

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on 11th September 2024 at 6.20pm-7.55pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A. West (Mayor), Cllr C. Holliday (Deputy Mayor), Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr K. Clewett, Cllr B. Williams, Cllr T. Jones MBE, Cllr A. Sampson, Cllr J. Matthews
Remote: Cllr G. Sandilands, Cllr H. Irving, Cllr J. McLellan, Cllr J. Thompson-Hill (6.35pm)
Cllr S Frobisher (part only – IT issues)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer,
Mrs C. Ashworth– Administration Officer, Miss S Clarke, Community Liaison/Administration Officer
Mr P. Lamb- Standards Panel -Lay Member, Denbighshire County Council, Public .
Remote: J. Harland - DCC (personal)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Cllr S. Frobisher, Cllr A. Tomlin

52 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.

Cllr T. Jones MBE declared an interest in item 9 (iii) Prestatyn Business Forum - grant application.

Cllr A. Sampson declared an interest in item 9 (iii) Prestatyn Business Forum - grant application.

Cllr C. Holliday declared an interest in Item 9 (v) Prestatyn Carnival Association grant application.

Councillors were reminded of need to complete declaration form and clarify if they were declaring a personal and/or prejudicial interest.

53 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

54 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LEVELLING UP FUNDS, PRESTATYN

Locum Town Clerk reported that regrettably Mr Peter Clayton, Project Manager who was to address tonight's meeting had unfortunately cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

55 RESIGNATION OF CLLR BOB MURRAY

Locum Town Clerk informed members that Cllr B. Murray had resigned as Town Councillor stating personal reasons.

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Cllr J. Matthews, Cllr J. McLellan and others all thanked Bob for all his hard and enthusiastic work with Prestatyn Town Council over many years and wished him all the best for the future.

Locum Town Clerk reminded informed members that Mr M. LeDoux-Deakin (Office Manager) and Miss J. Owens (Office Administrator) and recently resigned and both had moved to new posts. The Locum Town Clerk had sent letters thanking them both for their work and best wishes for future.

RESOLVED

i) That Council sends a letter of thanks to Bob Murray thanking him for his services to Town Council and residents.

ii) That Council records its appreciation for work of Mr M LeDoux-Deakin and Miss J Owens

56 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

i) Mayoral Diary from May to September 2024 and events attended by Mayor/Deputy Mayor had been circulated with agenda papers for information.

ii) Prestatyn Carnival Committee

Mayor, Cllr A. West, read out a letter from Joy Williams on behalf of Prestatyn Carnival Committee thanking Prestatyn Town Council for its financial contribution and Councillors and Staff. who had volunteered who all individuals who contributed to this major town event. **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** That a letter of thanks be sent to Prestatyn Carnival Committee 2024.

iii) Pop In Hub-Ty Pendre, Prestatyn

Mayor Cllr A. West read out a letter from Veronica Wells (Pop in Hub) thanking Prestatyn Town Council for the support received for the Pop in Hub. He also expressed appreciation for the work being undertaken in helping families and school children. Cllr J. Matthews felt the work they do is essential to the town.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY That a letter of thanks be sent to Pop In Hub for their ongoing work and help in the town.

57 MINUTES

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Minutes of Full Council meeting held on 12.06.24 be accepted as correct record: -

Item 27 Local Places for Nature Grant – Cllr I Lifford explained that at time of previous meeting the additional funds that may have been necessary to complete grant application/feasibility study are no longer required. He also informed Council that a different grant programme was being progressed that maybe more suited to towns requirements.

(Cllr I Lifford proposed Cllr J Matthews seconded)

58 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Committees be approved as follows: -

Town Planning Committee 12.06.2024

(Cllr J Matthews proposed Cllr C Holliday seconded)

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 10.07.2024.

(Cllr G Sandilands informed Council that he was no longer a committee member and had attended this meeting as observer. Cllr J Matthews proposed Cllr A Sampson seconded)

Finance and Management Committee 10.07.2024

(Cllr J Matthews proposed Cllr I Lifford seconded)

Town Planning Committee 10.07.2024

(Cllr C Holliday proposed Cllr T Jones MBE seconded)

59 CHRISTMAS WORKING HOURS

Locum Town Clerk had circulated information with agenda papers outlining three possible options for Christmas working of Town Council staff that would affect office opening hours.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Option 3 be approved, and office be closed 23rd December 2024 and reopens Thursday 2nd January

(Cllr B. Williams proposed Cllr J Matthews seconded).

