

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF DELEGATED FULL COUNCIL FOLLOWING CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING 8.4.2020 DUE TO COFID19 PANDEMIC AND RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC MEETINGS. ELECTRONIC COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION PROCESS UNDERTAKEN. CLLRS T FLYNN, MAYOR, AND CLLRS FROBISHER, DEPUTY MAYOR. N. MR N ACOTT, TOWN CLERK/FINANCIAL OFFICER.

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170 PRESTATYN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Town Clerk/Financial Officer report had been circulated with electronic consultation and decision papers. The Coronavirus Pandemic had been recognised as a global pandemic on 11th March 2020 by World Health Organisation (WHO). UK Government and Welsh Assembly Government has announced a host of increasingly restrictive public measures and temporary business restrictions since early March 2020 to try and contain and delay spread of infection.

All Town Council community health programmes have been stopped, council offices closed, meetings cancelled, and all staff are now working from home with a mixture of home/office equipment and mobile phones. All staff have individual email addresses in place. Town Council's main telephone line is 01745 857185 or email nigel.acott@prestatyntc.co.uk or janice.taylor@prestatyntc.co.uk are operational. Council website and contact details for Town Councillors available www.atprestatyn.co.uk

In association with Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) and Denbighshire County Council(DCC) the Town Council has been looking to establish a community response emergency team. Cllr R Flynn and P Penlington have also been assisting in trials of a public information pack that has been prepared and distributed to a number of properties in North Ward. Business support information packs both online and hard copy versions are also available.

There are early plans to extend coverage of information packs to whole of town once delivery methods can be finalised. Two staff have been assigned task of gathering information and regular distribution of official information via social media. Our focus has been on communicating information about community support, individual support, and business support. This approach appears to have been well received and working well.

To date the Prestatyn Town Council staff have been focused on ensuring genuine information channels, vetting new service providers, identifying newly emerging community groups, establishing stronger links with voluntary sector, signposting volunteers, and disseminating official communications via social media and websites. Council has also been supporting Cllr R Flynn and Cllr P Penlington and other Ward Councillors who are known to have been heavily involved with community efforts on the ground.

On 6th April 2020 DVSC invited all Town and Community Councils in Denbighshire to consider who is best placed within each community to actively manage local community volunteer operations (copy letter circulated to all Councillors via email). This could be Prestatyn Town Council or a Town based voluntary organisation willing to undertake such a role.

RESOLVED :

- 1) That Council support the emerging Prestatyn Community Emergency Response Team and appoint Mr N Acott lead contact as required. Council to work in partnership with DVSC and DCC to expand community volunteer operations, and bona fide third parties offering town services.
- 2) That Council authorise Mayor/Deputy Mayor and Chair/Vice of Finance and Management Committee, and Deputy Town Clerk to act on behalf of Town Council in respect of Prestatyn Community Emergency Response Team.

Mayor 

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