

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on 9th October 2024 at 6.35pm – 7.55pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr K. Clewett (Vice Chair), Cllr C. Holliday, Cllr A. Sampson.

Observers: Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr A. West (Mayor), Cllr C. Evans, Cllr A. Tomlin, Cllr S. Frobisher,
Remote: Cllr T Jones, Cllr G. Sandilands

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Miss M. Sinclair - Administration and Support Officer, Mrs C. Ashworth - Administration and Support Officer
Miss G. Macauley – Community Liaison Officer (Events), Mrs B. Shaw – Financial and Administrations Officer

Remote: Cllr J. McLellan, Cllr J. Harland

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Cllr B. Williams, Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Cllr H. Irving, Cllr T. Jones MBE, Cllr J. Matthews

67 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.

RECEIVED - Cllr A. Sampson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of item no: 11 Ty Caradoc Lighting Repairs.

68 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE – COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Miss G. Macauley, Community Liaison Officer presented her Social Media Update reports to members (copy circulated with agenda). The reports showed Facebook had an increase of activity by 24.3% which is believed to be linked with the website links attached to the social media posts. Instagram had seen a decrease in activity. Cllr K. Clewett, Vice Chairman shared the positive feedback she had received regarding the number and range of events Prestatyn Town Council has been responsible for throughout the year to date.

RESOLVED: That Community Liaison Officer be thanked for her reports.

69 EVENTS UPDATE- COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Miss G. Macauley, Community Liaison Officer presented several reports and scheduled programme for upcoming events such as Halloween and Remembrance Day. This included an update of the planned services that are to take place in Prestatyn, Meliden and also Rhyl which Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Past Mayor's will be attending as representatives of Town Council.

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Locum Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer shared his thoughts on the recent Laughing Yoga activity which had shown surprisingly clear benefit of improving to individual health and well-being of attendees. Cllr C. Holliday shared her thoughts on the Tai Chi event which also benefited health and wellbeing. It was hoped the initial free event would encourage more participants to join and hopefully for activity to become self financing.

Miss M Sinclair, Administration and Support Officer (agency) provided update on the upcoming Christmas Light Switch On. Local schools, live acts and various entertainment have been contacted and booked to support the event. Miss M. Sinclair will also be comparing the event. Cllr C. Holliday stated how busy the marquee was in 2023 and Miss G. Macauley advised that we need more volunteers subject to DBS checks. Councillors were invited to attend the event and any volunteering by them and/or public would be appreciated.

Committee was reminded that Miss Gracie MacCauley and Mrs Courtney Ashworth would soon be leaving their posts for new jobs

RESOLVED That Miss Gracie MacCauley and Mrs Courtney Ashworth be thanked for their past service and contributions to town activities. All Councillors showed their appreciation

70 BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT

Locum Town Clerk/RFO presented details of the bus shelter refurbishment programme which included images of all bus shelters.

Cllr I. Lifford reported that he and Miss S. Clarke, Community Liaison Officer (administration/services) had visited the various locations of the bus shelter refurbishment programme, and also on good work being undertaken by its cleaning contractor Liquid Window Cleaners. He also reported that the bus shelter located on Ffordd Penrhwyfya – Cardiff Way is currently being refurbished.

Cllr C. Evans reported that she has been involved with bus shelters since 2016 and commented that they have never looked better. It was reported the bus shelter at the bottom of Manod Road, Meliden needs attention. Cllr G. Sandilands offered a positive comment regarding The Town Council investing in such assets.

RESOLVED

That bus shelter and public seats images be circulated to all Town Councillors .

71 FESTIVE ARCH – TU MUNDO

Cllr C. Holliday presented a report of a light up archway to be located at the rear of Tu Mundo on the grassy area (copy circulated with agenda) She has been working with Prestatyn Business Forum on Winterfest and they are creating a sleigh to be located in this area. It was felt that adding a light up archway would give Prestatyn an impressive look during the festive period, and hopefully increase footfall onto the high street to help businesses. Cllr C Holliday informed the committee that Denbighshire County Council and Tu Mundo had no objections to the structure. The cost proposed included the purchase of the arch structure and installation of electrical connections.

Cllr A. Tomlin reported the retail park gain more footfall and business than the high street and suggested the walkway from the retail park to the high street (by electrical Sub Station) would be a more suitable location for the structure. Cllr C. Holliday advised the alleyway area had been considered but the walkway was too narrow for installation.

Cllr A. Sampson was also supportive of the idea of something impressive to attract footfall along the footway connecting retail park to High Street. There is an opportunity and possibility to collaborate with local businesses surrounding the walkway to create something special in the future.

