

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 29th July 2016, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi –The Mayor	Cllr F Davies – Deputy Mayor
Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams	Cllr Mrs D Good
Cllr B B Bertola	Cllr Mrs I L Groom
Cllr F Bradfield	Cllr D J Hawkins
Cllr M Bullock, JP	Cllr Ms P Hebron
Cllr G Burchett	Cllr Mrs J Jones
Cllr Mrs P Burchett	Cllr Mrs M Lyon
Cllr Gl Davies	Cllr G J T Robbins
Cllr T R Davies	Cllr Mrs M Wigzell
Cllr T Dewar	Cllr M Williams
Cllr B Evans	Cllr Mrs A M Yates

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

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr G Davies	Cllr M A Pearce
Cllr P C Evans, JP	Cllr J E Ridler
Cllr Mrs J E Haworth	Cllr D N Sutcliffe
Cllr Miss A O'Grady	

Absent:	Cllr G O Roberts
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21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no interests declared.

22. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Ms P. Hebron and congratulated her on her election to Mostyn Ward. Cllr Hebron's signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly received.

23. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

24. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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25. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on key engagements attended including greeting Royal Welch Fusiliers participating in a cycle tour from Caenarfon to the Battle of the Somme commemorations at Mametz Wood, Llandudno in Bloom Schools Arts competition, a visit from a group of children from Chernobyl, and the reaffirmation Freedom Parade for the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The Mayor also reported on the annual Town Twinning exchange to Wormhout and looked forward to welcoming Councillors and guests to the forthcoming Civic Sunday Service and Parade. Members were also invited to attend the Air Training Corps 75th Anniversary Torch relay on the promenade on the 2nd August 2016.

26. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

Planning and Transportation Committee

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Finance and General Purposes Committee

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Included:

- Staffing Sub Committee, held 13th June 2016 (pages 70 - 72)

Community Services & Tourism Committee

The meeting had been cancelled due to insufficient agenda items. The following Sub Committees were presented to Council for approval:

- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 18th May 2016 73 - 76
- Miss Alice Sub Committee, held 23rd May 2016 77 - 78
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 24th May 2016 79 - 80
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 15th June 2015..... 81 - 83

27. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint representatives to the following:

27.1 The 418 (Aberconwy) Squadron, Air Training Corps. (*one representative invited*)

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Cllr G. J. T. Robbins as the Town Council representative to the 418 (Aberconwy) Squadron, Air Training Corps for 2016/17.

27.2 Llandudno Elderly People's Welfare Centre (*1 vacancy*).

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Cllr Ms P. Hebron as the Town Council representative to the Llandudno Elderly People's Welfare Centre 2016/17.

28. UPDATE ON WALES IN BLOOM

The Chairman of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams, reported on Llandudno's participation in this year's Royal Horticultural Society Wales

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in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions. Judging for Wales in Bloom had already taken place and the Chairman thanked all involved for their hard work and support. Community involvement had grown and prospered over the last couple of years, with the business sector being well represented this year. The result was not yet known but the judge had shown a good understanding of the constraints and challenges facing local government. Gogarth Ward had been submitted for the Urban City category in Britain in Bloom and judging would be held on the 12th August 2016. This entry was being progressed by Community Champions rather than by the Councils.

IT WAS RESOLVED to record a Vote of Thanks to the Llandudno in Bloom Chairman and Sub Committee, and all community and voluntary groups and individuals involved with the Bloom campaigns.

29. OFFICE ACCOMODATION

The Council was asked to consider if it wished to register an interest to Conwy County Borough Council in renting additional office space in the Town Hall that was shortly to become vacant. The space would be suitable for the Town Council and address the current lack of office and storage space. It would also improve the security of the existing Office and include a useful meeting room.

IT WAS RESOLVED to delegate to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee, and the Town Clerk, to investigate further with Conwy CBC the availability, costs, terms and conditions of any additional office space in the Town Hall.

30. RE STOCKING OF TOWN COUNCIL ENAMEL PIN BADGES

Members had been circulated with costs to replace the Town Council Enamel Pin badges as stock was currently low. It was noted that the badges were used for civic gifts as well as for members.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council purchase two hundred brass enamel badges from Recognition Express at a total cost of £450.

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

31.1 Letter received from the Welsh Government regarding the review of Community Council Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements in the County Borough of Conwy. It was noted that the Welsh Government had responded that this was a matter for the principal Council. Members were reminded that the Town Council had submitted objections to the Conwy County Borough Council consultation on the review and that this was recorded in the final proposals. Members expressed their strong concerns. Whilst it was noted that the decision had appeared to be based on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales suggestion that 'a council with an electorate of 16,000 - 19,999 should have twenty councillors,' and a comparison with Prestatyn, members expressed anger that the decision did not take into account the pro-activity of Llandudno Council, the number of sub committees, events, services and facilities provided, visitor numbers, future service devolution from County Councils, and the increasing demands of Welsh Government legislation on local councils.

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IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council write to Mr I. Davies, Chief Executive, Conwy County Borough Council, requesting a meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chairmen of the three standing Committees to discuss the Electoral Review Order for Llandudno and its implications.

31.2 A Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill – Summary of responses to the Consultation was received.

31.3 North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils: Local Government re-organisation and Boundary Changes consultation. *Response date 30th September 2016.*

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council's representatives on the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils (Cllr B B Bertola, T R Davies, and Cllr G Burchett) and Cllr Mrs M Wigzell be delegated to respond to the consultation on Local Government re-organisation and Boundary Changes.

31.4 Letter from the Post Office regarding Llandudno Crown Post Office, 14 Vaughan Street. Members did not consider that the letter fully addressed the concerns raised by Llandudno Town Council, especially over parking, and ***IT WAS RESOLVED*** to write again.

31.5 Business in the Community: Healthy High Street Programme Press release, Llandudno. Members expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Trade for their role in this and interest in the Council supporting and being involved.

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite the Llandudno Chamber of Trade to attend a relevant meeting of the Council to give a presentation on the Healthy High Street Regeneration Programme.

31.6 A One Voice Wales Conference, 1st October 2016 (*open to non members*), was received.

31.7 Consultation received from Conwy County Borough Council on the North Shore Byelaws, including permitting cycling on the promenade. Support was expressed but it was hoped that appropriate signage and cones be observed by users.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council respond to Conwy County Borough Council that it was in favour of the amendment of the North Shore byelaws to permit cycling on Llandudno North Shore Promenade, along with other appropriate amendments to the existing byelaws.

31.8 An email from Conwy County Borough Council seeking suggestions as to the siting of further recycle bins for Llandudno was received. Members were asked to submit suggestions to the Town Clerk to forward. Conwy County Borough Council would then assess site suitability.

31.9 An email was received from Conwy County Borough Council inviting the Town Council to sponsor a category for the North Wales Choral Festival, 5th November 2016, in return for its grant.

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IT WAS RESOLVED *that Llandudno Town Council sponsor the 'Just for Fun' competition in the North Wales Choral Festival, 5th November 2016.*

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

There were none received.

33. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 7th October 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.