

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on 10th July 2024 18:25 to 19:45.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr B. Murray (Chairman), Cllr K. Clewett (Vice Chair), Cllr E. Heaton, Cllr C. Holliday, Cllr A. Sampson.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Miss J. Owens – Administration and Support Officer, Miss G. Macauley – Community Liaison Officer, Miss B. Shaw – Finance and Administration Officer, and Public.

Remote: Cllr T. Jones MBE

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Cllr B. Williams, Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Cllr J. McLellan, Cllr H. Irving, Cllr S. Frobisher.

33 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.

34 PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

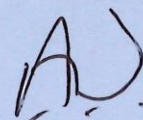
Cllr Bob Murray, Chairman presented a Community Recognition Award to Ms Julia Smith for all her hard work for Offa's Paddock Catering alongside her colleague Steve O'Brien who catered for the Winter Warm Hubs Initiative. Prestatyn Community work had been identified as an exemplar initiative by One Voice Wales.

(Ms J. Smith left the meeting after presentation. Mr S O'Brien was unable to attend tonight's meeting).

35 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE – COMMUNITY LIASION OFFICER

Miss G. Macauley, Community Liaison Officer presented her Social Media Update reports to members (copies circulated with agenda). Cllr B. Murray referred to the success of the Prestatyn Town Council D-Day Event that took place on 8th June 2024 and thanked all staff and volunteers for their help on the day of this event.

RESOLVED That Community Liaison Officer be thanked for her reports.

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36 EVENTS UPDATE

Miss G. Macauley, Community Liaison Officer presented several reports and scheduled programme for upcoming events. Miss G. Macauley referred to concept of Summer Sandcastle Competition and Family Fun Day proposals and asked members for comment.

RESOLVED That Summer Sandcastle Competition and Family Fun Day proposals be supported and organised as events for Summer 2024.

Financial/Legal/Other Implications: Costs to be determined and subject to existing budget provisions 2024/25 Legal Implications: Permission will be required from DCC and landowners. Other Implications Risk assessment/ volunteer assistance.

Proposed: Cllr K. Clewett

Seconded: Cllr A. Sampson

(All six voting committee members agreed)

37 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY FORUM ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MEETING

Locum Town Clerk informed members that the Community Forum Anti-Social Behaviour meeting held at Prestatyn High School had been successful in getting many different parties and organisations to work together (extracted details of meeting circulated with agenda). Both Cllr West, Mayor and Community Liaison Officer had also been in attendance.

He explained that Prestatyn Town Council could be invited to work with various statutory and voluntary sector groups in the future to help promote community/town events that other groups organise or promote. The concept is to provide opportunities and encourage participation from young people to join in local community activities. Cllr B. Murray, Chairman reported that Prestatyn Town Football Club will be arranging a lot of summer holiday activities for children in the community arising from this approach at no cost to Prestatyn Town Council.

38 TOWN PROJECTS 01.07.24

Locum Town Clerk presented the Town Projects Listing 01.07.24 (copy circulated with agenda)

Speed Indicator Devices – locations put forward to DCC Highways and awaiting feedback on four sites regarding suitability.

Bus Shelters – work currently in progress and are hoping to be complete by September. Five bus shelters have been vandalised with graffiti since the last inspection and will require attention

Local Places for Nature Project - Cllr I. Lifford outlined the current status for Prestatyn Town Council's grant application for the Local Places for Nature grant. He advised that a meeting is going to be held between himself, Cllr C. Evans, Mr N. Acott, Miss S. Clarke – Community Liaison Officer, and Ms Rachel Carter – One Voice Wales Local Places for Nature Officer, so Ms R. Carter, One Voice Wales can provide the Council with further advice on next steps.

Jubilee Community Centre – outline plan of car park layout shown with details of proposed line markings being sought by community centre management association was shown Provisional quotes had been received for this work, but members queried integrity of current tarmac and if repair work was required prior to markings. Further assessment and clarification of costs to be sought.

Warren Drive, Prestatyn – reconstruction and refurbishment of dilapidated buildings into business units welcomed. Potential for significant number of new jobs in town.

(Cllr G. Sandilands and Cllr T. Jones MBE remotely left the meeting at 18:44 due to technical difficulties. Cllr G. Sandilands returned to the meeting at 18:48).