Miss G. Macauley has looked at umbrellas / lighting before for the walkway area in the past and has been informed that the walkway is too narrow, and a cherry picker is unable to fit in this area.

Various discussions took place about the walkway such as businesses sponsoring the structure and possible quotations. Other ideas regarding the walkway were shared including a 'yellow brick road' with low lighting. Committee discussed seeing an improved image of the archway in true form. It was reported that the Christmas lighting is on a 3 year contract. 2024 is the final year.

RESOLVED:

i) That quotation from Mega Electrical for electric installation at the rear of Tu Mundo, High Street, Prestatyn be approved in sum of £2,730.

Financial/Legal Implications: Funds within Festive Lighting budget 2024/25. Land owned by Denbighshire County Council.

ii) Purchasing of the archway to be considered at next Finance & Management Committee meeting due to budgetary pressures

Proposed: Cllr K. Clewett

Seconded: Cllr C. Holliday

72 WALES IN BLOOM

Locum Town Clerk shared Wales in Bloom competition results 2024. Prestatyn had been awarded a Silver Gilt.

Cllr A. Sampson felt there was a lack of variety within some of the floral displays. Going forward, a rationalised approach with use of more sustainable planting with perhaps more colour around edges should be considered..

Cllr C. Evans reported that the displays this year were not satisfactory, however, the flowerbeds had been weed free.

Cllr I. Lifford and Cllr C. Evans are currently discussing ideas and plans for 2025.

The Locum Town Clerk/RFO enquired about council plans for two tier planters over the winter period.

RESOLVED:

i) That the 20x 2 tier planters situated around Prestatyn and Meliden be planted with winter bedding. Councillors and local business will be invited to adopt a planter and to assist planting/ tending over winter period.

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ii) That Cllrs I Lifford and C. Evans to assist with arranging purchase of winter bedding and coordinating voluntary action to assist with planting etc.

Financial/Legal Implications: Provisional costs estimate £700.00 to be within budget 2024/5.

iii) That Councillors be provided with location of planters throughout town

73 PRESTATYN YOUTH FORUM

Cllr A. West (Mayor) reported attending the Community Forum Anti-Social Behaviour meeting held at Prestatyn High School. He explained that the Police had reported a quiet summer holiday regarding anti-social behaviour. However, the problem is still afoot. Children are looking for activities to do but highlighted the cost, time and age range of activities. Various organisations are involved in this movement and all working to achieve the same result for the youth of the town. This is ongoing programme of work to improve services and understanding of young peoples concerns and services for town. An action Plan produced by Youth Forum had been circulated with agenda.

Cllr A. Tomlin enquired if there were minutes from the meetings. Locum Town Clerk/RFO advised that he was not aware of formal minutes but a series of actions and brief outlines of proceedings. Due to nature of partnerships being formed and sensitive third party material he would need to check with Jo Wynne-Eyton, Community Focused Schools Manager, Prestatyn High School about sharing information.

Cllr S Frobisher advised that in case of excluded pupils actions were in place to assist those individuals although this was not always taken up or effective so alternatives would be welcome. Some alternative service provision and community based activity was being considered.

RESOLVED That Committee welcomes the developing community partnership approach to tackling anti social behaviour and alternative service youth provision.

74 .BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025/26

Councillors were invited identify any significant changes to service and/or new projects/services to be considered during budget setting process 2025/6..

Locum Town Clerk/RFO reported upon communication from DCC regarding a significant rise in car park subsidy required from council for short term free parking in the town. Discussions ensued regarding Ty Nant and Fern Avenue free parking. Cllr C. Holliday is awaiting information regarding specifics of the car parking at Ty Nant and how many NHS car parking spaces have been allocated.

The Locum Town Clerk/RFO also reported upon the high cost of repairing the town clock following quotation recently received. Cllr A. Tomlin asked if the minor repair work undertaken last year to the town clock is still under guarantee, and this will need to be should be checked. The clock had been in place since 1996 and was part of town's centenary Discussion also took place on possible use of local colleges to assist with clock engineering repair work project.

Committee referred to the need for defibrillators at each of the towns community centres.

75 TY CARADOC LIGHTING REPAIRS

Locum Town Clerk/RFO reported upon four quotations received. Committee queried significant cost difference and felt cheapest quotation was based on different specification to the other three quotes. That quotation specification be updated and all parties invited to provide revised quotation.

RESOLVED: That all parties be invited to provide revised quotation based upon updated specification.



