



PRESTATYN
TOWN COUNCIL

7 Nant Hall Road
Prestatyn
LL19 9LR

1st October 2014

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend meeting of **FULL COUNCIL** to be held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on **Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 6:20pm.**

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

PRAYERS will be held prior to commencement.

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PRESTATYN
Mr J. Groves, Head of Communities,
Marketing and Leisure, Denbighshire
County Council

To: All Town Councillors
Mayor's Chaplain
Prestatyn & Meliden County Councillors
Officers and Press Representatives
Prestatyn Library
Mr T. Brown - Internal Auditor
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a Hamdden, Cyngor Sir Ddinbych

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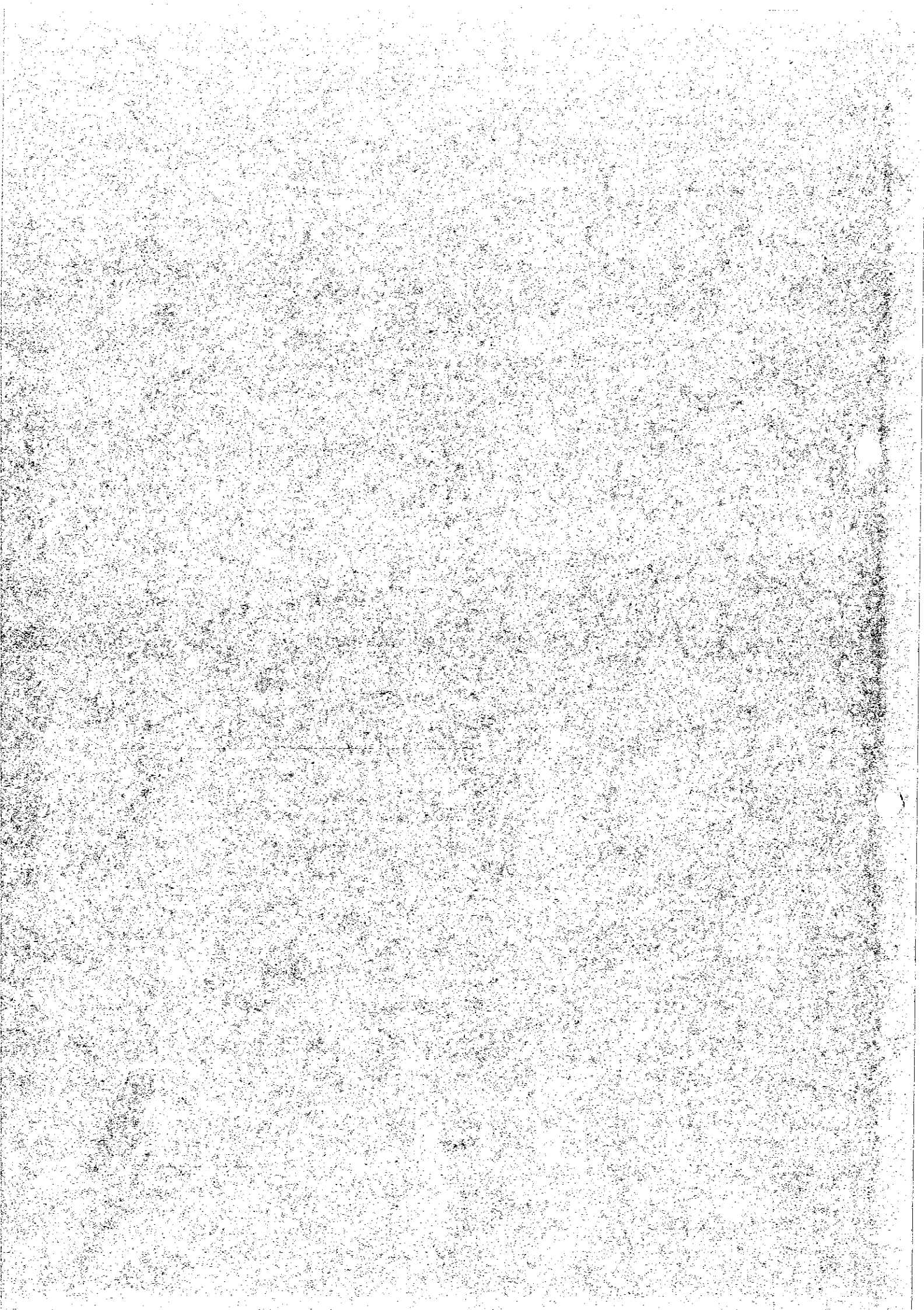
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FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 6.20pm – 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillors: J. Szabo (Mayor), B. Paterson, C. Guy, P. Penlington, J. McLellan, R. Cooper, G. Frobisher, G. Sandilands, G. Percival, T. Lawler, T. Jones, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Canon Clive Southerton – Mayor's Chaplain, Mr P. Lea – Principal Engineer, Traffic Management, Denbighshire County Council.

