

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council held in King's Hall, Kings Avenue Prestatyn on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 6.20pm – 7.05pm

PRESENT

Councillors: -T. Flynn, K. Jones, M. German, T. Jones, J. Thompson-Hill, A. Tomlin, B. Murray, G. Frobisher, A. Sampson. *R. Feyn*

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Rev J. Marsden – Mayor's Chaplain, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: S. Frobisher, A. Frobisher, ~~R. Flynn~~, G. Davies, P. Penlington, G. Sandilands, L. Muraca.

Officers: Mrs C Evans – Deputy Town Clerk.

110 PRAYERS

Prior to commencement Rev J. Marsden offered prayers seeking peace and harmony at this special time of year. He also sought harmony for good decision making in public life.

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of need to disclose personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with Code of Conduct legislation.

112 NOTICE OF RESIGNATION – Cllr M. Poller

Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that he had received notice of resignation from Cllr M. Poller, who cited personal reasons for standing down.

In response to Member enquiry Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that if ten or more electors called for a bye-election then Council would need to pay for election, otherwise co-option would be possible course of action. Town Council budgets for such costs that are normally within 2-3k range dependent upon size of electorate.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Cllr Martyn Poller be thanked for his services.
- 2) That all parties be reminded of commitment needed in role of elected Town Councillor to fulfil duties prior to filling of vacancy.

113 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Mayoral Diary 16.10.19 to 11.12.19 – copy circulated at meeting. Cllr T. Flynn reported he was thoroughly enjoying all engagements. He continues to be amazed by the diversity and dedication of volunteers offering a huge range of community service.
- b) Festival of Christmas Trees 2019 – Letter of thanks read from Prestatyn Parish Council for support of the annual community tree festival.

114 URGENT ITEMS

Town Clerk/Financial Officer gave notice of two urgent items that would be reported later in the meeting in relation to events planner and code of conduct.

115 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Full Council held on 16th October be accepted

Minutes of Special Full Council held on 4th September 2019 had been approved 16th October meeting.

Pursuant to Minute 89c Eisteddfod Proclamation Ceremony 05.10.19. Cllr B. Murray expressed his dismay that Denbighshire County Council had removed Welsh flags/banners from railway station bridge put out on the day but removed prior to procession.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council expressing disbelief at such action.

116 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Town Planning Committee 16.10.19.

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 13.11.19

Pursuant to Minute 101 crime and Disorder. Cllr G. Frobisher advised that he was receiving OWL reports twice per week and not meeting twice per week.

Pursuant to Minute 101 Crime and Disorder. Member enquired if PC Fishlock had sent email about vehicle crime for Councillors. Town Clerk/Financial Officer advised there was some ongoing correspondence between Deputy Town Clerk and North Wales Police about vehicle crime so he would need to check on position.

Pursuant to Minute 102 CCTV Partnership. Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported upon CCTV Partnership efforts to secure external funding to improve infrastructure and cameras. Cllr B. Murray confirmed that up to 50k could be applied for from windfarm community fund and this may be matched funded by other partners. Council was informed that grant fund application would need to be submitted by a Town Council as lead partner. Town Clerk/Financial Officer outlined actions by partners to date.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Prestatyn Town Council be supportive of leading CCTV Partnership approach for external funding.
Financial/Legal/Other Implications: Funds – No additional financial costs. Staff time and resources to complete application and monitor outcomes. Government and Rating Act 1997-crime prevention.
- 2) That CCTV Partnership continue to be encouraged to seek private investment and offer its services to local businesses on rechargeable basis to assist future sustainability.

Pursuant to Minute 104 Bus Shelter's on Ceg y Ffordd. Deputy Town Clerk had received manufacturer designs from Denbighshire County Council, Passenger Transport Officer and these had been circulated to Ward Councillors. It was confirmed that local residents had been consulted by Denbighshire County Council and one objection received.

RESOLVED That bus shelter designs be circulated to all Councillors for consideration.

117 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 10.11.19

Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported upon circumstances leading up to High Street Parade this year following last minute changes affecting Royal British Legion involvement, lack of marching band/equipment and requirements to seek road closure order.

Following tremendous efforts by Council staff, volunteers from across the country and former members of 2193 Prestatyn Air Cadet Squadron it was possible to proceed with an excellent parade and service on the day.

Council paid tribute to all participants and recognised it was incumbent upon the authority to help maintain this important act of remembrance.

RESOLVED That Remembrance Day Parade be included in future town services.

Financial/Legal Implications: Funds available within existing budget provision for town events. Local Government Act 1972 S. 137.

118 EVENTS PLANNER

Notice had been received from Mrs R. Astle, Temporary Events Planner service contractor 2019, that due to family commitments she could no longer provide this service beyond December 2019.

Subsequently, Mrs Carol Evans, Deputy Town Clerk had enquired if she could take on this role on a temporary basis to help ensure continuity. Other staff members had been informed of situation.

Council discussed the incredible programme of events, increased public participation, good integration with local business, and community/social improvements that had occurred in recent years as a direct result of hosting town events. Reference was made to recent Traditional Christmas Fayre with several businesses reporting exceptional high levels of trade on the day.

Members then discussed current situation and need to ensure services provided with minimal disruption. They also recognised the importance of protecting welfare of frontline staff.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Mrs R. Astle be thanked for her incredible vision, support and diplomacy in planning and delivery of a number of successful existing and new town events.
- 2) That Mrs C. Evans, Deputy Town Clerk's offer to manage events programme be accepted on temporary basis to be reviewed in three/twelve months' time.

Financial/Other Implications: To be confirmed but potential for cost saving.
Change of employment contract for Deputy Town Clerk.

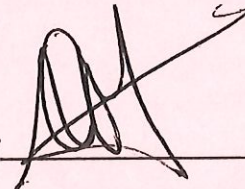
- 3) That Mrs R. Astle's offer to continue to support Town Council with changeover arrangements and temporary office cover if required be accepted subject to review in March 2019.

119 CODE OF CONDUCT

Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to recent discussions with Mr G. Williams, County Monitoring Officer, Denbighshire County Council (DCC) regarding Cllr P. Duffy, whose suspension would be lifted on 24th December 2019. It was hoped that Code of Conduct training would be provided to Cllr P Duffy via DCC in near future.

Council was reminded of duties placed on all Councillors, but especially Chairman and Vice Chairman to manage meetings. This should also ensure respect is shown at all times to fellow Councillors, Staff, guests and general public.

Mayor

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