

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Town Regeneration Committee (remote meeting) held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 6.15pm-7.57pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L. Fearn – Deputy Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr Graham Kendall – Citizen's Advice, Denbighshire, Mr S. Fenner - resident

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Davies, A. Frobisher, P. Penlington, R. Flynn, G. Percival, M. German (tried to join but had technology problems),

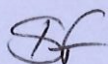
166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings.

167 CITIZEN'S ADVICE, DENBIGHSHIRE

Cllr A. Sampson, Chairman, welcomed Mr Graham Kendall from Citizen's Advice, Denbighshire to the meeting and invited him to address Committee.

Mr Kendall thanked Prestatyn Town Council for their support and explained that during lockdown the Citizen's Advice groups had moved quickly. The main issues raised were benefits and debt issues. Mr Kendall showed a slide which showed figures and statistics for the period 01.04.20-31.03.21. There had been 456 Prestatyn clients using the service. £1.5 million debt had been handled within this period. Mr Kendal showed a second slide with statistics for the period 01.04.21 – 31.01.22 showing 468 clients from Prestatyn had used the services. The figures were very similar year to year, with the main problem being benefits.



170 HIGH STREET DECORATION

Some bunting had been installed in the High Street in preparation for upcoming events such as St David's Day and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Wales in Bloom etc. Councillors showed concern that it might be damaged in the storms/bad weather plaguing the UK at the moment. Many people had also complained about the noise created by the wind.

171 PRESTATYN FLOWER SHOW

Mrs Ann Williams the organiser of Prestatyn Flower Show had submitted a letter to Prestatyn Town Council thanking them for their support over many years for this event. She also explained that it was with great sadness she would now be retiring from organising this event. Councillors discussed this news.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Mrs Ann Williams be thanked for her hard work in organising this annual event for many years
- 2) That some form of presentation be made in the near future to Mrs Williams
- 3) That Mrs L. Fearn, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Councillor S. Frobisher Mayor discuss what might be done.

172 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

- a) Friends of Prestatyn Railway Station

(Councillor G. Sandilands declared interest and left the meeting for this item)

Following discussion Councillor B. Murray proposed £1k be awarded, seconded by Councillor L. Muraca

RESOLVED Friends of Prestatyn Railway Station be awarded £1k from B4 after moving £240 from B8 Flower Show Budget since this event is no longer happening. Leaving NIL in B4

Following the award one Member raised the question of checking receipts etc and enquired if there was some system in place to check if monies awarded were spent correctly. Mrs L. Fearn, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer will make changes to the grant forms next year. Councillor A. Sampson suggested adding photographs to the website which would show support offered to local projects.

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173 PARKING AT THE RETAIL PARK

Mrs L. Fearn, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer reported she had received numerous complaints about fines received from the shopping park. She explained she had spoken to Savills and they were looking at extending the free parking from 3 to 4 hours. One Member pointed out it was a private car park over which Council had no control and another suggested it was the responsibility of the motorists to return within time limits. It was raised that people had been appreciative of Council's help.

174 PRESTATYN MARKET

The question of a market in Prestatyn had been raised recently. It was explained that having a market in town was not PTC's responsibility and would need someone to step forward and organise a group to take the proposal forward. They would need to approach DCC and Highways for permission/licences etc and produce a "real" plan for such an initiative to be considered.

RESOLVED That the request be acknowledged.

175 PLAQUES FROM THE OLD LIBRARY

Mrs L. Fearn reported that DCC have suggested putting the plaques on the wall as displayed in photograph impressions. Certain members thought the plaques would need to be placed quite high so they did not become a target for vandalism. The question of storage was raised as the old library building would soon be demolished. PTC could store them easily in the meantime.

Councillor G. Sandilands proposed that plaques be displayed on Prestatyn Town Council offices in a "good" place, seconded by Councillor G. Frobisher. All agreed. The circular plaque to go between Council offices and next door with permission granted by Mr P. Rees, with the square and rectangular plaques on the sides of the building.