APOLOGIES

Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr M. Jones, Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Manager, DCC.

24 PRAYERS

Canon C. Southerton offered prayers for speedy recovery of former Mayor M. Eckersley who had recently been seriously injured following recent accident.

Prayers were also offered for wisdom and guidance in Council deliberations.

25 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – Mr P. Lea, Principal Engineer and Traffic Management, DCC.

Cllr J Szabo, Mayor welcomed Mr Peter Lea and invited him to address Council on highway issues affecting the town. Mr Lea explained that three areas of significant work had been highlighted for tonight's meeting involving traffic flow study report, provision for coach parking, and ongoing car park review : -

a) Prestatyn Traffic Study

Town Council and shopkeepers had previously raised concerns about traffic flow in upper high street, Prestatyn following introduction of a new road layout upon completion of retail park. There was evidence to support the view of reduced traffic flow since a survey in 2012, however in November 2013 a further study had shown numbers had risen back to former levels before changes had been made. All traffic flow systems and new traffic lights were working and minor adjustments had been made to traffic light sequencing over last twelve months to maximise vehicle movements around town centre. In addition new/improved signage to retail park and high street had been implemented and further work was planned to promote town's car parks.

The latest traffic flow survey undertaken in March 2014 was due to be published shortly and earlier suggestions of reversing traffic flow via King's Avenue had been investigated but outcome appeared inconclusive. It was likely that the forthcoming consultants report would be recommending to Highways Authority, Denbighshire County Council a 'no change' option.

Members highlighted the problems caused by mini roundabout at Lower High Street and also congestion near market site, especially on market days. Mr Lea responded that people needed to be realistic and from his observations the traffic system was working efficiently, although some vehicles were driving over mini-roundabout and that minor congestion was acceptable. He had studied traffic flows in this area and had not witnessed any serious congestion since traffic lighting sequence had been changed.

On point of information mini roundabouts should be treated as normal roundabouts. Mr Lea accepted there was a need to look into provision of better signage, introduction of different road colourings to emphasise roundabout, and need to maintain roundabout clearway at all times.

b) Coach Parking

DCC highways had been requested to look at options for coach parking near town centre by County economic development unit. Traffic Consultants had been appointed and had identified five options although only three had been circulated to County Members Area Group (MAG's) for consideration as two were not considered viable. Mr Lea reported that King's Avenue option just outside library entrance had been favoured option although library services staff had recently raised concerns.

Mr Lea then invited questions although stressed he was not fully aware of full proposal and extent of consultation process as he was covering for a colleague on this item.

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| Cllr GP | Had understood the new bus station was big enough for coaches to pull into on right hand side. PL Possibly large enough but difficulty with pedestrians alighting from coaches into a 'live' bus terminal. |
| Cllr GP | Could the Nova car park continue to be used for long stay coach parking ?
PL Nova shut at present and height barrier on car park so access problems but offered to check position to see what could be done on temporary basis. |
| Cllr PP | Bus station disregarded from current options as concerns about pedestrian safety. All proposed options are pick up/drop off points. |
| Cllr GP | Favoured option at King's Avenue not easy to access especially from Meliden direction. If the site outside library is pick up/drop off only perhaps coaches could park in bus station for long stay? |
| Cllr DT | Modern coaches have continental access/egress to allow access either side. |
| Cllr TL | Use of King's Avenue could affect traders if parking outside their premises or other High Street locations. Potential loss of car parking space with some options. PL Parking outside shops was an option but not favoured by MAG. There are still access problems if using the proposed library site that will require investigation and library staff had also raised concerns. |

Following a number of further Member questions about proposals Mr P. Lea offered to investigate latest position regarding consultation arrangements, funding, preferred drop off/pick up options, and to clarify long stay coach parking arrangements.

