

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 18.15pm – 20.52pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: T. Jones MBE (Mayor & Chair), B. Murray (Deputy Mayor & Vice Chair), B. Williams, C. Holliday, A. West, A. Tomlin, I. Lifford, C. Evans, J. Matthews, G. Sandilands, J. McLellan, and G. German.

Remote: H. Irving, S. Frobisher. and K. Clewett.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. L. Fearn – Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs. S. Hembrough – Office Manager, Miss. S. Clarke – Community Liaison Officer, Miss. GM. Macauley - Community Liaison Officer, Rev D. Ash – Chaplain, Mr. R. King MBE, Millie and Penny, Mr. Hughes (Grandparent), Millie and Penny's Parents, Members of Friends of The Railway and Mr. M. Fearn – Member of the Public.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: A. Sampson, E. Heaton, and J. Thompson-Hill.

304 PRAYERS

Rev D. Ash Easter prayer.

Rev D. Ash left the meeting 18:19pm.

305 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.

Cllr C. Holliday declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix ii Minute Number 311 Friends of Prestatyn Railway Grant Application.

Cllr G. Sandilands declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix ii Minute Number 311 Friends of Prestatyn Railway Grant Application.

Cllr I. Lifford declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix ii Minute Number 311 Friends of Prestatyn Railway Grant Application.

Cllr I. Lifford declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix iii Minute Number 312 Friends of The Ffrith Grant Application.

Cllr J. McLellan declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix iii Minute Number 312 Friends of the Ffrith Grant Application.

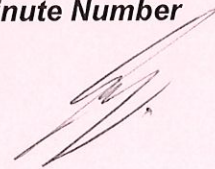
Cllr G. German declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix iii Minute Number 312 Friends of the Ffrith Grant Application.

Cllr B. Murray declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix iii Minute Number 312 Friends of the Ffrith Grant Application.

Cllr G. German declared a personal interest in item 8 Appendix iv Minute Number 313 Jubilee Community Centre Grant Application.

Cllr B. Murray declared a personal interest in item 8 appendix iv Minute number 313 Jubilee Community Centre Grant Application.

Cllr J. Matthews declared a personal interest in item 13 Appendix x Minute Number 319 Quote Street Furniture Painting.



Cllr J. McLellan declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 Appendix vi Minute Number 315. Prestatyn High School request for financial support.

Cllr S. Frobisher declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 Appendix vi Minute Number 315. Prestatyn High School request for financial support.

Cllr K. Clewett declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 Appendix vi Minute Number 315. Prestatyn High School request for financial support.

306 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public present, no participation.

NONE RECEIVED.

307 MR ROD KING MBE 20'S PLENTY FOR US

Mr. King MBE addressed the Council regarding the new legislation for 20mph speed limit across Wales. The legislation was passed last July, which will become effective on September 17th, 2023. There are Zoom Meetings on the 17th of every month, until its launch on September 17th, 2023.

Cllr J. McLellan thanked Mr. King MBE for attending and being an advocate for this initiative, welcoming the new legislation, despite 'keyboard warriors' and encouraged the council to not have a heated debate about this.

Cllr J. Matthews emphasised the safety when driving to the speed limits, plus benefits to the community; reducing air pollution and hoping when the new speed limit is in place, it will encourage more people to walk rather than using their cars, thus enhancing health benefits for residents.

Mr. King MBE explained benefits to everyone, children, elderly old walking to the shops, etc. The more debate held will help the communities adapt to the change.

Cllr A. West was in favour for the change and pointed out that traffic around schools is 20mph, but they are still driving at 30mph, and questioned how it would be enforced.

Mr. King MBE explained Wales are lucky to have Go Safe organisation which will help educate and enforce. Jason Williams, from Go Safe, is speaking at a meeting 17th April 2023.

Cllr I. Lifford questioned why the delay and was £35million evaluation of data well spent.

Mr. King explained the timescale changed was due to the legislation implementation being postponed until this September not April engagement started in March. The data is transparent. Other countries like Spain have 30kmph, where there are no pavements 20kmph.