39 PUBLIC TOILETS IN DENBIGHSHIRE

Denbighshire County Council had produced a consultation paper regarding the future of public conveniences throughout area (copy circulated with agenda). Each town had its own sub-section detailing present service arrangements and highlighting the need to make public conveniences sustainable as county council were unlikely to be able to afford future maintenance and running costs.

Surprisingly, data used to assess need in Prestatyn town had shown that there was a shortfall of this service for Prestatyn/Meliden area.

During discussion several aspects were raised including insufficient service to meet current needs, possibility of DCC closing toilets to save money, public conveniences did not class a statutory service e.g discretionary, impact of toilet facilities upon tourism e.g loss of blue flag status would have adverse impact on tourism and visitors walking Offas Dyke Path. The possibility of community asset transfer was raised, alongside level of income from possible introduction of/increase in user service charges.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council requesting further information about their future plans for this service, and also indicating that Prestatyn Town Council is willing to participate in further discussion.

40 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM – LOWER HIGH STREET

Cllr B. Murray, Chairman, informed members that he was awaiting a meeting with Denbighshire County Council Officer Ben Wilcox-Jones soon to discuss the lower High Street traffic system. Cllr J. Harland (present as member of public) was invited to speak and informed members that the new system was put in place to make pedestrian and cyclists crossings safer and easier. Members expressed their disappointment in the fact the new system had not been sent to Prestatyn Town Council for consultation.

RESOLVED

1) That Council await Denbighshire County Council Officer Ben Wilcox-Jones' response following his meeting with Cllr B. Murray.

2) That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council expressing concern at lack of Town Council consultation prior to this work, and need to educate public and members to understand the reasoning behind this work.

41 REVIEWS OF 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

Cllr I. Lifford informed Councillors of his email to Denbighshire County Council Officer Emlyn Jones stating his suggestion for Victoria Road, Prestatyn to revert from 20mph to 30mph under the Phase one listening phase.

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It was also highlighted that Denbighshire Member Area Groups would be involved in determining any future changes.

RESOLVED That Council acknowledges Cllr I. Lifford's email and Locum Town Clerk write to Denbighshire County Council to query what speed limits are being considered for reversal/change as part of this process.

(Cllr J. Harland left the meeting at 19:30)

42 MELIDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE ELECTRICAL WORKS

Meliden Community Association had enquired if the surgery that was attached to centre could be given a separate service isolator switch for both electric and water supplies. They had also asked for permission to install a hearing loop system and details provided to council. The cost of hearing loop would be met by Community Association.

RESOLVED

1) That Meliden Community Centre Association be granted permission to install Hearing Loop from named reputable supplier.

2) That cost of electrical works be further considered and quotes for separate water supply stopcock also be obtained.

Financial/Legal/Other Implications: Town council own building which is on long term lease to Meliden Community Association who run facility on day-to-day basis

43 FIVE DAYS FREE PARKING 2024

Committee was asked to consider the five free car parking days granted annually by Denbighshire County Council. Previously these days had been used over the Christmas Festive period.

RESOLVED

That the free parking dates be approved as follows subject to DCC agreement:

Friday 29th November 2024
Saturday 30th November 2024
Sunday 1st December 2024
Tuesday 24th December 2024
Saturday 4th January 2025

Proposed: Cllr A. Sampson
Seconded: Cllr K. Clewett
(All five voting committee members agreed)

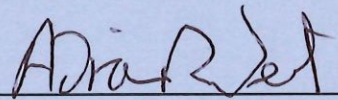
44 TY PENDRE – RENTAL HIRE

Locum Town Clerk informed committee that Ms V. Wells, Working Poor/Isolation/Poverty Group who are currently renting Ty Pendre had provided very positive feedback from their current use of building. It was explained that the initial trial rental period was for three months, however this would expire during council's summer recess. The Group had enquired if the rental period could be extended.

RESOLVED That the Working Poor/Isolation/and Poverty Group rental hire for Ty Pendre be extended for a further three months.

(Cllr A. Tomlin requested that all voting committee member's names are put on each agenda in future to assist when voting)

Mayor/Chair

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