RESOLVED That Council favours King's Avenue (library) option for drop off/pick up point based on lowest cost, proximity to town centre shops and no loss of town centre car parking space subject to resolution of concerns raised by DCC library services.

(Cllr GF abstained from voting on this item).

c) Car Parks

Denbighshire County Council were undertaking a car park study to rationalise car parking in Prestatyn. The review has now been extended to all county council owned car parks and will be dealt with on county basis rather than individual towns.

Reference was made to High Street traders concerns about length of disabled parking, and also parking on corner by Royal Bank of Scotland and nearby newsagent. The RBS site has yellow lines but also marked out parking bays which is confusing. Mr Lea responded that there have been a number of recent changes but there should not be any painted parking bays by RBS so will need to check position. He also confirmed that DCC highways are looking to increase number of parking spaces around town centre and undertaking a review of waiting times for disabled parking. Unfortunately this work required staff resources and there were staffing problems within County Highways Department at present which meant he could not give any timescale to the proposed actions.

RESOLVED That Mr Peter Lea be thanked for his attendance.

26 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Letters of Thanks – Following support from Council letters had been received from Chernobyl Children, Eisteddfod, Ysgol Clawdd Offa, Denbighshire Disability Learning Forum. Local resident had also thanked Council for the wonderful floral displays throughout Prestatyn and Meliden.
- 2) Mayoral Diary of Events – copy circulated at meeting.

27 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Council's Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2014 be accepted as correct record.

28 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

RESOLVED That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee 14th May 2014.

Pursuant to Minute 13 Planning Consultation 43/2014/0013 Prestatyn Football Club (East Ward). It was reported that Denbighshire County Council, Planning Committee had not received latest comments about the revised planning application. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that he had enquired further and County had recently changed its contact arrangements leading to some confusion. There had also been changes to Denbighshire County Council's electronic notification system which contributed to the problems on this occasion. He confirmed that he would continue monitoring situation and had introduced additional safeguards to ensure Council notifications were presented.

Town Planning Committee – 4th June 2014.

Finance and Management Committee – 4th June 2014.

29 NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN, FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PM 7

Nominations invited for above vacant position as reported earlier. Cllr R. Cooper proposed and Cllr J. McLellan seconded Cllr B. Paterson for this position. Cllr J Thompson Hill raised question regarding convention that prevented Mayor/Deputy Mayor from holding position of Chair/Vice Chair of Committee. Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that for position of Deputy Mayor it was a convention based on historical custom and practise. Discussion ensued upon previous Council arrangements and informal agreements between various parties. Cllr J. Thompson-Hill proposed and Cllr J. Davies seconded Cllr G. Percival for position and votes cast.

RESOLVED That Cllr B. Paterson be appointed Vice chairman of Finance and Management Committee 2014/15.

30 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND AUDIT RETURN 2013/14 PM19

Details of audit papers circulated with agenda and Mr T. Brown, Internal Auditor was invited to address Council on his report. He referred to his findings and commented that his audit work and checks occurred throughout the year with annual report being signed at prescribed time of year.

During past year he had regularly checked bank reconciliations, cash book, petty cash entries, income returns etc. He also highlighted importance of risk assessments particularly at times of change e.g. introduction of town events and referred to need for checks to ensure adequacy of locum service for Town Clerk/Financial Officer in event of long term absence. Although not part of external audit requirements he had checked Mayoral accounts and had found all entries correct and payments satisfactory in line with nature of position.

