

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 18th March 2016, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr F Bradfield – The Mayor

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Deputy Mayor

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr F Davies

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr J E Ridler

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr Mrs I L Groom

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Beverley Ramsden, offered prayers prior to the meeting and for Cllr Mrs P Burchett who was in Hospital.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr J D Hold

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr G Davies

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr B Evans

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr M Williams

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

There were no interests declared.

61. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman of the Decorative Lighting Sub Committee reported that he had been notified by Conwy County Borough Council that it was no longer able to undertake the annual maintenance and testing of the Summer and Winter Decorative lighting in Llandudno due to a lack of staff resources. This was of concern as the Town Council would need to tender for the 2016 Summer lighting switch on at very short notice and, there were a number of decorative lighting sites in Llandudno including the Promenade, Orme lighting, cross street catenaries, and various other sites. It was noted that provision and maintenance of the Christmas lighting, which was separate to the Decorative lighting, was already contracted out. A meeting would be held with Conwy CBC to discuss how best to proceed with a tender and the detailed specifications needed by potential contractors.

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62. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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63. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on key engagements attended, including the Holocaust memorial service, and the High Sheriff of Clwyd's Community Awards, where he had had the pleasure of seeing Cllr Terry Dewar presented with an award in recognition of his work with Action on Hearing Loss. Members congratulated Cllr Dewar on his award. The Mayor further reported on the lighting of the Great Orme Beacon for HM the Queen's 90th Birthday on the 21st April 2016, and the Town Twinning exchange visit from residents of Wormhout in April. He had further accompanied the Ysgol John Bright under 14's football team to the Welsh Schools Cup, which they won. The final would be held on the 20th April 2016 in Newtown.

64. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

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

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016..... 232 - 236

Community Services & Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 237 - 252

Includes:

- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 5th January 2016 (pages 241 - 243)
- Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 12th January 2016 (pages 244 - 246)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 20th January 2016 (pages 247 - 250)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 26th January 2016 (pages 251-252)

With reference to Community Services & Tourism Committee, item 37.2, Cllr Mrs M. Lyon reported on a site meeting at the Alice Pool with Conwy County Borough Council and the Town Clerk to discuss options for the site. Regrettably, a wooden statue was not viable for this location due to the likelihood of weathering. It had been suggested that the pond be filled and flag-stones placed on top. The Clerk had contacted the Friends of West Shore who were in agreement with this option and had future ideas once this was completed. Conwy County Borough Council had offered to seek quotes for the work.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council ask Conwy County Borough Council to seek quotes to fill in and flag-stone the Alice pool site.

With reference to Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, item 16.3, it was reported that Conwy County Borough Council had assessed various lamp posts in the Town for their suitability for Christmas lighting motifs, including lamp posts in Penrhyn Bay, but that the posts were not suitable to take the weight of motifs. Permission was, therefore, not granted.

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016..... 253 - 262

Includes:

- Transport & Prow Sub Committee, held 18th January 2016 (pages 259-262)

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With reference to Transport & Prow Sub Committee, item 33, a member expressed concern regarding members' low attendance on the schedule of footpath walks and that only one Councillor, Cllr F. Davies, had been able to attend recent walks. Concern was expressed about whether the walks could, therefore, continue and that there was a need for a review. Thanks were expressed to Cllr F. Davies for his efforts in trying to keep the walks going.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 15th January 2016..... 263 – 277

Includes:

- Staffing Sub Committee, held 29th February 2016 (pages 276-277)

With reference to the Finance Minutes, Item 61, Cllr Mrs Groom expressed concern about a Councillor's statement to that meeting regarding the grant for the Llandudno Elderly Peoples Welfare Society (LEPWS) and whether the statement should be amended and re-circulated as a result of responses given at the meeting. The Chairman responded that the statement was a copy of what had been said at the meeting and could not, therefore, be changed. The LEPWS could consider issuing their own statement in response. Cllr Groom also queried whether Cllr Mrs AM Yates should declare an interest in the matter as being at the forefront of the campaign. The Grants Vice Chairman commented that the Grants Sub Committee would review the grant, but that it would only be able to consider what was put before it, as relevant, to the Sub Committee. The Chairman reminded members that this item was not for re-discussion at this time.

65. DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17

Members had been previously circulated with the draft Calendar of meetings for 2016/17. Members approved that the January Community and Finance Committee meetings be merged if needed, in view of the Council meeting needing to be held the third week in January to approve the precept.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept and approve the Calendar of meetings for 2016/17, as attached as appendix one.

66. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

66.1 Richard Owen Scholarships and Exhibition Foundation: vacancy for one Trustee. *It was noted that the Foundation was administered by Llandudno Town Council and that the Trustee did not need to be a member. Meetings were held annually.*

There were two nominations, Cllr M Bullock JP and Cllr Miss C Marubbi, and following a vote

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Miss C M Marubbi be appointed as the Town Council's Trustee on the Richard Owen Scholarships and Exhibition Foundation.

67. STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015, 'SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE'.

Members had been previously circulated with a letter and statutory guidance for the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Clerk reported that Llandudno

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Town Council would be subject to the Act and that whilst the Act would not come into effect until 2017, it would be beneficial to make a start on a Well-being Plan sooner rather than later. Any plan developed could also usefully inform the future Public Service Board, and the new Town Council in 2017. Members discussed that as the number of Town Councillors was reducing to twenty at the next election, and some longer standing members may not re stand or be elected, there was benefit in using existing knowledge to put a framework in place based around the seven well-being objectives.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council establish a W&FG Act working party consisting of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the three Standing Committees, and Cllr B B Bertola.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Party could invite Sub Committee Chairmen or outside members to attend as when issues arose and expertise was needed.

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

68.1 A Green Paper 'Our Health, Our Health Service' consultation response was received.

68.2 Information on a HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils was received.

68.3 Welsh Government Local Government Ethical Framework. Members noted that the Town Council was required to adopt the revised Model Code of Conduct by the 26th July 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED to revise and present the new Model Code of Conduct to the Council for adoption.

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

There were none received.

70. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 6th May 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.