Cllr G. German wants to ensure public buy in, to explain to the community the reasons behind this.

Mr. King MBE the community views need to be changed in the way they experience society. Walking to school and being detached from driving emphasising that their journey time is the same.

Cllr B. Williams enquired about the exception to the legislation.

Mr. King MBE informed members there is a criterion for exceptions and will email the Town Clerk the information.

Cllr G. Sandilands asked about how to reply to any negativity received.

Mr. King MBE accept that some people will be against. However, statistics show that 75% of people agree with this change.

Cllr A. Tomlin queried the enforcement of this, as people need to adjust.

Mr. King MBE said there will be a 'soft' approach.

Cllr C. Holliday if travelling at a lower speed limit will be detrimental to being greener.

Mr. King MBE said there is a very minimal difference when travelling at 20mph rather than 30mph. Acceleration has more impact.

Cllr H. Irving discussed the possible theories behind this on why people should be encouraged to slow down.

Cllr T. Jones MBE (Mayor) thanked Mr. King MBE for attending their meeting.

Cllr J. Matthews requested that when promoting this initiative, the areas affected will be made public.

Town Clerk asked members if they would like to support the initiative by buying signs for displaying in the office and community centre.

Mr. King MBE the signs are to make people aware of the change coming.

Mr. King MBE asked the Council to nominate a Councillor to join and investigate this a lot more.

Town Clerk will circulate the newsletter again to members.

RESOLVED.

Mr. R. King MBE left at 18.57pm.

308 MINUTES FOR FULL COUNCIL 8TH MARCH 2023

The minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 8th March 2023 were accepted and signed. Cllr G. Sandilands was not present at last meeting so enquired about the Coronation Nomination Minute Number 279.

Town Clerk explained the forms were circulated to all members for them to vote, not for the Council to do.

Cllr C. Evans asked what the submission date was.

Town Clerk will confirm deadline and resend the form to all members.

Cllr G. German asking if Ms. J. Wynne-Eyton, Community Focus Manager, at Prestatyn High School will be presenting to members.

Town Clerk has asked for her to attend June's meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Holliday.

SECONDED: Cllr B. Murray.

ALL (15) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED.

309 URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Cllr C. Evans announced on behalf of Prestatyn in Bloom she had applied for a grant and was successful. It is to be used for buying sustainable plants. The Coronation Gardens will have trees replanted and The Ffrith will have their planters replaced.

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310 MAYAROL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Mayor presented Millie and Penny with certificates and a gift voucher each for their outstanding community contribution for litter picking across Prestatyn beach.

MEMBERS CONGRATULATED MILLIE AND PENNY.

Grandparents/Parents of Millie and Penny along with Millie and Penny left at 18.59pm.

Mr. M. Fearn left at 18.59pm.

311 GRANT APPLICATION FROM FRIENDS OF PRESTATYN RAILWAY

Cllr I. Lifford, G. Sandilands and C. Holliday left the room at 19.05pm.

Cllr C. Evans stated that the group does a fantastic job and should be commended for it.
Cllr G. German said that the railway is at the heart of our community, and it is one of the first things that people see when they come to Prestatyn and welcomes this.
Town Clerk updated members that the grant request is now only for £1,200 not as the grant application states £1,500, since the group had received a donation of £326 from PBF.
Grant of £1,200 - £500 for the book and £700 for plants.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews.

SECONDED: Cllr B. Murray.

**ALL (12) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
RESOLVED.**

Cllr I. Lifford, G. Sandilands and C. Holliday returned at 19.09pm.

312 GRANT APPLICATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE FFRITH

Cllr I. Lifford, G. German, and B. Murray declared an interest and left the room at 19.10pm.

Members supported the grant application of £500.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews.

SECONDED: Cllr G. Sandilands.

**ALL (12) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
RESOLVED.**

Cllr I. Lifford, G. German, and B. Murray returned at 19.13pm.

313 GRANT APPLICATION FROM JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr B. Murray and G. German declared an interest and left the room at 19.14pm.

