (page 162)
- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 28th September 2016 (pages 163 - 165)
- Town Twinning Committee, held 4th October 2016 (pages 166 - 168)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 18th October 2016 (pages 169-170)

With reference to the Minutes of the Twinning Committee, item 10, it was reported that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee had made personal visits to Wormhout last weekend to support a fundraising and awareness event being held by the French Town Twinning Committee. They had been very well received. The Mayor and members thanked both for attending.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 25th November 2016..... 171 - 193

Includes:

- Grants Sub Committee, held 9th November 2016 (pages 189 - 193)

With reference to item 46.1: RHS Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony 2017 for UK community finalists, a member expressed concern regarding the decision of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee and the Finance & General Purposes Committee to support this event coming to Llandudno.

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In view of the Finance & General Purposes Committee having delegated powers, it was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to enable a review and debate of this item. It was noted that the RHS approach to the Town Council sought a response by the end of December.

There was a lengthy and robust debate regarding whether the Town Council should support the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee with its wish to host the Royal Horticultural Society's 2017 Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony and to cover any shortfall in the Sub-Committee's fundraising for this event. The £23,350 cost and breakdown for the two-day event for 500 community delegates was noted as was, that whilst the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee had up to £10,000 available in its own budget, it was seeking up to £13,350 to be set aside in the Council's 2017/18 budget should it fall short in its intended fundraising of the total cost.

Strong concern was expressed by some members about the cost, whether the money could be put to better use, the benefits to the town, and whether there was benefit to residents. The Town Council's own events were seen as having direct benefit to residents, whilst this would host finalists from across the UK.

In contrast, it was debated that, whilst this event was a lot of money, 2017 was the 50th year of Wales in Bloom, that this was the first time that this event had been held in North Wales, and that this was a unique opportunity for Llandudno. It was considered that if this was managed correctly it would do much to put Llandudno on the map, promote Llandudno as both a tourist and premier event and conference destination, and fill bed space. Some members raised that whilst it might not seem to directly benefit residents it would in other ways such as through tourism and economy to the town, new visitors, and hopefully repeat bookings. It was noted that the ceremony was also the finale of a year of activities and events. It was further raised that this could be a prestigious event for Llandudno and would hope to be supported through community involvement, such as Friends groups, businesses, and community groups.

There was much cross chamber debate with points being raised that there were many things that the town could do with the money, such as more flower beds, that sponsors should pay for the event, and that Bloom securing major sponsorship would be a challenge. Some members queried whether Council could afford to support, whether residents would support or appreciate it, and what proportion of society would attend this event. It might be perceived as just a nice reception. Reference was also made to economic hardships and foodbanks.

Llandudno in Bloom members highlighted that Council and its co-optees from many sectors of the community had worked hard last year, and that Llandudno had been approached regarding hosting of the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony in view of Llandudno's success in achieving Gold in Wales in Bloom and Silver Gilt in Britain in Bloom. The work of the Bloom Sub Committee during the year also benefited many aspects of the town and street scene. It was the intention of the Sub Committee and its co-optees to raise as much of the money as possible through sponsorship and commercial businesses. Bloom was asking Council for the opportunity to seek sponsorship but it did not consider that it could progress this without there being a safety net should they fall short of the target. Some sponsorship was already forthcoming and Bloom was looking to meet with North Wales Tourism.

An email from the Royal Horticultural Society was read out. The RHS considered that the Town had much to offer. The email also referred to 2016 Bloom press coverage of 1,359 articles (print and on line), with a reach of 61.7 million and estimated value of £959k, that the Awards were an integral part of this and that Llandudno would be included in as much coverage as possible.

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A proposal was made that Llandudno was not in a position to fund at this time, however, following an amendment

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that should Llandudno be confirmed as the Royal Horticultural Society's choice for hosting the 2017 Britain in Bloom UK Finalists Awards ceremony for 500 community representatives across the UK, that the additional £13,350 sought by the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee if their fundraising fell short should come out of the Sub Committee's own budget as follows: £6,665 in 2017/18 and £6,665 in 2018/19. The emphasis to be on Bloom to raise sponsorship so that there was no net increase in cost to the council.*

Standing Orders were re-instated.

The Clerk asked for clarification regarding the resolution under item 45.1: to invite Conwy County Borough Council to a meeting to explain why there was no budget for stone removal on the lower beach at North Shore and why a contribution was being sought from the Town Council. The Clerk asked who members would like to invite from Conwy. Members confirmed that the invitation should be for the Cabinet members for Communities and Finance & Resources Portfolios, Conwy County Borough Council.

54. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIREWORKS SUB COMMITTEE REGARDING FUTURE DISPLAYS

The Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reported that potential sites for future displays had been visited and assessed, including Marine Drive, Bodafon fields and Happy Valley. Although there were no immediately viable alternatives to the pier, a couple of sites would be risk assessed in more detail for 2017. The possibility of a Laser show in the bay was also being considered, for New Year's Eve or a date in 2017. Initial discussions had been held with Conwy CBC, North Wales Police, and the Council's Health and Safety officer. Members would be kept informed, going forward.

55. CASUAL VACANCIES MOSTYN WARD

A letter and Notice had been received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding two casual vacancies in Mostyn ward. Following publication of the two vacancies no request had been received for an election to be held. The Town Council was, therefore, required to co-opt as soon as practicable. January was acceptable to Conwy County Borough Council in view of the Christmas holidays. Members considered timeframe and process for the co-options.

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Town Council advertise the vacancy in Mostyn and other Llandudno Wards, on the Town Council website, and send copies to the local press.*

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that persons wishing to be considered for co-option submit a short CV and declaration of eligibility, within the statutory rules, in writing or email by 5.00pm on Monday 9th January 2017 to the Town Clerk.*

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Special Meeting of the Town Council would be held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7pm.*

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IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to invite eligible candidates to give a short verbal presentation, up to 5 minutes duration, on what they hope to do for the Town and the Ward, in the Council Chamber at the above Special meeting.

56. HM THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIONS WORKING PARTY

To appoint a member to the Working Party following a vacancy arising.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council appoint Cllr B B Bertola to the HM The Queen's Birthday Commemorations Working Party.

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

- 57.1 A thank you letter from Mr I Davies, Chief Executive, Conwy County Borough Council, in respect a meeting with the Town Council regarding the Electoral Review Order was received.
- 57.2 An email from Conwy County Borough Council regarding The Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and copies of the electoral register was received.
- 57.3 A letter of invitation to Councillors in respect of the Holocaust Memorial Day, 7pm, 29th January 2017, Emmanuel Christian Centre, Llandudno was received.
- 57.4 An email from Conwy County Borough Council notifying of a Prohibition of vehicles Order, Upper Mostyn Street, Llandudno, 19.00-04.00 hours on the 16 and 17 December was received.
- 57.5 An email from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales: Electoral Reviews - Policy and Practice document was received.
- 57.6 An email from the Welsh Government regarding an Out of Work Service Peer Mentoring Programme, Eirias Park, 25th January 2017 was received.
- 57.7 An email from Natural Resources Wales regarding contact numbers for reporting environmental incidents was received.
- 57.8 An email from Conwy CBC seeking the views of the Town Council on a Step Out for Stroke event July 2017 was considered and **IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council respond that it was in support of the event.**

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

There were none received.

59. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 20th January 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The Mayor wished all members a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.