In conclusion he was pleased to inform Council that every assistance had been provided by staff to access all papers and records throughout the year, he was impressed with accuracy of clerical work being undertaken and was pleased to report a strong sense of team spirit prevailing amongst staff.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1) That Mr T. Brown be thanked for his Internal Audit services 2013/14.
- 2) That Mr T. Brown be appointed Internal Auditor 2014/15 upon existing terms.
Financial Implications: £1,000 as per budget provisions 2014/15. (Mr Brown offered to leave Council Chamber for this item but was invited to remain)

31 ANNUAL RETURN 2013/14 AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Details had been circulated with agenda and Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to Section 1 figures which had been obtained from Financial Statements circulated at previous meeting. He explained need for Council to consider Section 2, Annual Governance Statements and to record comments prior to details being sent to external auditor.

RESOLVED That Draft Annual Return 2013/14, Annual Governance Statement, Supplementary Assurances and Information Requests be accepted.

32 SCALA CINEMA AND ARTS FACILITY PM 17 and 23

Financial assistance application had been circulated with agenda, however notification had recently been received from Scala Board advising funds had been found. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer read a communication from Rhiannon Hughes, Chair of Scala Board of Trustees thanking Council for its urgent consideration of their request and advising the damaged projector would be repaired at a much lower figure than originally quoted. The revised sum would be met by Scala Board.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7.35pm – 7.55pm

PRESENT

Councillors: P. Penlington (Chairman), D. Turner, B. Murray, C. Guy, J. McLellan, B. Paterson, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, G. Percival, T. Jones, J. Davies, G. Frobisher, L. Muraca, J. Thompson-Hill, A. Sampson, T. Lawler, J. Szabo.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

APOLOGIES

Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.

33 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultation schedule to 25th June 2014 and submitted following observations :

APPLICATION

COMMENT

43/2014/0583 (East)
Erection of first floor extension with balcony
and erection of detached garage with
associated access
6 Mount Ida Road, Prestatyn
Contact: Philip Garner

No Objection

43/2014/0262 (Central)
Erection of lean-to canopy extension and
decking/stage area with timber seating to
existing grass bank to form outdoor
performance area/auditorium and 2m high
mesh fencing to enclose boundary
Prestatyn High School, 2 Princes Avenue,
Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

Observation
There should be limited number of
evening performances to minimise
impact of noise levels affecting local
residents.

43/2014/0609 (East)
Change of use of 1st and 2nd floors to provide
3 no.1 bed self-contained flats and external
access staircase
79 High Street, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

Objection
No parking on site, poor
access/egress and overintensification
of site.

43/2014/0601 (Central)
 Installation of roof mounted air
 conditioning/refrigeration plant on new raised
 platform
 72-80 High Street, Prestatyn
 Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection
 Installation should be camouflaged to
 minimise visual impact

43/2014/0603 (Central)
 Installation of new shop fronts
 72-80 High Street, Prestatyn
 Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection

43/2014/0661 (East)
 Erection of single storey extension to front,
 roof lights to front and rear in connection with
 loft conversion and associated works
 18 Pendre Avenue, Prestatyn
 Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection

43/2014/0664 (East)
 Erection of extensions and remodelling of
 school, construction of new vehicular access,
 parking, hard play areas, landscaping and
 associated works
 Bodnant Junior School, Nant Hall Road,
 Prestatyn
 Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

(Cllrs J. McLellan, L. Muraca,
 J. Davies declared interest and
 retired from Council Chamber during
 this item)

43/2014/0674 (East)
 Details of dwelling, means of access and
 landscaping submitted in accordance with
 Condition No 2 of Outline planning consent
 Code No: 43/2010/0139/PO
 Land at (part garden of) 12 Marine Road
 East fronting Warren Drive, Prestatyn
 Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0637 (East)
 Erection of orangery extension to rear of
 dwelling
 7 West Avenue, Prestatyn
 Contact: Emer O' Connor

No Objection

Joint County/Town Councillors may partake in decision making process at Town Council but consider matters afresh at Denbighshire County Council when additional information and advice will be available to them. They are not bound by the views or opinions of Town Council.

Chairman_____

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 6.15pm – 8.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: B. Murray (Vice Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, C. Guy, P. Penlington, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, P. Duffy, G. Percival, T. Lawler, T. Jones, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs R. Astle – Community Events and Town Support Officer, Ms S. Edwards – Community Health Development Manager, Mr M. Dixon, Coastal Team Leader Prestatyn and Rhyl, Economic and Business Development, Denbighshire County Council.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: J. McLellan, G. Frobisher, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill.
Mrs D. Hughes, Prestatyn Town Council.