Cllr J. Matthews said she couldn't find a breakdown and would have preferred to have seen more costings and quotes for the work relating to the £7,700 funding request before giving the grant to understand where the money would be spent.

Cllr C. Evans did not think that the grant was a necessity.

Cllr S. Frobisher stated that she has seen the costings.

Town Clerk advised limited spare budget, as funds were going towards renovating Ty Pendre (CAT). Maybe able use other budget lines.

Town Clerk to request for supporting evidence of costs and add to June meeting's agenda.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews.

SECONDED: Cllr A. Tomlin.

**ALL (13) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIT FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION.
RESOLVED.**

Cllr B. Murray and Cllr G. German returned at 19.23pm.

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314 GRANT FUNDING BUDGET

Town Clerk explained the budget available for the above grant requests:

Nominal 4810 Grant existing organisations £3,000

Nominal 4930 Community Centre Improvements £12,000

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315 PRESTATYN HIGH SCHOOL

Cllr K. Clewett and Cllr. S. Frobisher remotely, and Cllr J. McLellan left the room at 19.27pm.

Cllr G. Sandilands asked if this was a grant application.

Town Clerk informed the Council that this is not a grant, it is to provide financial contribution of £930 to a project to provide breakfast, similar to the play sessions approved by Council last month.

Ms. J. Wynne-Eyton is running it and will manage the funds. The pupils do not qualify for other financial support.

Cllr J. Matthews said it would have been more useful if she knew more about it.

Town Clerk explained the appendix was submitted and no more information was received as Mrs J. Wynne-Eyton was unable to attend March's meeting due to being in hospital.

Cllr G. German commented that students have not recovered since the pandemic, and it is in fact the current year 11's sitting their exams who have been affected.

Ms. J. Wynne-Eyton is paid by the Welsh Government under DCC.

Cllr I. Lifford asked if anyone had asked the children what they wanted to eat instead of someone choosing on their behalf.

Town Clerk said she was unsure.

Cllr G. Sandilands was in favour of the idea.

Cllr J. Matthews enquired when J. Wynne-Eyton will be addressing the Council.

Town Clerk informed the Council that she will be presenting to members in June.

Cllr A. West was fully supportive of the idea saying it would set the pupils up for the day ahead.

Cllr G. German the attendance is much lower, students are coming up to exam season and they are arriving to school hungry.

Cllr B. Williams makes worrying reading the pupils are hungry.

Cllr I. Lifford is this a one-off payment.

Cllr A. Tomlin it is not clear as a one-off payment, or over a certain period, do they need extra support?

Town Clerk not sure for next year, this is just for the current year 11's.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews.

SECONDED: Cllr A. Tomlin.

ALL (12) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED.

Cllr K. Clewett and Cllr S. Frobisher remotely, and Cllr J. McLellan returned at 19.34pm.

316 TENDERS ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPING AND STREET FURNITURE

Cllr C. Evans read out her concerns over accepting My Tidy Gardens tender, she said their work was a disgrace over the past 12 months, and has no confidence in them delivering the contract requirements at that price.

Also, unsure how they can quote less than they charged this year when more flower beds are included. This is not sustainable, and they will go bust.

Cllr G. Sandilands was shocked that My Tidy Garden is still involved, also has no confidence in the company, and does not want the company to go bust during the summer season. Cllr B. Murray agreed with Cllr C. Evans saying that this company will go bust due to the price they are charging for maintenance.

Cllr J. Matthews said it is unfortunate to be discussing it now should have been discussed at the last meeting. Not feasible on £19,000 to do the work required and Councillors need to be confident in their ability to deliver the work.

Cllr B. Murray agreed with Cllr J. Matthews and said this have been done far too late and added can't do the work for that money.

Cllr J. Matthews wants to be confident that this is the right tender for the job and agrees with the comments made by Cllr. Evans, maybe start earlier in the future to get tenders quotes. Town Clerk explained tenders opened with Cllr C. Holliday and Cllr A. Tomlin present. Had emailed tenders to Cllr C. Holliday and Cllr I. Lifford. Only a few tenders received, time made no difference, you can't force companies to submit a tender, lots of companies approached and invited to tender. Disappointed DCC did not submit a tender after attending a meeting and promising they would.

