

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 23rd June 2017, 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 M Lyon

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr I Turner

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

A minute's silence was held for the victims of the recent Tower fire and terrorist attacks.

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

8. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Billy Evans

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr H T M Saville

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

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial:
Cllr Mrs C Beard	16.1 Consultation: street designations for trading purposes	Personal Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F. Bradfield	16.1 Consultation: street designations for trading purposes	Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr Mrs L Emery	16.1 Consultation: street designations for trading purposes	Personal Member/Cabinet Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P C Evans, JP	16.1 Consultation: street designations for trading purposes	Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC, General Licensing Committee - decision making body in respect of street designations
Cllr G J T Robbins	16.1 Consultation: street designations for trading purposes	Personal Member of Conwy CBC

10. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

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11. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

Council – Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 19th May 2017 1 - 4

12. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the Annual General Meeting in May. These included: welcoming the New Miss Alice, Isabella Maddock, following the Miss Alice competition on 3rd June; the rededication of the Ted yr Ogof Memorial following its rebuild by the Town Council (Thanks were expressed to the Chairman of the Civic Sub Committee, Cllr P C Evans JP, for his work on this) and various AGM's, Services, Fairs, Coffee Mornings and a 'Pilgrim Walk'. The Mayor had also enjoyed the opening of Dylan's new restaurant and Cysgod y Gogarth gardens. A visit of schoolchildren from Ysgol Gogarth had also been welcomed to the Town Hall and a visit of Children from Chernobyl. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mr and Mrs Pearce, and all involved, for their commitment to the latter. The Mayor looked forward to welcoming Councillors and guests to his Civic Sunday.

13. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

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

Community Services & Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 5 - 24

Includes:

- Llandudno in Bloom, held 1st February 2017 (pages 10 - 13)
- Town Twinning Committee, held 7th February 2017 (pages 14 - 15)
- Fireworks Sub Committee, held 8th February 2017 (pages 16 - 17)
- Miss Alice Sub Committee, held 13th February 2017 (pages 18 - 19)
- Llandudno in Bloom, held 8th March 2017 (Pages 20 - 21)
- Llandudno in Bloom, held 12th April 2017 (pages 22 - 24)

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 7th June 2017..... 25 - 29

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 9th June 2017..... 30 - 41

It was noted that Cllr D J Hawkins was present at the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Minutes would be updated accordingly.

14. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND TRUSTS

To elect Representatives on any Outside Bodies, Schools, and Trusts for 2017-2018 for which there were still vacancies:

IT WAS RESOLVED that members be elected to represent the Town Council on the following Outside Bodies, Schools, and Trusts for 2017/18:

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North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils: Cllr Mrs Margaret Lyon. Ysgol Bodafon Governor: Cllr Mrs M Wigzell. Ysgol Craig y Don Governor: Cllr A W Bertola. Ysgol Glanwydden Governor: Cllr Mrs J Jones. The Chantrey (Relief in Need) Trust: Cllr Miss C Marubbi.

15. TO APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2016/17 AND ANNUAL RETURN

Members had been previously circulated with paperwork for the end of year accounts, including:

- Notice of the annual audit.
- Draft Statement of Accounts for 2016/17
- Annual Return 2016-17
- Annual Governance Statements
- Letter from the Wales Audit Office regarding Audits and Audit fees.
- The Internal Audit report 2017/18.

All accounts had been thoroughly internally audited and a copy of the Internal Audit Report had also been circulated and was received.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual Return, Accounting Statements and Governance Statements for the year ending 31st March 2017, as attached to the Minutes as appendix 1, be approved and submitted to the External Auditors.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to record a Vote of Thanks and support to the Town Clerk for the work on the Town Council's finances and audits.

The Town Clerk thanked members for the support but expressed concern, with reference to the Annual Governance Statements, that external audit requirements were becoming more demanding, with a much broader range of annual themes and questions on different areas of Council governance and procedures. Whilst the need for robust auditing was recognised, ensuring that all aspects were adequately in place was a challenge within existing limited staff resources. Concern was expressed by a member that the external audit was becoming more of an inspectorate and that it was understood that in England, conversely, there was more de-regulation.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to take up this concern with NAMWALC and to enquire of the position in England with NALC.

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

16.1 Consultation from Conwy County Borough Council on a proposed change in designation of prohibited streets with regard to street trading.

Cllr P C Evans, JP, and Cllr F Bradfield declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting for this item.

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the consultation. An initial verbal report was received from a member, following information sought by them from Conwy County Borough Council, that licensing was reviewing all prohibited streets in

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Conwy County, that all streets within 50m's from proposed Consent Streets had to be listed, and that the majority of streets in Conwy were consent streets. Concerns had been raised by residents that the proposals might be in connection with establishing a market, however, Conwy CBC was not aware of any such proposals. It was further reported that Consent Streets did not mean there would be traders and that potential traders would still have to go through an application process. The member was thanked for the report.

Members expressed concerns over the proposals, a wish to keep the present situation as is, and considered that there were already adequate processes in place for trading licences to be applied for. The detrimental impact of wider street trading on businesses, particularly struggling businesses, was raised with reference also made to businesses' concerns about mobile catering at the recent Extravaganza taking away business. Some members reported being contacted by residents concerned by the proposals and the impacts of street trading on the mostly residential streets. Whilst members discussed that Consent streets might not necessarily result in street trading, there were fears over what could happen in the future and the opening of 'floodgates'. Members recounted concerns from residents over the previous proposal for a market in Madoc Street, and the Town Council's objection to it on the grounds of unacceptable impact on residents and the impact of road closures. The Licensing Service was complimented in its dealing with applications for street trading but concern was expressed about any future staff changes and any proliferation of street trading that might arise. The need for caution and 'not to take the risk' was expressed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council strongly object to any change in the designation of prohibited streets to consent streets with regard to street trading, pertaining to Llandudno.

Cllr G J T Robbins asked for his abstention to be recorded in view of his role on Scrutiny Committee. Cllr F Bradfield returned to the meeting. Cllr P C Evans, JP, did not return to the meeting.

16.2 Consultation from the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority: 'Developing the Fire and Rescue Service for the future.' (response date: end July 2017)
Members were also encouraged to make their own representations.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council make representation again regarding bringing an Aerial Ladder Platform nearer to Llandudno in view of increased activities in the Town, A55 roadworks increasing travel time, and the time needed to set up the Platform.

16.3 Request from Cartrefi Conwy to give a presentation on the Tre Cwm Environmental Regeneration project and **IT WAS RESOLVED to invite them to a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.**

16.4 An email from Conwy County Borough Council requesting permission to hold a Green Flag regional event on land owned by the Town Council in Happy Valley was approved. Insurances and risk assessments had been requested and the Friends of Happy Valley were in support of the event. In order to expedite such requests in future

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council establish a Happy Valley Working Group (consisting of Ward members, the Chairmen of the three Standing Committees, and the Friends of Happy Valley) to consider

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requests to hold events on land owned by the Town Council in Happy Valley and to meet only as and when required.

16.5 Information on Conwy County Borough Council's Code of Conduct Training courses was received.

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

There were none received.

18. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 28th July 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.