

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council held in King's Hall, Kings' Avenue Prestatyn on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 6.15pm-7.25pm

PRESENT

Councillors: T. Flynn (Mayor), S. Frobisher, P. Penlington, R. Flynn, K. Jones, G. Sandilands, G. Davies, M. German, J. Thompson-Hill, A. Tomlin, P. Duffy, B. Murray, G. Frobisher, A. Sampson.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: A. Frobisher, L. Muraca, T. Jones, M. Poller.
Mrs C. Evans – Deputy Town Clerk.

31 PRAYERS

Prior to commencement Rev J. Marsden offered prayers seeking peace and goodwill towards all people and communities.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to disclose personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings.

In response to a Councillor question about prayers and respect the Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that following a High Court ruling, prayers were no longer considered Council business. The Members Code of Conduct required Councillors to show respect and consideration for others irrespective of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, age or religion at all times.

33 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Mayoral Diary 15.05.19-26.06.19 – copy circulated at meeting. Cllr T. Flynn, Mayor, expressed his delight and pleasure in meeting so many community minded individuals and voluntary organisations serving the town.
- b) Letter of thanks for Town Council's recent financial support received from Citizen's Advice Denbighshire.

34 PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES

Mayor welcomed Mr Peter Dop, Chair of Prestatyn Plastic Free Steering Group and Prestatyn Rotary Club and invited him to address Committee. Peter explained the group was seeking national accreditation for town from Surfers Against Sewage national organisation. The work involved meeting a set number of key local objectives to ensure removal of single use plastics from local businesses, community groups, and public services.

He circulated a comprehensive handout at meeting detailing the extent of the international world problem, timescales and lifespan of different types of plastic. For example he cited that in 1950 the world population of 2.5 billion produced 1.5 million tons of plastic. In 2016 a population of 7 billion produced over 320 million tons of plastic. Current forecasts show a doubling of this latest amount by 2034.

Peter then explained the work Plastic Free Prestatyn Steering Group had undertaken to date towards accreditation involving 1) Local Governance/Local Council engagement. 2) Local businesses. 3) Plastic free allies (community organisations). 4) Plastic free rallies and community events. 5) Local resistance steering group. The Steering Group currently comprised of representatives from Prestatyn and District Business Forum, Prestatyn Rotary and Prestatyn Town Council (Town Clerk and Town/Business Development Officer).

He then invited questions:-

- Cllr PP** Could we ask our contractors not to use plastic? **NA** yes in principle.
- Cllr RF** Is the market site under our remit as windblown plastic on site? Could we encourage the owners not to use plastic? Is there still a milkman delivering glass milk bottles in town? Friends of the Ffrith holding event in August to highlight plastic problem – contact Mr Malcolm Wilkinson for more information. **NA** No market site not in PTC ownership but Council can encourage society to reduce plastic waste. Reports of glass milk deliveries returning to town.
- Cllr PD** Any chance we could get Tesco to go to plastic free? **P Dop** Yes I am trying and I want to extend Plastic Free Rallies, not just at the beach, but in town as well. Equipment will be held at the Nova for beach tidying if groups want to do this.
- Cllr RF** DCC are considering a resolution to support Plastics Free but are assessing cost implications.
- Cllr AS** I'd like to propose we support this initiative. Good support from Members but more Councillors waiting to ask questions.
- Cllr GS** Business Forum and Environmental Association are on board which is great.
- Cllr PD** We all use pens – plastic. We all need to litterpick. We need to do this all the time to reduce plastics in the environment
- Cllr AT** For a business what are the top three objectives to go plastic free? **P Dop** No plastic spoons, cups or plastic bottles.
- Cllr TF** This is very high on public awareness at the moment and regularly on TV.
- Cllr AT** Beach clean - where does waste go? **P Dop** Gareth Jones, Keep Wales Tidy/DCC arranges responsible disposal via Denbighshire County Council.

Cllr RF Could we give population 5 hot tips/slogan on how they can help themselves?
NA Good idea and will raise with Steering Group

Cllr MG Did we have a formal request to declare a Climate Emergency? **NA** To be considered at next CDRC meeting, but would be helpful if proposed motion was put in writing.

Cllr PP Cross party motion going to DCC next week to declare a Climate Emergency.

RESOLVED That Mr Peter Dop be thanked for his presentation and work.

35 PLASTIC FREE PRESTATYN

Council considered proposed motions (copy circulated with agenda) that were required as part of the Surfers Against Sewage community accreditation process.

RESOLVED

- i) That Council lead by example to remove single-use plastic items from their premises.
- ii) That Council to encourage plastic free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events.
- iii) Councillor representatives be named on the Plastic Free Prestatyn Community Steering Group.
 (Cllrs R. Flynn and G. Sandilands nominated subject to Steering Group's approval of two Councillor representatives in addition to Town Clerk and Town /Business Development Officer)

Financial/Legal Implications: Minor costs, staff time and resources to be met from within existing budgets and work programme. Local Government Act 2000. Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

36 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Council's Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2019 be accepted.

37 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Other Committees be accepted as follows:-

Town Planning Committee – 15.06.19
 Finance and Management Committee – 05.06.19

38 COUNCIL ANNUAL RETURN 2018/19 PM 27

Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Chair of Finance and Management Committee reported upon last meeting and recommendations to approve Council Annual Return 2018/19.

RESOLVED That Council approve Annual Return 2018/19.

Mayor

