

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting on 28th
February 2024 20:15 to 20:53**

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr G. Sandilands (Chair), Cllr C. Evans, and Cllr B. Murray (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr C. Holliday, Cllr A. West (Deputy Mayor), Cllr I. Lifford,
Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin – Office Manager/Responsible Financial Officer/Acting Town Clerk,
and Miss J. Owens – Administration Officer

APOLOGIES

Cllr K. Clewett (Deputy Chair), Cllr A. Sampson, and Cllr G. German

The Chair of Community Development and Regeneration allowed members from outside the Community Development and Regeneration committee to make comments.

248 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 legislation.

NONE RECEIVED

249 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

**250 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION
11th OCTOBER 2023**

Minutes recorded as a true record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Mayor Cllr B. Murray

SECONDED: Cllr C. Evans

ALL (3) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

251 PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL VOLUNTEER FAIR

Cllr G. Sandilands presented the report for the overview of the Prestatyn Town Council Volunteer Fair on 7th February 2024. Mayor Cllr B. Murray stated how successful the event was and praised the team at Prestatyn Town Council for their hard work in arranging the event. Mr M. LeDoux said many organisations got in touch with the Council after the Fair asking to take part proving how desperate local organisations are for this type of event. Cllr G. Sandilands suggested contacting the volunteering department at Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council to see if they would be able to hold an annual Volunteer Fair at

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Prestatyn in 2024 to attract more attention. Mayor Cllr B. Murray proposed to organise volunteer fairs on a more regular basis. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin said that the next Volunteer Fair is hoping to be held at a larger venue like the function room at Prestatyn SCALA Cinema, also working with the Denbighshire Voluntary Service Council to reach the events full potential. Cllr G. Sandilands said that the Council would like to see a full complement of staff in place to manage any increase in workload with volunteer recruitment events in place before confirming any further Volunteer Fairs.

252 EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT PROPOSAL 2024

Cllr G. Sandilands presented the documents for the Prestatyn Town Council Easter Scavenger Hunt 2024 proposal. Cllr C. Evans said that the plans for the event look great. Cllr C. Holliday informed members that the Easter balloon decorations will be arranged free of cost in return for business promotion. Cllr G. Sandilands suggested to provide a positive commendation for the balloon provider since they are doing it for free, and Mayor Cllr B. Murray suggested to arrange for a bouquet of flowers to be sent to them too. Mr M LeDoux-Deakin will write a commendation from the Council.

253 D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY GUIDE AND D-DAY 2024 EVENTS PROPOSAL

Cllr B. Murray requested all members of the Community Development and Regeneration Committee have a copy of the D-Day 80th Anniversary Guide to keep, Mr. M LeDoux-Deakin provided copies. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed all members that the proposed Prestatyn Town Council D-Day 2024 event will be the biggest of the year with a window display competition, vintage street games and fair rides, concerts with vintage artists etc., hoping to replicate the celebrations of the 1940's. The Prestatyn Business Forum, Royal British Legion, Army Cadets, Air Force, and multiple other organisations have already been contacted to arrange the celebrations on the day. Cllr C. Evans suggested that crafted poppies made by the children of Ysgol Melyd can be used to decorate the village and town. Cllr G. Sandilands asked whether there is a budget for the event, Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin advised that he does not currently have the figure, but all costs will be spent within the events budget.

254 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 2024

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed all members that Cllr C. Holliday has been invited to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 31st May 2024, having had 90% votes from all other Councillors to attend. All members congratulated Cllr C. Holliday for her very well-deserved invitation.

255 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin presented the Social Media update report to all members and read through the statistics. Mayor Cllr B. Murray informed members that after visiting a local hospice during the past week, the team at the hospice expressed how easy they found it to use the Prestatyn Town Council website with so much information available to view. Cllr G. Sandilands suggested that Public Participation is promoted more on the Prestatyn Town Council website and Social Media platforms that the public are welcome to attend the monthly Council meetings, in hopes for more interaction.

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256 EVENTS REPORT

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin presented the Events report to members, explaining that the content entails information about past and upcoming events. Cllr C. Evans said that she had noticed the new Welsh flags flying outside the Prestatyn Town Council Offices, and how eye-catching they look. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin told members about the new staff lanyards that have been created, and how approachable they make staff. Cllr G. Sandilands spoke about the former reception service that was once in the Prestatyn Town Council Offices and what an important role it played with communication between the Council and residents. Mayor Cllr B. Murray agreed and said that a new reception service could be discussed for the next new council year 2024/25.

257 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin presented the Events report to members, explaining that the content entails the schedule for past and upcoming events. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin stated that One Voice Wales have been using the Prestatyn Town Council Warm Hubs Initiative as example for other Councils and have also been interviewing the Community Liaison Officer for more information about Prestatyn Town Council events. Cllr G. Sandilands said that this attention is great as funders will be attracted.

258 MAKATON FRIENDLY TRAINING

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin explained to members that Makaton is a language programme that uses signs and symbols to help people communicate with those around them. A Makaton tutor has reached out to Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin offering to provide staff and Councillors with a two-hour free training session, where sign language and symbols can be taught. Cllr C. Evans said that the training for business's in Prestatyn would benefit them and give them a chance to display Makaton in their shop windows.

Members agreed for Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin to email the provider Makaton accepting the free two-hour training session with a date, also querying how many people are allowed to attend the session.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Cllr G. Sandilands

ALL (3) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

259 DESTINATION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Cllr G. Sandilands updated members of the Destination Partnership Update meeting he attended, alongside Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin, on Tuesday 20th February 2024. Cllr G. Sandilands informed members that whilst in the meeting, he was made aware of the Considerable grant given by Welsh Government towards the new extension at the Beaches Hotel in Prestatyn. Cllr C. Evans suggested Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin contact the Destination Partnership Board to make them aware of the urgent need for hotels in Prestatyn. Mayor Cllr B. Murray mentioned the poor state of the flower troughs throughout Prestatyn, particularly the one at the bottom of the Highstreet by the clock tower. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin agreed to contact My Tidy Garden to report this.

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