34 URGENT MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and guests to the meeting and gave notice of three urgent matters for consideration:-

a) Audit 2013/14 b) Meliden Community Centre drainage c) Chatsworth House – former Prestatyn Community Hospital.

35 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2013/14 PM 30

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that UHY Hacker Young had advised that they intended to issue an unqualified audit report with no matters requiring Council's attention that would affect audit outcome.

36 CHATSWORTH HOUSE, FORMER PRESTATYN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Cllr T. Lawler reported upon concerns of local residents who are worried that the vacant site would fall into disrepair, attract fly tipping and become a focus for vandals. Cllr P. Duffy advised that KC Builders and its associated companies own land and diggers are currently on site to assess ground conditions. No planning application had been submitted to Denbighshire County Planning Authority and future of Chatsworth House building was not known following the recent sale of property.

RESOLVED That Denbighshire County Council Ward Members be notified of residents' concerns and invited to keep Town Council informed of developments.

37 COMMUNITY AND TOWN EVENTS

a) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

Sue Edwards referred to paper circulated by her colleague Debbie Hughes outlining community based projects and ongoing work focusing on health and community activity.

Cycling projects included development of Prestatyn Social Rides, participation in Bike Week celebrations, cycle confidence sessions, school cycling programme and cycle skills. Walking projects included participation in You'll Never Walk Alone weekly programme and leading health walk for beginners and those recovering from health related problems. Health walks were held every Monday starting from PTC office. Reference was also made to the highly successful Annual Walking Festival organised by Walking Festival Committee held earlier in year and supported by Town Council.

For 2014 community activities there had been focus of gardening related projects including Coed y Morfa Allotment Club for children, allotment open day; Growing for Gold to mark 50th Anniversary of Royal Horticultural Society -project involved planting pollinator seeds at strategic points throughout town; Building Bug Houses for bees and bugs; and most recently Eco Eco – children's holiday leisure activity session focusing on recycling and using plastic bottles to make vertical hydroponics. Council had also participated in Wales in Bloom and International in Bloom competitions following entries organised by Prestatyn in Bloom local volunteers.

Sue then referred to her ongoing work areas including holiday leisure activity programme that remains free of charge to service users and introduction of swimming lessons for beginners. There were nine other holiday activities arranged including football, tennis and bowling in conjunction with local clubs, and a total of 580 spaces had been made available and most fully booked. There had also been a highly successful 'What's On Information Day' at King's Hall designed to bring clubs and groups together with voluntary and public sector organisations. The activity contributed to Council's objective of developing communications, facilitator role, and information hub within town.

Financial grant aid had been secured from Big Lottery for 'I Can Cook' initiative to be rolled out over next twelve months. Basic Skills Training had received part funding from Foyer and there was also a pending application for 'Eco Eco' green initiatives.

Several Community Centres owned by Town Council but managed by volunteer management associations had continued to feature heavily in current workload, especially Seabank Drive Community Centre which was experiencing a number of management issues. There had also been drainage problems at Ty Pendre and Meliden Community Centre and Town Clerk would be reporting later.

RESOLVED That Sue and Debbie be thanked for their brilliant work in community and delivering a range of exciting projects to promote health and well being of towns residents.

b) BRANDING, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS

Rachael Astle updated Committee on town branding and advised that latest posters for town events incorporating new design had been well received. The Council's new website was almost completed and when operational would include links to social media.

A programme of dressing empty shop windows with window vinyls and displays created by local children partaking in Prestatyn Flower Show had received positive comment and had also improved appearance of vacant shop in High Street.

To promote town's attractions and events a number of flyers had been circulated to shops and other similar outlets, events programme publicised on Events North Wales and What's On Denbighshire, advertisements placed in local newspapers and magazines, and there were regular postings on social media to promote attractions. Pop Up banners were also being considered to help improve awareness of Town Council presence at future events. Other work associated with events included the introduction of monitoring and evaluation forms, licensing and volunteer stewarding. Talks were currently in progress with Pop In Centre/Rotary/Llandrillo College/Prestatyn High School/Action for Children/M&S/Tesco as part of volunteer recruitment drive. Potential sponsorship opportunities were also being progressed.

