

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 13th March 2024 18:15 to 20:04

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr B. Murray (Chair & Mayor), Cllr A. West (Deputy Mayor & Deputy Chair),
Cllr K. Clewett, Cllr C. Holliday, Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr A. Tomlin, Cllr C. Evans, Cllr E. Heaton,
Cllr J. Matthews and Cllr A. Sampson

Remote Councillors: Cllr H. Irving, Cllr G. Sandilands, Cllr T. Jones MBE,
and Cllr S. Frobisher

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin – Office Manager, Miss J. Owens – Administration Officer,
Rev D. Ash, Mr M. Trainer, Sherratt Group, Ms V. Wells and her sister, Cllr J. Harland, Ms L.
Ward-Hughes, and members of friends of the Prestatyn Railway.

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Mayor Cllr B. Murray welcomed all Councillors.

APOLOGIES

Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Cllr G. German, Cllr J. McLellan, and Cllr B. Williams

PRAYERS

Rev D. Ash said prayers.

260 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 I. Lifford declared a declaration of interest on item 6 Appendix v Minute number 279.

Cllr C. Holliday declared a declaration of interest on item 6 Appendix v Minute number 277.

Cllr C. Holliday declared a declaration of interest on item 6 Appendix v Minute number 281.

Cllr G. Sandilands declared a declaration of interest on item 6 Appendix v Minute number 281.

Rev D. Ash left the meeting at 18:22.

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin reminded Councillors of the need to send their meeting apologies correctly by reporting to the proper Officer with notice.

261 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public present, participation received; Cllr A. Tomlin proposed Mr M. Trainer participate in the meeting to discuss the 20mph speed limit on Meliden Road A457.

PROPOSED: Cllr A. Tomlin

SECONDED: Cllr A. Sampson

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr M. Trainer expressed how the 20mph speed limit on Meliden Road between Tiny Tots Nursery and Saint Melyd Church is too slow. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed all that the Town Council is not responsible for setting speed limit restrictions. Cllr J. Matthews said that as a Denbighshire County Council representative of Meliden, she appreciates all feedback and will report it back to the Community Scrutiny meeting held in June 2024 that public can also attend. Cllr C. Evans said that the turning into and from Tiny Tots' Nursery is very narrow, and if the speed limit were to increase above 20mph, it would increase danger levels. Cllr G. Sandilands said that public can attend the Community Scrutiny meeting held in June 2024 and encouraged public to attend more community meetings in general. Mr M. Trainer acknowledged the fact that he is welcome to attend the Community Scrutiny meeting, and thanked Councillors for this information.

262 PRESENTATION FROM VERONICA WELLS ABOUT WORKING POOR, ISOLATION, AND POVERTY

Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West proposed that the presentation from Veronica Wells commence.

PROPOSED: Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West

SECONDED: Cllr C. Holliday

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms V. Wells introduced herself to all as a volunteer within Prestatyn Town for the past 27 years helping deal with poverty within the community. Ms V. Wells and five other volunteers run a community FoodShare at the Prestatyn Festival Church every Saturday for residents within Prestatyn and Meliden, also attending to residents requiring emergency food out of hours, and voluntarily work alongside the social services too. Additionally, Ms V. Wells runs a School Uniform exchange for children in Prestatyn and Meliden, where school uniforms are provided free of charge. The current space being used is being sold by auction and she may have to vacate the premises with weeks' notice. And fifteen months ago, she started to ask if Ty Pendre could be used. Since then, Ms V. Wells said she has constantly contacted Prestatyn Town Councillors, Prestatyn Town Clerk, County Councillors, and James Davies MP about the possibility of using Ty Pendre with unlimited access for such space, after no availability at other Community Centres, Churches etc in the area.

Ms V. Wells expressed that if she is unable to find a stationary location to hold the FoodShare and school uniform exchange, it will affect the community terribly as a lot of residents struggling with the cost-of-living rely solely on these outlets. It will also mean that the volunteers will lose access to food donations from Marks & Spencer's. Mayor Cllr B. Murray thanked Ms V. Wells for all of her hard and dedicated volunteer work throughout the years. Cllr G. Sandilands said that Ms V. Wells should be publicly recognised for her 27 years of voluntary work by commemorating her with a plaque. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin said that he has been in contact with Denbighshire County Council Officer Becky Williams weekly, and she has confirmed that a signature is awaiting from the Denbighshire County Council legal team then the transfer can be made to Prestatyn Town Council as soon as

