

## COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council

Held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015, 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

The Mayor, Cllr F Bradfield

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr Mrs I L Groom

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM

Cllr F Davies

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr G Davies

Cllr J E Ridler

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

### 18. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr B Evans

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr J D Hold

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr M Williams

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

The following declaration of interest was declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr P C Evans, JP	25.1 CCBC letter regarding Local Government Reform	Personal. Chairman of CCBC Working Party which formulated the response.

### 20. URGENT ITEMS

There were none

### 21. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

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### 22. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked members for attending his Civic Sunday and that it was an excellent day in spite of the wet weather. Appreciation was expressed to the Town Band, the Parade Marshall, participating organisations, the Reverend Noel Carter and all involved.

The Town Twinning visit to Wormhout, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015, had been most enjoyable and it was hoped that the strong affiliation would long continue.

The RHS 'Wales in Bloom' judging day, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, and RHS 'Britain in Bloom' judging day, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015, were both looked forward to, as was a visit to the Town Hall by Children from Chernobyl, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

### 23. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

To approve and adopt the minutes of the following Committees:

<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u> Held on Wednesday 1st July 2015.....	60 - 63
<u>Finance and General Purposes Committee</u> Held on Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015.....	64 - 74

The Chairman provided an update on item 20.1: funding for the Phabstock Charity Festival, August Bank Holiday. The budget target of £2,000 was progressing well with the organisers, but due to further unforeseen requirements it was likely that the full allocation of £800 from the Town Council would be needed.

With regard to item 22.3, the RNLI 'Respect the water' flag was now being flown on the flagpole near the lifeboat slipway. The Clerk was asked to approach Conwy CBC to request a new Welsh flag for the Town Hall flagpole.

### 24. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2015

Members noted the clean and unqualified 2014-15 audit report received from the External Auditors, UHY Hacker Young.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council approve the Audited Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.***

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to record a Vote of Thanks to the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, and Assistant Clerk for their excellent work managing the Town Council's finances and audits.***

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

25.1 Local Government Reform – Map for North Wales: copy of response from Conwy County Borough Council to the Minister for Public Services.

Members commended the document and considered it important to discuss it in view

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of the impact of County Council mergers on Town and Community Councils, how they operate, and the services provided.

Members concurred with the points raised in the letter, and there was wide support to endorse option A outlined in the report: No merger or re-organisation is needed. Concern was expressed over the taking away of democracy and community engagement from the local population. It was commented that England seemed to be going the opposite way in devolving more power to local communities. The impact of the pre-1974 geographical demographics of Gwynedd and Clwyd was touched upon and that this had not always been in the best interests of Conwy. There was considerable synergy between Conwy and Denbighshire, such as similar demographics and interconnecting communities along the boundary, compared to Conwy and Gwynedd/Ynys Mon. Previous discussions held between Conwy and Denbighshire were noted.

The Town Council's representative on the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils also highlighted ongoing discussions on this issue at its meetings and the uncertainty over where this was heading.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council commend the report and endorse Option A: that no merger or re-organisation is needed in respect of Conwy County Borough Council. However, should local government re-organisation be inevitable, Llandudno Town Council supports Option B: a merger between Conwy and Denbighshire.***

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Minister for Public Services in support of the "Local Government Reform - Map for North Wales" submission by the leader of Conwy County Borough Council, Cllr. Dilwyn Roberts, and to send a copy to Cllr Roberts, the AM and MP.***

25.2 A letter from Mrs J E Finch-Saunders, AM, congratulating the Town Council on the excellent unveiling of the White Rabbit Statue was received.

25.3 Information on the GSK Impact Awards for community health care charities was received.

25.4 An email was received from Aberconwy Mind seeking a meeting with Town Council representatives regarding health, wellbeing and resilience of communities and ***IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Ms A. O'Grady and Cllr F. Davies be delegated to meet with Aberconwy Mind.***

25.5 An invitation from Cartrefi Conwy for Town Councillors to attend the official opening of Cysgod y Gogarth on the 21st August 2015 at 2.00pm was received. Members were asked to notify the office should they wish to attend.

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

There were none received.

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

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.