Cllr C. Evans wants this company to be interviewed so he (Alvin) understands the job requirements and job responsibility.

Cllr C. Holliday agreed and reminded members that this is their biggest financial expenditure, and it needs to be right, and said she had not seen the quote for the tender.

Cllr A. Tomlin said it's unfair to say that they can't do this job when we don't know. Maybe they should be given the chance.

Cllr B. Williams asked if the payment is paid upfront or if he can be paid on a completion of work, when does the contract commence? Added maybe we should give them chance as members do not know if the company is going to go bust.

Town Clerk said payments will be made monthly on receipt of invoices, which will have attached monthly work sheets to report work covered. Work to commence immediately. The contract they will be entering is legally binding will be held accountable through regular reporting to Town Clerk.

Cllr I. Lifford informed the Council that this was his previous profession and said he is willing to attend the meeting. He added a lot of work has gone into the tender, and people do come to Prestatyn and say what a lovely town, a discussion is needed regarding the quality and dedication to the work.

Cllr A. Tomlin proposed a meeting to confirm the contents of the tender, value £19,260 (all landscaping including Boulevard and Pendre Gardens) per year with supplier, Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr C. Evans, and the Town Clerk, a date was agreed 18th April 2023 at 11.00am, at Prestatyn Town Council Offices.

Town Clerk proposed Pottles to supply plants at a cost of £5,270 per year.

Town Clerk proposed Plantscape to supply tiered planters, troughs, and hanging baskets at a cost of £10,412 per year.

Town Clerk proposed GSL to maintain benches, alleyways, signs, and notice boards at a cost of £7,105 per year.

Town Clerk had a meeting with the GSL and Nathan agreed to reduce the invoice charges for this year by £1,700 due to work not all carried out as per contract 2022/23.

County Council have confirmed they are cleaning bus shelters this week at no charge and carrying out an audit. Town Clerk will bring the report to a future meeting detailing the recommendations of required renovation work. Possibly look at having children's artwork on the bus shelters promoting careful driving in the town.

PROPOSED: Cllr G. Sandilands.

SECONDED: Cllr G. German.

**ALL (15) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
RESOLVED.**

Cllr K. Clewett left at 20.05pm.

Cllr K. Clewett returned at 20.08pm.

317 SPEED INDICATOR DISPLAY

Cllr G. Sandilands has problems in his ward with speeding and emailed the Town Clerk to ask for funds to be identified to support this long-term initiative. Denbighshire County Council Officers can obtain the SIDs for £4,000. Agreed that it is not worth installing SIDs until data collated and new speed limit is introduced.

Cllr J. Matthews stated that all wards should have one of these and should be ready to be implemented from late September after new speed legislation becomes legal.

Cllr B. Williams said it would be a fabulous addition to the community.

Cllr C. Holliday supported the notice to 'Thank' drivers for driving carefully/slowly.

Cllr G. German agreed they are effective.

Cllr H. Irving suggested about obtaining data for Central Ward.

Cllr K. Clewett told the Council that she has been in talks with Denbighshire County Council about her ward and that it should be something they have as they are environmentally friendly and is operated by solar panels.

Town Clerk will liaise with Denbighshire County Council Officer Ben Wilcox-Jones, request data to be collated for all of Prestatyn so the most needed areas can be identified and then presented to Council in a future meeting for members to agree where they need to be installed.

PROPOSED: Cllr G. Sandilands.

SECONDED: Cllr H. Irving.

**ALL (15) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
RESOLVED.**

Cllr S. Frobisher left at 20.15pm.

318 QUOTE HEALTH & SAFETY

Town Clerk advised that Croner has quoted £153.30 per month for Health and Safety cover only on a 5-year contract. HR is presently charged at £144.83 per month 1 year left on existing contract. Obtained a quote for HR and HS for £264.31 per month for a 5-year contract, equates to only costing an extra £119.48 per month to add on HS cover for the next 5 years both contracts to run parallel for the 5-year duration.

