

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council (remote meeting) held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 6.20pm-8.15pm

PRESENT

Councillors: S. Frobisher (Mayor), G. Sandilands, B. Murray, M. German, T. Flynn, T. Jones, G. Percival, L. Muraca, A. Tomlin, A. Sampson, R. Flynn, G. P. Duffy, G. Davies, K. Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Highfield – Town Clerk, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Rev J. Harvey – Mayor's Chaplain, Jason Davies – LSP Inspector, North Wales Police, Mr Glen Vernon – Prestatyn High School

APOLOGIES

Councillors: J. Thompson-Hill, P. Penlington, G. Frobisher.

93 PRAYERS

Rev J. Harvey, Mayor's Chaplain, offered prayers prior to commencement of meeting.

94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

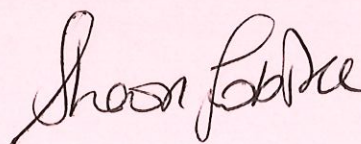
Councillors were reminded of need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings in accordance with Code of Conduct legislation.

95 YOUTH CRIME

Cllr Sharon Frobisher, Mayor, welcomed invited guests Mr Jason Davies and Mr Glen Vernon to the meeting. (Unfortunately invited guest Ms Wendy Jefferson could not connect to the meeting's link). The Mayor had invited guests with a background in Police, Education and Youth Work. The issue of rising youth crime and a lack of a police presence in Prestatyn and Meliden had become a major concern and a discussion ensued.

Cllr SF As a governor at Prestatyn High School I am aware of the problems because of numerous exclusions. I did ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend our meeting, but he declined.

Mr GV Anti Social behaviour in town comes into school aided by social media. We've had outsiders turning up who are associated with trouble makers. We tried to involve the Police, but they suggested we try Police Liaison – we didn't have one at the time! I have been with the school 30 + years. Lockdown hasn't helped the situation – there are always fights when we return from lockdowns.



IJD There have been 12 events recorded at Prestatyn High School in the last few weeks. One individual was up-skirting which created 10 different offences.

Cllr GS It would be useful to get this information as a Town Council.

Cllr SF I hope we'll be working closer together soon. We have had a knife issue, but Police wouldn't attend.

IJD I'm disappointed if there was a knife and no one attended. Have you got a crime number?

Mr GV If there is an assault parents should report it to the police. I feel we are being criticized by reporting incidents. We are doing our best. Maybe reporting needs to be updated.

Cllr BM I feel for you. I think it is due to a lack of police in the town. We are offering the police an office in the new build at the old library building. If I ring the police the nearest offices are miles away. We have visited the tramp on the Morfas and believe he is being used by some pupils, more than the other way round. Also if camping isn't allowed why is he still on the Morfas? Drugs are rife at the Jolly Sailor car park too. It's a huge problem and these problems usually begin at home.

(Cllr G. Davies left the meeting at 7pm)

Cllr TF Prestatyn High School gets a lousy deal, but to cure or help we need a real team effort. It is a small minority of pupils who are out of control. We need resources.

Mr GV It is a small minority, but we do need bigger and better facilities to deal with these children, and extra teachers.

Cllr LM I'm an ex pupil and an ex teacher. I know you're tied to the National Curriculum and I know we struggle to get support from outside agencies. It sounds like you need closer ties to North Wales Police. As a resident I feel there's been a lack of control within the town with boy racers and burglaries. What are the penalties for these children?

IJD We apply a gravity matrix depending on severity and number of offences. We don't want to criminalise children. The CPS has input. The Youth Justice Team gets involved too.

(Cllr T. Flynn left the meeting at 7.22pm)

Cllr AT Can you relate the state of the school buildings to behaviour?

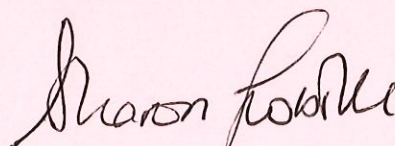
Mr GV There has been money spent on labs and toilets etc but it's the overall design that lets us down. It's no longer fit for purpose.

(Cllr G. Sandilands left the meeting at 7.28pm)

Mr GV Mental Health problems have increased unbelievably because of poor parenting, and lack of support from Social Services.

Cllr SF Is there any value in Prestatyn Town Council writing to your superiors?

IJD It's worth a go – a letter to the Chief Constable. He does know all the facts, but it wouldn't hurt.



99 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Committees be accepted as follows:-

Town Planning 23rd June 2021

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 21st July 2021

Pursuant to Minute 50 Covid Memorial – it was decided a tree was fitting. Cllr Murray had spoken to Garry Davies, Denbighshire County Council and he could provide two 6 foot oaks at cost of 150 each.

Town Planning 21st July 2021

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 1st September 2021

Pursuant to Minute 69 Remembrance Service – a small service at 11.00am would be held to appease the Royal British Legion, with main service remaining at 3.00pm.

Special Finance and Management Committee 1st September 2021.

Town Planning Committee 1st September 2021

Pursuant to Minute 78 – Prestatyn Beach Road Community Flood Plan -Cllr B. Murray confirmed news will be out within the next three weeks.

Special Full Council 22nd September 2021

Finance and Management Committee 22nd September 2021

Town Planning Committee 22nd September 2021

100 PLASTIC FREE PROJECT

RESOLVED Letter of support be sent from Prestatyn Council for this project.

101 CHRISTMAS WORKING HOURS

A sheet with options for Christmas working hours had been circulated with agenda.

RESOLVED That Option 1 would be adopted.

102 WALES IN BLOOM

Results sheet of the Wales in Bloom Competition had been circulated to Councillors with agenda.

RESOLVED Thanks be given to all the community groups who contributed to make the town of Prestatyn “sparkle” and to the Committee for all their efforts in achieving another Gold Award for our town

Mayor 