

## COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council  
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council  
 Held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 7.00pm  
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr D J Hawkins –The Mayor

Cllr Miss A O’Grady – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr F Davies

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

The Mayor’s Chaplain, the Reverend Neil Kirkham, offered prayers prior to the meeting.

### 54. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr I Turner

### 55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Item:</b>	<b>Personal or Prejudicial</b>
Cllr Mrs C. Beard	Consultation on Conwy CBC Mobile Library	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F. Bradfield	Funding request Llandudno Coastal Forum website Consultation on Conwy CBC Mobile Library	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F Davies	Funding request Llandudno Coastal Forum website.	Personal. Town Council representative.
Cllr Mrs L. E. Emery	Funding request Llandudno Coastal Forum website. Consultation on Conwy CBC Mobile Library	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC and Coastal Forum Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P C Evans, JP	Consultation on Conwy CBC Mobile Library	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr G J T Robbins	Funding request Llandudno Coastal Forum website Consultation on Conwy CBC Mobile Library	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
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### 56. URGENT ITEMS

Letter received from Conwy County Borough Council, dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, asking Town and Community Councils to consider contributing to, or taking on, various services in their area from Conwy County Borough Council. Services listed included Community Libraries, CCTV, Young Creatives, Playgrounds, Car Parks, and Public Conveniences.

Members expressed surprise and concern about the information being sent to Town and Community Councils at the 'eleventh hour' of their budget preparations for 2019/20, bearing in mind that precept requirements had to be submitted to Conwy County Borough Council by the 18<sup>th</sup> January or as soon as thereafter. Many Town & Community Councils had already set their budgets and submitted their requests. Whilst the Town Council was finalising its budget this evening, members considered that there was not much that the Town Council could do at this stage to properly consider and make informed decisions on the contents of the letter, which had serious resource and precept implications for the Town Council.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council respond to Conwy County Borough Council that, in view of the lateness of the request to Town & Community Councils, it was unable to consider funding or taking on further services from Conwy County Borough Council for the financial year 2019/20.***

### 57. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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### 58. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the last meeting of the Council. These included visiting Llandudno Hospital and Hope Restored at Christmas and taking part in the Lions Club of Llandudno Boxing Day Dip. The Mayor had also attended the Take pART Art and Literature Festival at Venue Cymru, welcomed delegates to the Llandudno meeting of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils, and welcomed delegates to the Union's Black Members Conference at Venue Cymru. He would also be attending The Royal British Legion North Wales District Conference.

### 59. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committees were approved:

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019..... 201 – 203

Finance and General Purposes Committee

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### 60. TO CONFIRM THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2019/20

Members had been previously circulated with the draft budget 2019/20, as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019. It was noted that whilst there had generally only been a small increase from 2018/19, the budget further included an additional contribution towards maintenance of around thirty Llandudno Playgrounds, in partnership with Conwy County Borough Council.

The Chairman of the Civic Sub Committee reported to Council on a meeting of the Civic Sub Committee, held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and a recommendation to include £1,500 in the budget for the Civic Head and £500 for the Deputy Civic Head, in line with determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation and to include in the budget.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Town Council approve the budget for 2019/20, and a precept of £467,254, as attached as appendix one.

It was noted that the Town Council was due to revise its existing 2014-2019 strategy and the impact of not only funding or asset transfers from Local Authorities, but also any Welsh Government determinations.

**IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** to record a Vote of Thanks to the Town Clerk for the draft budget.

### 61. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

61.1 Tre Cwm Environmental Project. The project organiser had asked for one representative to meet with him to receive updates and to attend project meetings, where requested.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Miss A. O'Grady (as the electoral ward member) as the Town Council's representative to the Tre Cwm Environmental Project.

### 62. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE CONSULTATIONS OR ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

62.1 A written request from the Llandudno Coastal Forum for £159 to support the Forum's public website 2019/20 ***was approved*** from the adhoc grants budget. Members also requested that the Forum update the Town Council on its work, at a future date.

62.2 Consultation from Conwy County Borough Council: Review of Conwy's Home and Mobile Library Services.

Members noted that some routes in Llandudno, Craig y Don, Penrhynside, and Penrhyn Bay might be withdrawn. Interest was expressed in safeguarding facilities in Llandudno, particularly the Ty Llewelyn and Tan y Fron areas where residents might not be able to easily access other services. It was discussed that residents in urban areas were not necessarily mobile or had easier access to services and the importance of social outings connections for residents was emphasised. There was, however, no data in the report regarding usage or book withdrawals for members to make a properly informed decision. As the consultation date was until 10 March 2019 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to request detailed information regarding the proposals and to discuss again.

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62.3 An email from CVSC regarding 'Play Squad' sessions at Trinity Park was received. The sessions were welcomed.

62.4 Welsh Government: Community & Town Council update December 2018. The document set out proposals for 'Immediate action' and 'Further consideration' by the Welsh Government. The Town Council's representative to the North and Mid Wales Association reported on an Association meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and discussions on this issue. There was, as-yet, nothing concrete from the Welsh Government and it could be a while yet.

Whilst members commented on some positive suggestions in the Newsletter, concern was particularly expressed about the suggested appointing of Clerks from a National list. It was queried: who would approve the list; the GDPR/privacy implications for those on the list; whether applicants from outside of Wales would be eligible; potential breaches of employment law; and the likely reduction in the number of applicants. It was discussed that, traditionally, Town & Community Councils successfully managed the appointment of staff with suitable experience, skills, and qualities through public advertising and professional sites.

**IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council write to the Welsh Government to express concern about the possibility and desirability of an Approved list of Clerks, and that Town & Community Councils should be allowed to choose for themselves who were the most suitable candidates.**

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

There were none received.

### 64. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

### 65. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR ELECT 2019/20

*(in accordance with Standing Orders)*

Cllr Miss Angie O'Grady was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Carol Beard and Seconded by Cllr Greg J T Robbins. There were no further nominations.

**IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr Miss Angie O'Grady be confirmed as Mayor Elect 2019/20.**

### 66. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT 2019/20

*(in accordance with Standing Orders)*

Cllr Harry T M Saville was Proposed by Cllr Philip C Evans, JP, and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Margaret Lyon. There were no further nominations.

**IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr Harry T M Saville be confirmed as Deputy Mayor Elect 2019/20.**