PROPOSED: Cllr C Evans

SECONDED: Cllr J. Matthews

**ALL (15) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
RESOLVED**

319 QUOTE STREET FURNITURE PAINTING

Town Clerk provided an overview what painting was needed for street furniture after carrying out a comprehensive audit.

James Sumner quote of £4,390 was discussed as the favourable option. Noted does not include gold leaf painting for lettering.

Cllr A. Tomlin requested that it is the same shade of green.

Town Clerk replied quote is for 'Prestatyn Town Council Green'.

Cllr G. Sandilands asking about planning policy, conservation area Prestatyn green, that what they specify.

Town Clerk to enquire with Denbighshire County Council.

Cllr T. Jones MBE asked regarding gold leaf painting.

Town Clerk explained this excluded gold leaf painting. Quote will be provided for gold leaf painting if it is found to be necessary after posts painted.

Town Clerk reminded members that play areas are being painted for £5,000 as previously approved.

PROPOSED: Cllr I. Lifford

SECONDED: Cllr A. Tomlin

ALL (15) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED.

320 QUOTE BENCH REPAIRS GSL

Town Clerk advised that nearly all benches need attention as removed painting. The cost would be spread across several months.

Agreed to accept GSL quote for £10,275

PROPOSED: Cllr A. West.

SECONDED: Cllr I. Lifford.

ALL (15) MEMBERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED.

321 ACCOUNTS MONTH 12 APRIL 2023

Cllr G. German stated that the outstanding balance for The Scala is still very high. Enquired about usage.

Town Clerk advised 10 years left on loan. Town Clerk has contacted Scala to use facilities, Warm Hubs, Halloween, etc. The Scala have been very accommodating and provided the usage of facilities free of charge.

Town Clerk advised regarding Warm Hubs has cost approximately £7,500 to the Council. Grants received have been £9,000. Project operated for 16 weeks and served nearly 3,500 meals.

Cllr J. Matthews asked why they are discussing finances now and this has not been scheduled for a Finance and Management meeting.

Town Clerk mentioned it was year-end, it was matter of urgency due to preparing for the end of year so it could not wait, as internal auditors are scheduled in May.

Town Clerk advised F&M will be part of Full Council as accounts must be brought to Full Council for approval.

Town Clerk stated the total figure on the reports issued has changed by £100; £10.00 journal entry and £90.00 invoice received from DCC.

MTH 12 Income £511,052

Budget £513,772

MTH 12 Expenditure £479,714

Budget £553,635

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MTH 12 Saving £31,338 Budget (£39,863) Variance £71,201

Noted £8,168.62 credit from SSE for the past few years charging for a meter that was removed when Chambers was built.

PROPOSED: Cllr A. Tomlin.

SECONDED: Cllr C. Holliday.

**ALL (15) MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
APPROVED.**

322 VIREMENTS

Town Clerk advised £3,198 to be transferred to correct nominals in 2023/23 Virement 7.

Town Clerk advised future virements in 2023/24 will be needed to correct the cost relating to nominals 4605, 4620, 4625, 4630, and 4635 after accepting tenders total £5,503 as per table 2 appendix xiv.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans.

SECONDED: Cllr B. Murray.

**All (15) MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
APPROVED.**

323 BACS APPROVAL BACS 16, M7 and P12

Cllr B. Murray asked about donations.

Town Clerk explained all donations for Mayor's Charity need to be transferred to Charity Bank Account.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans.

SECONDED: Cllr B. Murray.

**All (15) MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
APPROVED.**

324 HEATING

Town Clerk explained to members that a quote was obtained for £8,395 plus VAT from CHRES.

Cllr A. Tomlin knows suppliers and will share details with the Town Clerk for alternative quotes.

Town Clerk to obtain more quotes.

Cllr J. Matthews asked the Council if this could wait until the next F&M meeting due to the significant cost.

Town Clerk to bring quotes back to Full Council.

Cllr G. Sandilands asked whether this was a Council owned building.

Town Clerk replied yes, it is Ty Caradoc, not Ty Pendre.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews.

SECONDED: Cllr G. Sandilands.

**All (15) MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
APPROVED.**

Mayor/Chair _____

