

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Town Regeneration Committee (remote meeting)
held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 6.15pm-8.03pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: A. Sampson (Chairman), S Frobisher, M. German, G. Sandilands, G. Percival, P. Penlington, A. Tomlin, J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca, R. Flynn, P. Duffy, T. Jones, B. Murray, T. Flynn, K. Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Highfield – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Ms L. Fearn – Deputy Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer, Mr Garry Davies – DCC Countryside Services, Mr Gren Kershaw.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Davies, G. Frobisher.

105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings. Cllrs T. Jones and R. Flynn declared personal interest in item 8 – Financial Assistance Applications.

106 ALLOTMENTS IN PRESTATYN

Cllr A. Sampson, Chairman, welcomed Mr Garry Davies and Mr Gren Kershaw to the meeting and invited them to address Council

Mr G. Kershaw explained he had been a resident in Prestatyn for 37 years and for the last 10 years had been campaigning for allotments in Prestatyn. One particular area has been identified, with Denbighshire County Council in agreement, on Marine Road near Nant y Mor. There was 100% support for more allotments in survey and the pandemic highlighted the benefits of allotments to mental health. Mr G. Davies, DCC, had produced some plans and figures for distribution.

Mr Davies explained that lead in the Prestatyn area had slowed up the setting up of allotments. The old Bodnant playing fields had looked ideal, but again the lead levels are too high. This could be remedied, but as it is on a flood plain it would be more expensive – at a cost of £350k.

(Cllr P. Duffy joined the meeting at 6.27pm)

Sharon Lubine

LF It would be good to get a sponsor.

Cllr AS All in favour to support this going forward.

RESOLVED Prestatyn Town Council to support the initiative.

107 BEACH RAKE PROPOSAL

The Town Clerk explained that Andy Clarke from Denbighshire County Council had received £10k from Keep Wales Tidy to purchase a beach rake. Documents had been circulated to Councillors with agenda papers. Prestatyn Town Council had been approached for assistance in the purchase of equipment. A discussion ensued about this proposal and particularly in view of our tidal movement the majority of Councillors were against the idea. Many believed the money could be spent on better projects.

RESOLVED

- 1 After discussion and a vote on the proposal only one Councillor was in favour of supporting this project.
- 2 Town Clerk to contact Mr A. Clarke DCC accordingly.

108 BARKBY BEACH LEVELLING UP FUND

Prestatyn Town Council had received documents from Dr James Davies MP for information. Several Councillors were puzzled as to why Town Council had been approached on this subject.

RESOLVED It was confirmed the Town Clerk had brought this item to the meeting for information only.

109 MARKET SITE

The former market site in Prestatyn had recently been sold to Home Bargains. Several residents had raised enquiries about an alternative site. Cllr J Thompson-Hill explained that Prestatyn Town Council own no land and have no obligation to provide a site for a market and interested parties should approach Denbighshire County Council or private landlords regarding this matter.

RESOLVED That Prestatyn Town Council cannot involve themselves in this quest.

110 FREE PARKING DAYS

Denbighshire County Council had approached Prestatyn Town Council to nominate five days when parking would be free around the town. It was suggested that these days should be discussed by the Events Committee at their meeting next Friday. Members would need to consider events organised by the Business Forum and other groups and also the fact that Covid restrictions may well be introduced as to what events can or cannot go ahead.