Rachael also referred to changes being introduced by Denbighshire County Council for events approval following introduction of a single application form and nominated County Officer to liaise with all internal County departments.

A number of external grant applications had also been prepared for financial assistance towards future town's event programme and other town support/regeneration initiatives.

RESOLVED That Rachael be thanked for her excellent work and successful town events programme that complimented existing town based events

c) TOWN TOGETHER

The Chairman referred to the recent Town Together meeting and highlighted his pleasure at hosting this meeting that had demonstrated benefits of joint approach. Local shopkeepers, schools, County and Town Council had all expressed appreciation of combined events programme and were looking at ways to support future events. As example Rachael referred to a number of enquiries from local shopkeepers wishing to sell buckets and spades as part of town's sandcastle competition and world record attempt.

In response to Members' questions Mr Mark Dixon, Coastal Team Leader, DCC explained that County had introduced a Destination Management Plan to promote tourism and was looking for a business representative from North of County to sit on management board. The management board would increasingly influence tourism investment decisions within the County.

Members also raised a number of questions and comments about tourism activities:-

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| Cllr BP | Why has Meliden been excluded from tourism bus tour? RA Short trial only and focus on town centre and beach as per requests from businesses and grant funding. |
| Cllr JS | Prestatyn Carnival supported by Tesco and they may have volunteers to help at other events. RA to progress links |
| Cllr PP | Plans for marketing video to be produced and initial discussion with David Francis who produced 'Prestatyn Rising'. RA Good idea and being progressed with County Officers. Funding identified from County Member Area Group. The video would need to cover the whole of town and portray town's attractions and promote positive images. |

- CIIR GP** Could not fully understand Destination Management Plan. **MD** referred to leaflet produced by County to explain the plan and new body established following demise of tourism partnerships. The DMP included items such as tourism signage, facilities and infrastructure that would require both private and public sector investment. The government had felt new DMP management boards would bring both sectors together.

Committee referred to the excellent work being undertaken by Town Council Staff across a wide range of community and town support initiatives. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer also commented that it was rewarding to see both staff recognising the importance of identifying financial opportunities and external grant aid as integral to future of town development work. At present grant aid funds in excess of £165,000 had been approved and/or applications pending determination by external funding bodies and details to be reported to future meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) That Town Together verbal report be received.
- b) That Community and Town Support Team be thanked for hard work and efforts in developing community and town support initiatives.

38 PRESTATYN TOWN AND AREA PLAN PROJECTS

a) TOWN PROJECTS

The Chairman welcomed Mr M. Dixon, Coastal Team Leader, Economic Business Development, Denbighshire County Council to meeting. Mr Dixon provided updates on range of County/Town projects currently in progress:

Shopping Precinct – new paving, lighting and relocation of statue to provide open 'plaza' style development available for small outdoor events.

Church Lane – ongoing environmental works to improve pedestrian links between High Street and retail park. Some works delayed due to proposed works to electrical sub station.

Catenary Wire – problems in securing written approval from High Street businesses to use premises.

Britain in Bloom signage – additional banners on lamposts and metal signs added to boundary signage.

High Street Seating – provision of extra seating under consideration

Promotional marketing video – commissions under consideration.

Coach Parking – Consultants had reported and options under consideration by County Council.

Hillside Shelter – proposed minor repair survey work on County owned structure had revealed need for major restoration works and County Member Area Group would be invited to provide steer at their next meeting.

Digital Radio Link – new digital link with North Wales Police, businesses and service providers proving successful in Rhyl. A recruitment exercise for Prestatyn businesses being prepared.

Joint County/Town Council Projects – a number of projects had also been formulated for delivery by Town Council including tourism bus, Roman event, interactive map and town app, town map and information boards.

b) **WELSH GOVERNMENT TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

Mr Dixon explained that above new funding programme was available for partnership work and in view of Town Together activity there was an opportunity to submit application for range of joint projects. Possible works identified included link routes, improved signage, untidy premises, coastal attractions, coach park. Matched funding of up to 50k per annum over two years was available and decision expected late September 2014.

