

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 6:15pm – 7:40pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: A. West (Mayor/Chairman), C. Holliday (Deputy Mayor), P. Duffy, I. Lifford, G. Sandilands, B. Williams, T. Jones MBE, A. Tomlin, J. Matthews, S. Frobisher, A. Sampson, C. Evans, R. Flynn (r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss M. Sinclair – Community Liaison Officer (Agency)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: E. Heaton, K. Clewett, J. McLellan, J. Thompson-Hill

Councillor R. Flynn retired from council upon adjournment.

195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with code of conduct legislation.

C. Holliday - Agenda Item 7 (iv), Benefit Advice Shop grant application.
I. Lifford – Agenda Item 7 (i), Friends of Ffrith grant application.
P. Duffy – Agenda Item 11 (ii) Windows.

196 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of the public were invited to address meeting. Malcolm Trainer offered his condolences on sad passing of Cllr Hugh Irving as previously reported. He also raised several issues: -

i) Warm Hubs – MT had provided a list of venues and named volunteers who had helped throughout warm hubs programme that was facilitated by Town Council and partners. Venues included PTC Community Room, Deva Church, Festival Church, Jubilee Community Centre, Meliden Community Centre. Thanks were given to all concerned.

ii) Bus Shelters – Council was thanked for assistance in bringing maintenance/bus transport issues to attention of Denbighshire County Council, Passenger Transport Services. He enquired if details of the bus number visiting each stop could be put into relevant bus shelter. Referral to DCC.

iii) Fallen Tree – Mr Trainer had reported matter to Denbighshire County Council (responsible body) who had cleared public highway, however he felt more work was required as he still considered situation was dangerous. Referral to DCC.

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197 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

i) Details of Mayoral diary of events and activities attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been circulated with agenda papers.

ii) Community Achievement Awards – Cllr A. West, Mayor announced that the awards ceremony proposed for 24th April 2025 had been postponed. An extension for nomination time had been agreed with provisional awards scheduled 9th May 2025.

iii) Warm Hubs - Cllr A. West, Mayor presented Karen Kay, Megan Kay, Liz Amos with Community Awards for their volunteer services in respect of Warm Hubs held in community room at Town Council Offices.

Members express their appreciation for all volunteers and spoke about benefits of Warm Hubs in the community. Cllr J. Matthews thanked Town Council for agreeing to fund original warm hubs programme in 2022. Subsequently, external funding had helped to extend programme throughout Prestatyn and Meliden.

198 MINUTES**RESOLVED**

That Minutes of Full Council 12.03.25 be approved

Proposed: Cllr C Evans Seconded: Cllr G Sandilands

Pursuant to Minute 167 – DCC Car Parking PTC subsidy - Locum Town Clerk confirmed matter had been raised with Denbighshire County Council who own and manage car parking services but no response to date.

Pursuant to 169 – Ty Pendre – Locum Town Clerk confirmed the Working Poor and Isolation Group had been informed of change to 'room hire agreement' and were continuing to use premises.

199 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Town Planning Committee 12.03.2025

Town Planning Committee 09.04.2025

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 09.04.25

Finance and Management Committee 09.04.25

Pursuant to minute 189 – Locum Town Clerk advised that report of staff costs v agency costs report would be brought to next committee meeting.

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200 FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE

Details of financial expenditure had been circulated with agenda papers.

Dr Ziggs was queried and payment related to bubbles and wands for approved community events activities.

RESOLVED

- i) That BACS 14 – March 2025 be approved.
- ii) Income and Expenditure and Trial Balance for January/February be approved.
- iii) That public seating frequency of cleaning changes be kept under review e.g. Nant Hall Road benches under trees may require more frequent cleansing.

201 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

A summary of financial assistance applications had been circulated with agenda papers. Councillors had also received copy of application form and detailed financial information of organisation seeking financial support.

Councillors also discussed present financial assistance criteria, and awarding of grants to national charities, community interest companies, and not for profit organisations.

RESOLVED

1) That Community Development and Regeneration Committee be tasked with reviewing criteria and policy for awarding financial assistance grant awards.

2) That community grants be awarded as follows: -

i) Benefits Advice Service £2,500

Funds as per budget provision 2025/26. Local Government Act 1972 S.137.
(Cllr C Holliday declared interest and retired from Chamber during this item)

ii) Men's Shed £300

Funds contained within new local organisations budget provision 2025/26. Local Government 1972 S.137.

iii) Ffrith Indoor Bowls £700

Funds contained within existing organisations budget provision 2025/26. Local Government Act 1972 S.137.

iv) Friends of Ffrith – Family Fun Day £1,000

Funds contained within existing organisations budget provision 2025/26. Local Government Act 1972 S.145.

Potential to include within annual town events programme in future years.
(Cllr I Lifford declared interest and retired from Chamber during this item)

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v) Marie Curie – Defer and seek further information on services delivered to Prestatyn and Meliden.

vi) Prestatyn Events Group CIC - Prestatyn Classic Car Show £1,200
Funds contained within Car Show budget provisions 2025/26. Local Government Act 1972 S.145.

vii) Prestatyn Running Club £475
Funds contained within new local organisations budget provisions 2025/26. Local Government Act 1972 S.137.

viii) Llais Prestatyn £500
Funds contained within new local organisations budget provisions 2025/26.

viii) Llangollen International Eisteddfod – Defer.

202 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

Details had been circulated digitally and extracted copy relevant to Town and Community Councils circulated with agenda papers. Reference was made to mandatory payments that must be made to individual councillors unless they decline payment in writing to town clerk's office. Other payments were at council's discretion and determination required.

RESOLVED

- i) That mandatory payment of £156 per annum be made to all Town Councillors.
- ii) That mandatory payment of £56 per annum be made to all Town Councillors.
- iii) That in recognition of additional duties Mayoral Allowance 2025/26 be £830 personal allowance.
- iv) That Chair of Finance and Management Committee (senior role allowance) be £500.
- v) Other costs including extra care, travel, financial loss, attendance allowance, care costs would be determined on case-by-case basis.

Cllr. P Duffy requested that his view that no mandatory payment should be made to any Town Councillors be recorded. For clarity the mandatory sum is £156.00 per annum to help meet costs of being a councillor.

203 ADJOURNMENT

Cllr A. West, Mayor sought a short adjournment to enable Town Planning Committee to meet prior to exclusion of public and press and part two private and confidential items.

CPA H.

204 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 during the following items:

Full Council – Part Two Minutes 12.03.25.

Resources and Appeals Committee Minutes 18.03.25, 28.03.25, 14.04.25

Resources and Appeals Committee Minutes 17.04.25 to be reported

Council Offices – building works

205 MINUTES**RESOLVED**

That Full Council – Part Two Minutes 12.03.2025 be approved.

That Resources and Appeals Committee 18.03.2025 be approved

That Resources and Appeals Committee 28.03.2025 be approved

206 STAFFING COMMITTEE

Cllr I. Lifford reported upon Staffing Committee.

207 BUILDING CONDITIONS REPORT - TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

Council received details of quotations received for building works.

Mayor Carol A. Noddy