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possible. Cllr C. Evans expressed how damp Ty Pendre is and whether it is suitable for the FoodShare and school uniform exchange to be held there without renovation first. Ms V. Wells said that she has already visited Ty Pendre with the Town Clerk, and its state is perfectly fine for what they need. Cllr J. Matthews assured Ms V. Wells that she will chase Denbighshire County Council for updates on the Community Asset Transfer, then asked whether the Prestatyn Town Council Chambers or Committee Room could be used for the FoodShare with food storage, and school uniform storage with access to her own personal key. Ms V. Wells said she needs a location central and private to residents, so the Prestatyn Town Council Chambers or Committee Room is not suitable. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin said that he is happy to contact Denbighshire County Council to see if Ty Pendre could be used in interim by the volunteers whilst the transfer is pending; Mayor Cllr B. Murray said insurance is needed. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin suggested he could contact insurance companies to quote insurance for Ty Pendre and there is money in the budget to bring Ty Pendre back to acceptable standards. Cllr K. Clewett asked why the lease for Ty Pendre was lost, Cllr C. Evans said that it was lost a few years ago. Cllr C. Evans said that Ty Pendre was used by the Royal British Legion to store their poppies, then asked why they were allowed to with no lease or insurance. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin said that he is unaware as to why this is. Cllr C. Evans confirmed that Cllr J. Matthews has agreed to chase Denbighshire County Council, then proposed that Ms V. Wells and volunteers can use Ty Pendre as an interim location after the Community Transfer Asset is completed. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin proposed to work with Cllr J. Matthews regarding the status of Ty Pendre and he will arrange for a de-humidifier to be used in Ty Pendre during the interim stage.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Holliday

SECONDED: Cllr A. Tomlin

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms V. Wells and her sister left the meeting at 18:59.

263 OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO ASK SHERRATT GROUP QUESTIONS

The Sherratt Group introduced themselves as the environmental contractors for Prestatyn Town Council, who will be planting and maintaining flowers, floral baskets, and floral tubs throughout Prestatyn in 2024/2025. Cllr G. Sandilands asked the Sherratt Group how their work has improved from their last contract with Prestatyn Town Council. A member from the Sherratt Group said that they are now pro-active opposed to being reactive and are committed to providing their service the best they can. Cllr C. Evans explained to members that unfortunately the floral troughs were not included within the budget. Cllr H. Irving acknowledged this and suggested sponsorship for floral troughs from local Graden Centres. Cllr A. Sampson alternatively suggested that twenty floral troughs are used in Prestatyn rather than fifty-six. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin suggested he liaise with the Sherratt Group for quotation of twenty extra floral troughs and refer any possible sponsorships.

AGREED

264 MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 17TH JANUARY 2024

Minutes recorded as a true record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West

SECONDED: Cllr C. Holliday

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

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265 MEETING OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Cllr A. Tomlin highlighted that SODD04, CC04, BACS 11, M8, P10, Accounts January 2024 M10 Inc & Exp, Bal Sheet, and Trial Bal have not been recorded although they were discussed. Cllr C. Evans referred to item 233 and highlighted that she 'pointed out that the contact details on the Prestatyn Town Council grant application forms need to be updated' not Cllr G. Sandilands. Cllr C. Evans referred to item 240 and specified that she questioned 'Kings Avenue Car Park status as short-stay' not 'Kings Avenue Car Park hours'. Cllr C. Evans referred to item 245 and highlighted that 'bus shelter in Meliden' should state 'bus shelter on Meliden Road'. Cllr G. Sandilands referred to item 242 and requested to add that the Local Environment Group would like to be a part of the Local Places for Nature bid application as he quoted in the meeting. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin agreed to amend the minutes with Miss J. Owens as soon as possible.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Cllr A. Sampson

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

266 MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

PROPOSED: Cllr G. Sandilands

SECONDED: Cllr C. Evans

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

267 TENOVOUS CANCER CARE LETTER

Tenovous Cancer letter to be received.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews

SECONDED: Cllr E. Heaton

RECEIVED

268 PRESTATYN AND MELIDEN FOODBANK LETTER

Prestatyn and Meliden foodbank letter to be received.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews

SECONDED: Cllr E. Heaton

RECEIVED

268 EMAIL FROM RHUDDLAN TOWN CLERK STEVE WILSON

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed that the letter discussed the removal of the bus stop at the Tweedmill Centre affecting residents with mobility issues. Cllr A. West agreed this was a problem. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed the Council that other Town and Community Council's were debating this and were following the request from Steve Wilson to write to Arriva to add Prestatyn Town Council to those calling for the old bus route, with a stop in the Tweedmill to be reinstated.

PROPOSED: Cllr J. Matthews

SECONDED: Cllr E. Heaton

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

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269 MAKATON FRIENDLY TRAINING

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed all Councillors that he has contacted Makaton for free Makaton training for both Councillors and Staff, he is just waiting a date confirmation.

RECEIVED

270 EMAIL FROM PRESTATYN LIBRARY INTERIM MANAGER MATTHEW BAKER ABOUT EASTER EGG HUNT

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin suggested to contact Matthew Baker to inform him that Prestatyn Town Council are already holding an Easter Egg Hunt and suggest working together to intertwine both easter egg hunts.

PROPOSED: Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West

SECONDED: Cllr J. Matthews

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

271 HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III NEW YEARS HONOURS LIST

Mr M. LeDoux presented the documents for His Majesty King Charles III New Years Honours List to all members and informed all that the nomination closing date is on 22nd March 2024.

