

## COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council  
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council  
 Held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7.00pm  
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr F Davies –The Mayor

Cllr D J Hawkins – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr I Turner

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

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

### 57. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Mrs J Jones

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

There were none declared.

### 59. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

### 60. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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### 61. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the last Council meeting. These included attending Christmas carol services and concerts, Llandudno Hospital on Christmas Day, the Boxing Day Dip, and the TAKE pART Art and Literature Festival at Venue Cymru. Pending engagements included the Royal British Legion North Wales District Conference, and Holocaust Memorial Day and Services.

The Mayor would be inviting Mrs Murial Baldwin to the Mayor’s Parlour to thank her

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following her recent retirement as 'Queen Victoria'. The Town Crier, Mr Billy Baxter, was a finalist for the Daily Express 'Soldiering on Award' and had been invited to the Awards ceremony at the House of Lords in February. The Town Council had received a letter and brochure from the Mayor of Oschatz, following their visit to Llandudno in 2017. The Mayor announced a charity ball on 10 February to raise funds for his chosen charities.

### 62. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committees were approved subject to any addenda appearing thereunder:

<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u> Held on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017.....	186 – 189
<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u> Held on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018.....	190 – 192
<u>Finance and General Purposes Committee</u> Held on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018.....	193 – 210
Includes:	
• Civic Sub Committee, held 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (pages 211 – 213)	

### 63. TO CONFIRM THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

Members had been previously circulated with the draft budget, as approved at Finance & General Purposes Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was noted that whilst there had been a <1% increase on the general operational budget for 17/18, the budget included an additional partnership contribution for National Armed Forces Day 2018.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council approve the budget for 2018/19, and a precept of £450,976.78, as attached appendix one.***

### 64. NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice no. 33

64.1 That from May 2018 a public record of councillor's attendance at all committee meetings and standing sub-committee meetings is published in full on the Town Council website before the 31<sup>st</sup> May for the previous municipal year detailing against each meeting if the member attended, sent apologies, was absent or was not a member of the committee or sub-committee.

64.2 That from June 2018 for every month in the municipal year thereafter a public record of councillor's attendance at all committee meetings and standing sub-committee meetings for the previous month is published in full on the Town Council website before the last working day of the following month detailing against each meeting if the member attended, sent apologies, was absent or was not a member of the committee or sub-committee.

Proposer: Cllr GJT Robbins. Seconder: Cllr Miss C Marubbi.

The Proposer of the Motion outlined the reasons for the Notice. Firstly, that information on Councillors attendance was available anyway through the Minutes (which were also

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on the Town Council's website), that this would make the information easier to access, and that other and neighbouring Town Councils published Members attendances and therefore it was good practice. He considered that it was appropriate for the Town Council to take a lead on this and, whilst it was appreciated that there might be good reason for not attending, the Council had nothing to hide and that the public could ask their Councillors if they were concerned about attendances.

There was good debate on this item, with points raised that Councillors were voluntary with high workloads, that the information was already available through the minutes, that as no two months were the same in terms of meeting schedules a monthly comparison could be distorted and, how members who were not on Committees or Sub Committees might be recorded fairly. Concern was expressed about the extra workload on staff to implement, however the Notice Proposer outlined that a spreadsheet could be easily set up and maintained, and that it would clearly show whether a member was on a Committee or Sub Committee or not.

Conversely, openness and transparency were also supported and disappointment was expressed at recent low attendances. However, members did not wish to see individual councillors targeted. The hard work of members was commended, and it was commented that absences were more noticeable with the reduction in Councillors, and it was important for members to attend as many meetings as possible to spread workloads and support the Council. Concern was expressed about communications with the press ahead of the meeting. The point about distortion of statistics was noted and whether best to record annually. It was proposed but not seconded that attendances for Sub Committees not be recorded.

**IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the recording of Councillors attendances.**

### 65. REFERRED FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

65.1 Referred from Council, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017: to review the holding of meetings on a Friday evening due to low attendances. It was discussed that whilst it was difficult for members to attend on a Friday, on occasion, meetings on a Friday had been held since 1984. Community Services Committee had been subsequently moved to a Tuesday, but no other night seemed to have any greater attendance. It was further considered that Councillors who worked or attended meetings of other bodies might be more available on a Friday. Reference was also made to staff having to work on a Friday evening, but the Clerk asked for staff not to be included in the discussion and that it was a matter for members. **IT WAS RESOLVED to leave meetings held on a Friday night as is.**

65.2 Referred from Christmas Parade Sub Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018:  
Review of Christmas Parade 2018. The Christmas Parade Sub Committee had been unable to reach a decision regarding two proposals: to retain the Parade or to look at a static display outside the Town Hall. One member raised that it did not need to be a choice; the parade could continue for 2018 and risk assess the alternative option. There was discussion that it was important to review options and whether value for money, especially in view of the traffic management costs. Concern was, however, also expressed that the parade was a popular event for over 20 years, and that a static display could have issues of crowd control and also require traffic management expense.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that Llandudno Town Council retain the annual Christmas Parade and not to undertake a risk assessment for an alternative static event in Lloyd Street.*

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

66.1 A copy letter from a member of the public regarding the relocation of the Marks and Spencers store in Llandudno was received. There was discussion around the impact of traffic flows, parking, and public access to the store in its new location. The Council would await the planning application.

66.2 A Community Health Council News Releases on Waits in Accident and Emergency and registration of GPs in Wales were received.

66.3 Consultation from Conwy County Borough Council on the proposed relocation of mosaic wall art in Happy Valley from the wall of the public convenience to frames installed on the grass area (Town Council's ownership). Information had been received regarding the reason for the relocation (to optimise the viewing of the mosaics), that responsibility would remain with Conwy CBC, that whilst noting recent incidents it was not anticipated that the mosaics would be subject to vandalism, and that further measures and treatments would be taken to protect the art work.

Members discussed the merits of siting the mosaics in a more appropriate location where they might be more appreciated/attract more visitors versus that, whilst the siting of the mosaics on the wall of the toilets was not ideal, they had always been safe. It was considered that the vulnerability of the mosaics was increased by moving and that they would be very difficult to replicate if ever vandalised. It was discussed whether the angle of the proposed legs might be increased to reduce vandalism, however,

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *to respond to the consultation that, due to concerns around increased vulnerability to the mosaics to move them, the mosaics remain at their current location on the wall.*

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

There were none received.

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

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

### 69. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR ELECT

Cllr D J Hawkins was Proposed by Cllr P C Evans, JP, and Seconded by Cllr F Bradfield.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** *unanimously that Cllr Dave J. Hawkins be elected as Mayor elect 2018/19.*

**70. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT**

Three nominations were received: Cllr H Saville was Proposed by Cllr Mrs L. Emery and Seconded by Cllr M P Hold, JP; Cllr B Bertola was Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Lyon and Seconded by Cllr A Bertola; and Cllr Miss A O'Grady was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Beard and Seconded by Cllr G J T Robbins. Following a vote in accordance with Standing Orders,

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that Cllr Miss A O'Grady be elected as Deputy Mayor elect 2018/19.*