

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 23rd March 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 Mrs J Jones

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M J Pavey

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 Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

The Mayor welcomed Mrs J E Finch-Saunders, AM, to the meeting in respect of item 74 and Mr I. Moore, Independent Member, Conwy County Borough Council, in respect of item 83.4.

71. APOLOGIES

Cllr M P Hold, JP

Cllr M A Pearce

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

There were none declared.

73. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

74. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE REVIEW OF THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECTOR

The Chairman welcomed Mrs J. E. Finch-Saunders AM/AC, who thanked members for permitting her to address the meeting regarding the review and seek feedback. The AM considered that Town & Community Councils were an important part of local democracy and commended Llandudno for all the community work and events that it undertook already. She added that local services meant a lot to residents and that there was much good practice in the sector working in partnership with principal authorities, stakeholders, and local groups and that could be developed further. Members discussed with the AM the number of reviews that had taken place over the years, the cost of reviews, the impact on Councils, and the time spent by members on proposed re-organisations that detracted from the provision of local services. Concern was also

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expressed about whether the Panel had sufficient background and expertise in local government to identify what local government needed to deliver, and the lack of representation from North Wales was commented upon. The Town Council's representative on the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils expressed that if re-organisation were to result in more effective democracy then there might be support, but that there was little confidence in the sector as to how this might be brought about, especially given the diversity in Town & Community Councils.

There was further discussion on the benefits of strengthening the Town & Community Council sector and building on relationships with principal authorities and the community. The AM highlighted that one issue was the number of uncontested seats and co-options in Wales and that it needed to be addressed as to why people were not coming forward to stand for local councils. A member reported on a meeting between the Review Panel and representatives from the Town Council. There had been constructive dialogue, and the Panel had seemed impressed with the professionalism and work of the Council, but the challenges faced in the sector with any expansion/merger (such as funding and legal services) had been raised.

The Mayor and members thanked Mrs J. E. Finch-Saunders, AM/AC for meeting with members to hear their views on the review. The AM responded that she would continue to scrutinise and challenge the review.

75. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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76. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the last Council meeting. These included Holocaust Memorial Day Services, Cambrian Rally, Llandudno Soroptomists Women's Day walk, Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd puppet show, Commonwealth Day flag raising ceremony and a Llandudno Sailing Club launch event, In April, the Mayor would also be welcoming a visit from the Twin Town of Wormhout and holding a Charity Golf Day to raise funds for his Mayoral charities.

77. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

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

Planning and Transportation Committee

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Included:

- Transport & Prow Sub Committee, held 22nd January 2018 (pages 230-233)

With reference to the Minutes of the Transport & Prow Sub Committee, disappointment was expressed that the meeting had had to be adjourned part way through due to a lack of quoracy of voting members. This was not satisfactory, especially in view of the attendance of co-optees from the Transport sector and the work undertaken for Agendas. As some Councillors on this Sub Committee were classed as co optees due to not being on the parent committee, it was

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recommended that Council rather than the Planning Committee henceforth appoint membership of the Sub Committee and that such members have full voting rights.

IT WAS RESOLVED that, henceforth, membership of the Transport & Prow Sub Committee be appointed by Council, not Planning & Transport Committee, and that all Councillors appointed have voting rights.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that Cllr P C Evans JP, Cllr H T M Saville, Cllr B B Bertola, Cllr M A Pearce and any other Councillor co-optees be confirmed by Council to the Transport & Prow Sub Committee.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sub Committee be asked to review its start time of meetings to see whether this might benefit attendance levels.

Community Services & Tourism Committee

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Included:

- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 13th September 2017 (pages 238-239)
- Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 28th September 2017 (pages 240-242)
- Town Twinning Committee, held 25th October 2017 (pages 243-245)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 2nd November 2017 (pages 246-247)
- Town Twinning Committee, held 21st November 2017 (pages 248-249)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 29th November 2017 (pages 250-251)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 9th January 2018 (pages 252-254)
- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 31st January 2018 (pages 255-257)

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78. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES

78.1 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

To consider a report and recommendations from the GDPR working party.

The Clerk outlined the key discussions and the recommendations of the working party.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve and accept the recommendations of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Working Party, held 20th February 2018 and the engagement of JDH Business Services Ltd for one year as the Data Protection Officer,

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to include the Richard Owen and Chantry Trusts administered by the Town Council under the Data Protection Officer's remit.

78.2 Wellbeing & Future Generations Act (W&FGA) Working Party

An update on the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board Local Wellbeing plan ***was received***. The Clerk reminded members of the Town Council's duties under this act and that the working party would look to meet in April to progress.

Membership of the W&FGA Working Party (one vacancy):

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr M J Pavey be appointed to the W&FGA Working party.

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79. CONFERNMENT OF A CIVIC AWARD

The Council was asked to set a date for the conferring of a Civic Award (Freedom of the Town) on a local resident, as previously resolved by Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on 13th April 2018 to confer the Freedom of the Town on a local resident.

80. RE SCHEDULED FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

80.1 Minutes of the Grants Sub Committee, held 19th February 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Grants Sub Committee, held 18th February 2018, be approved and accepted.

80.2 Request from Llandudno FC Juniors for funding towards representing North Wales at a tournament in May 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award Llandudno FC Juniors with £500 from the Community Fund toward the costs of representing North Wales at a tournament.

81. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

81.1 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition. One Vacancy.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr B B Bertola be appointed as the Town Council representative to the Conwy Fairtrade Coalition.

82. DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Draft Calendar of Meetings for 2018/19 (as attached Appendix one) be approved and accepted.

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

83.1 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales: Guidance on the conduct of Community Reviews by Principal Councils ***was received.***

83.2 A Wales Audit Office Survey of all Welsh Town & Community Councils (response date 6 April 2018) ***was received.***

83.3 Welsh Government information on funding available to Community Councils to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements ***was received.***

83.4 Conwy County Borough Council: Letter regarding the attendance by Standards Committee Members at Town & Community Councils ***was received.*** Mr I. Moore from the Standards Committee had been welcomed to the meeting.

83.5 Email received from a member of the public regarding Llandudno's retail future. It was discussed that the Town Council undertook much partnership working with

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stakeholders and businesses in the Town including the Llandudno Development Partnership, Mostyn Estates Ltd, Llandudno Chamber of Trade, Healthy High Streets and the Llandudno Hospitality Association. Some of these bodies were also represented on relevant sub committees, and individual councillors were representatives on various bodies in the Town. **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to respond accordingly and to outline the partnership work undertaken by the Town Council with other bodies in the town.*

83.6 Conwy County Borough Council: Proposed Stopping up of sections of footway, Maes yr Orsedd and Maes y Cwm, Llandudno.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that Llandudno Town Council respond that it approved the proposed stopping up order.*

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

There were none received.

85. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 4th May 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.