RECEIVED

.272 LETTER FROM MALCOLM TRAINER

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin suggested to send all the people stated on Malcolm Trainer's letter a thank you letter, on behalf of the Mayor, for their contribution to the Warm Hubs Initiative.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Holliday

SECONDED: Mayor Cllr B. Murray

ALL (14) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

273 FFRITH BOWLS CLUB GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award the Ffrith Bowls Club £400 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

RATIFIED

274 WALES AIR AMBULANCE GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award the Wales Air Ambulance £600 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

RATIFIED

275 CITIZENS ADVICE DENBIGHSHIRE GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award the Citizens Advice Denbighshire £2500 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

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Cllr S. Frobisher left the meeting at 19:25.

276 URDD GOBAITH CYMRU GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award Urdd Gobaith Cymru £180 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

RATIFIED

Cllr I. Lifford and Cllr G. Sandilands left the meeting at 19:28.

277 BENEFITS ADVICE SHOP GRANT APPLICATION

Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin reminded members that as both the Benefits Advice Shop and Citizens Advice Shop sign post one another it was agreed at the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, the Benefits Advice Shop are awarded £2500 from the 2024/2025 grant fund.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Mayor Cllr B. Murray

ALL (11) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

278 PRESTATYN WALKING FESTIVAL GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award the Prestatyn Walking Festival £1000 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

RATIFIED

279 FRIENDS OF THE FFRITH GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award Friends of the Ffrith £1000 from the 2024/2025 grant fund.

RATIFIED

280 VALE OF CLWYD MIND GRANT APPLICATION

At the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024, committee members agreed to award the Vale of Clwyd Mind £228 from the 2023/2024 grant fund.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Mayor Cllr B. Murray

ALL (11) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

281 FRIENDS OF PRESTATYN RAILWAY STATION GRANT APPLICATION

Cllr E. Heaton proposed to award the Friends of Prestatyn Railway Station £1000 from the 2024/2025 grant fund.

PROPOSED: Cllr E. Heaton

SECONDED: Cllr A. Tomlin

ALL (11) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

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Cllr I. Lifford and Cllr G. Sandilands returned to the meeting at 19:36.

Members of friends of the Prestatyn Railway left the meeting at 19:36.

282 FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

Financial expenditures SSDD05 and CC05 to be ratified.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Cllr I. Lifford

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

RATIFIED

283 ACCOUNTS FEBRUARY 2024

Accounts February 2024 M11 Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet, and Trial Balance to be ratified.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Cllr I. Lifford

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

RATIFIED

284 VIREMENTS

Virement 16 to be ratified.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Holliday

SECONDED: Cllr C. Evans

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

RATIFIED

285 UPDATE OF SPEED INDICATOR DISPLAYS

Comments made from members at the meeting of Finance and Management 28th February 2024 about the speed indicator displays to be ratified.

PROPOSED: Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West

SECONDED: Cllr C. Evans

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

RATIFIED

Cllr A. Tomlin updated members that after meeting up with Denbighshire County Council Officer Rebecca Musgraves, it is confirmed the speed indicator display on Nant Hall Road will stay in position towards the end of the road to prevent trees obscuring the view of the solar panel. After six months its affect will be reviewed and requests to re-position it can be applied for.

286 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION POLICY

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Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin informed all members that after sending the General Data Protection Policy to One Voice Wales, under request of the members in the Policy Review Committee, One Voice Wales said the Policy is exemplary and will be used as a template for other Councils. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin requested that the policy be accepted as Council Policy.

PROPOSED: Cllr A. West

SECONDED: Cllr C. Holliday

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

287 REVIEW OF WORKING PRACTICES

Deputy Mayor Cllr A. West highlighted the 2023/2024 schedule of meetings and how he feels there has been no pattern of consistency within this year's meeting schedule. He suggested to members that the meeting schedule for 2024/2025 performs as follows: Month one – meeting of Finance & Management, Community Development & Regeneration, and Town Planning; Month Two - meeting of Full Council and Town Planning - this pattern will follow throughout the rest of the year. Cllr A. Tomlin said this year's schedule of meetings has worked well for her and cannot understand why others felt the meeting dates have fallen inconsistent, when all have copies of the meeting dates since agreed in May 2023's Annual General Meeting. Cllr A. Tomlin proposed that the discussion of the 2024/2025 meeting schedule is held at the Annual General Meeting 15th May 2024. Mayor, Cllr B. Murray moved that Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin prepare an options paper for discussion.

PROPOSED: Cllr A. Tomlin

SECONDED: Cllr C. Holliday

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

288 TOWN COUNCIL NAME UPDATE

Cllr C. Evans proposed that the official 'Prestatyn Town Council' title is amended to 'Prestatyn and Meliden Town Council'. Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin said that the title could be amended with the additional wording, however, this would require a statutory process to be followed and would incur costs. Cllr C. Evans proposed that Mr M. Ledoux-Deakin make further enquiries.

PROPOSED: Cllr C. Evans

SECONDED: Cllr J. Matthews

ALL (13) AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor/Chair_____

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