

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 6.25pm – 7.20pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllrs. G. Sandilands (Chair), K. Clewett (Vice-Chair), C. Holliday, B. Williams, A. Sampson.

Councillor Observers: A. West, P. Duffy, I. Lifford, C. Evans, J. Matthews, T. Jones MBE, A. Tomlin, R. Flynn, J. McLellan(r), J. Thompson-Hill(r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss M. Sinclair – Community Liaison Officer (Agency), Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Miss B. Shaw – Financial and Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES

140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

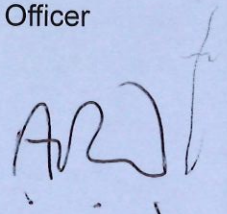
Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with the Code of Conduct legislation.

Declarations of Interest were received and forms completed as follows:

- Cllr C. Holliday declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 4 Grant Application - Benefit Advice Shop and Friends of the Railway.
- Cllr I. Lifford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 4 Grant Application - Friends of the Railway.
- Cllr C. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 4 Grant Application - Wales In Bloom, Prestatyn.
- Cllr G. Sandilands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 4 Grant Application - Friends of the Railway and Walking Festival.
- Cllr A. Sampson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 4 Grant Application - Wales In Bloom, Prestatyn.

141 COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Cllr G. Sandilands, Chair introduced this item and thanked staff for draft proposals of community events and activities 2025/26. He then invited Morgan, Community Liaison Officer to address Committee.



Community Liaison Officer explained that draft proposals included regular annual events but also included new ideas e.g. Pride Event. Due to the nature of the budget setting cycle the programme of events had been prepared based on a similar level of finance as last year, however some events/ activities would be dependent upon securing external grant funds.

Cllr C. Holliday referred to success of Teddy Bears Picnic event held in Ty Pendre last year and hoped this would be repeated. Participation in World Book Day and Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with Prestatyn Library are under active consideration.

Chairman expressed his view that community events and activities were formed by building community partnerships and that council's role should be as an enabling facilitator and working in partnership with others.

RESOLVED

- 1) That draft proposals report dated 12.02.25 be accepted for 2025/26 and that further details be prepared by officers.
- 2) That Staff be thanked for consultations and preparation work on community events/ activities programme.

142 GRANT APPLICATIONS PM60(i/ii/iii)

Details of grant applications had been circulated with agenda. During committee review of grant applications, it became evident that it was not clear on several applications which financial year the grant related to e.g. 2024/25 or 2025/26.

Locum Town Clerk advised that a review of grant process and timetabling would be of assistance to both Council and grant applicants for 2025/26.

RESOLVED

That grants be awarded as follows:

Llais Prestatyn – Defer and seek further engagement from local group.

Prestatyn, Rhyl and District U3A - Defer and seek further information about future financial sustainability from group.

Benefits Advice Shop – Defer and seek clarification on financial year of funding. Seek information on working with CAB.

(Cllr C. Holliday declared interest and retired during this item)

Friends of Prestatyn Railway Station – Grant £900.00 for 2025/26 subject to PTC budget provisions (Cllr G.Sandilands / I. Lifford/ C. Holliday declared interests and took no part in this item. Cllr. K. Clewett in Chair).

Citizens Advice Bureau - £2,500.00 for 2025/26 subject to PTC budget provisions. Seek data and statistics relating to Prestatyn and Meliden work, also information about working links with Benefits Advice Shop.

(Cllr G. Sandilands declared interest and retired during this item. Cllr. K. Clewett in Chair)

Prestatyn and District Festival of Walks - Grant £1,000.00 for 2025/26 subject to PTC budget provisions.

Prestatyn in Bloom - £1,000.00 for 2024/25 contained within budget provisions

143 PTC OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Details of North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils report on draft consultation document about future of Town and Community Council had been circulated with agenda. Cllr C. Holliday explained that the Association was seeking member council views to enable them to respond to Welsh Government. One proposal was to drastically reduce the number of smaller Town and Community Councils in Wales. Several Councillors indicated they felt many small communities valued local democracy and independence in Wales.

RESOLVED

That the item to be referred to Full Council.

144 PRESTATYN AND MELIDEN TOWN REGENERATION SUMMARY - DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Details of above summary report had been circulated with agenda. The document was a County Council position statement of significant regeneration projects planned and recently completed. It reflected a position in time and would be received annually.

Locum Town Clerk referred to a request to appoint two members to 'Levelling Up Funds' group which had been on the agenda for Full Council later tonight. It was envisaged that a dedicated Town Plan might be established to reflect a 'whole town' approach to community regeneration in future.

RESOLVED

That document be received.

Chairman 