60 GRANT APPLICATIONS TO EXTERNAL GROUPS

Locum Town Clerk reminded Council of the grant aid criteria previously agreed and copy circulated with agenda. Details of all grants aid requests had also been circulated with agenda papers detailing organisational details, purpose of grant and financial information.

Several Councillors indicated they felt that grants should be considered annually, and this approach would assist in planning future grant expenditure etc.

i) Cerebral Palsy Cymru. -

Members had a discussion regarding this national organisation and felt they would like more information upon services provided to town's residents. **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** That Locum Town Clerk seek more information about services provided to Prestatyn and Meliden community and report back for consideration.

(Cllr K Clewitt proposed Cllr B Williams seconded)

ii) Bethan Jones Singing Tuition

In response to members question Locum Town Clerk advised there was no evidence of this being a registered charity but application stated it was a new organisation. Several Councillors expressed concerns regarding the status of this group and enquired if it was being run as a business or not-profit organisation. **RESOLVED** That Locum Town Clerk make further enquiries about status of this organisation and report back accordingly.

(Cllr J Matthews proposed Cllr G Sandilands seconded)

iii) Prestatyn Business Forum

Grant application received from Prestatyn Business Forum seeking funds towards Winterfest Event.2024. Details circulated with agenda.

Members discussed the current grant aid and events budget and some concerns were raised about the amount of money being requested towards the £8,000 target. .

Cllr A. Sampson gave an insight in what the requested amount would be spent and answered questions from members about Winterfest 2024.

RESOLVED That a grant of £1600 be awarded to Prestatyn Business Forum towards Winterfest 2024

Financial/Legal Implications: Costs contained within grants to existing organisations. Local Government Act 1972 S.137

Proposed Cllr B. Williams Seconded Cllr K Clewitt

(Cllr T. Jones and Cllr A. Sampson declared a personal interest in this item and did not vote.)

iv) Prestatyn, Rhyl and district U3A

Details of grant application circulated with agenda. Members had a discussion regarding the grant application it was explained that whilst U3a was a national organisation the approach had come from the Prestatyn, Rhyl and District local branch. There was some concern about the lack fundraising undertaken towards running costs.

RESOLVED Locum Town Clerk to correspond with local branch of U3a regarding local branch services, fundraising activities etc., and report back to Council for consideration

Proposed Cllr G. Sandilands Seconded Cllr C. Holliday

v) Prestatyn Carnival Association

The grant application from this group had been circulated with agenda papers. The Locum Town Clerk explained this group had a separate budget heading as it was a longstanding and highly successful local event.

Deputy Mayor Cllr C. Holliday informed members that the Association had already received the funds for this year, however there is money in the budget set aside for them next year 2025 and early determination assists with future planning of event.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY That Council award sum of £2,500 for 2025/26 subject to normal budgetary process..

Financial/Legal Implications: Local Government Act 1972 S.137. Award of 2024/25 grant to be checked.

Proposed: Cllr G. Sandilands Seconded

(Cllr C. Holliday, Deputy Mayor declared an interest in this item)

61 ONE VOICE WALES 2024/5

Mayor Cllr A. West read out the subscription renewal invitation and rates for 2024/5. Locum Town Clerk explained that Town Council had been a member of One Voice Wales for several years and the organisation is favoured by Welsh Government as a national body representing Town and Community Council sector.

Council discussed the need for such membership, and it was explained that it was used for general and specialist advice across a range of services and provided extensive programme of training courses for Councillors.

RESOLVED

That One Voice Wales be invited to attend a future Council meeting to answer any questions that Councillors may have, and also to enquire about possibility of a discount on the membership fees.

62 NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Mayor Cllr A. West read out the subscription renewal invitation and rates for 2024/25 from North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

Council had a discussion on the need for such membership and asked what benefits we get from having this membership? It was felt that more information should be sought from this organisation.

RESOLVED

That Locum Town Clerk contact North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils to invite them to future Council meeting to answer any questions members may have about the Association.

Proposed Cllr G Sandilands Seconder Cllr J Matthews

(Cllr B. Williams left meeting 8:00pm)

Mayor/Chair