Committee discussed location of proposed coach park, potential problems arising from shortlisted sites and lack of clarity about proposals e.g. drop off/pick up points. The issue of long stay coach parking remained although Nova car park had previously been used for this purpose. The Chairman reminded Committee this item had been discussed at length at last Town Council meeting and Denbighshire County Council highway officials present had been requested to provide further information although not received to date

RESOLVED That Mr Dixon be thanked for his work and attendance.

39 CHARITY EVENTS

The Vice Chairman and Cllr C. Guy informed Committee of forthcoming charity event to raise funds for Chernobyl children and St Kentigerns and all invited.

40 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Parts 8/9 during following items:

Prestatyn War Memorial/Meliden Community Centre drainage/North Hoyle Community Funds/Community Grants.

41 PRESTATYN WAR MEMORIAL PM 129

Details of Working Group papers and tender figures had been circulated with agenda. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer outlined history of restoration project, architects report and referred to extensive range of legal permissions necessary for repair work. Unfortunately both Church in Wales and Prestatyn Parochial Church Council had declined to accept ownership or financially contribute towards restoration programme. However, Church had acknowledged the memorial was erected on church land and Church in Wales faculty application for permission to undertake works had been submitted.

Tenders received had been significantly higher than forecast and the Prestatyn War Memorial Working Group was recommending a phased approach to restoration project that included removal of broken concrete pavement surrounding plinth base. In addition to

pending grant aid applications the Mayor had kindly offered to assist charitable fund raising efforts.

RESOLVED

- a) That actions of Town Clerk/Financial Officer in seeking grant aid and other financial contributions towards project be approved.
- b) That Committee approves phased restoration project in conjunction with Prestatyn War Memorial Working group subject to necessary approvals, agreed programme of work and clarification of future maintenance arrangements.
- c) That revised tender from William Taylor Ltd in sum of £13,340 be accepted subject to confirmation of approvals etc.

Financial/Legal Implications: PTC Budget Provision 2014/15 is £5,000. External Grants - War Memorial Trust – phase 1 approval pending £2,500. CADW grant application pending. Restoration programme to be underwritten by Council's emergency repair funds if necessary pending determination of grants and donations. Council insures Prestatyn War Memorial.

42 MELIDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Committee was informed of ongoing drainage problem affecting the community centre. Welsh Water, Denbighshire County Council and local drainage contractor had recently excavated ground and investigations were ongoing.

RESOLVED That Chairman, Mayor and Town Clerk/Financial Officer be authorised to act to resolve situation and Members kept informed of developments.

Financial/Legal Implications: Potential costs being assessed and to be reported. Council owned community centre leased to Management Association. Insurance company to be informed of situation.

43 FUTURE COMMUNITY WORKS

Committee was informed of future grant aid opportunities and potential impact of funding cuts affecting public/social services. It was suggested that Council may wish to consider a local project involving keep warm in your home/cooking and nutrition leaflet/supporting elderly/recognising early signs of dementia/preventative measures to reduce hospital admissions/helping people to remain in their own homes.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer also confirmed that he was pursuing a wide range of external grant aid opportunities on collaboration with others to help Council develop its range and support of community based health and well being projects.

Chairman _____

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 8.30pm – 8.45pm

PRESENT

Councillors: P. Penlington (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, C. Guy, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, P. Duffy, G. Percival, T. Lawler, T. Jones, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.
Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs : J. McLellan, G. Frobisher, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill.

44 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of meeting held on 25th June 2014 be accepted.

45 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultation schedule to 23rd July 2014 and submitted following observations :

APPLICATION

COMMENT

43/2014/0644 (Meliden)
Development of 0.45ha of land by the
erection of 7 no. detached dwellings (outline
application including access and layout)
Land between Prestatyn Car Sales and Plas
Deva Caravan Park off Ffordd Talargoch,
Prestatyn
Contact: Sarah Stubbs

No Objection

43/2014/0732 (Central)
Insertion of 1 No window to front and 1 No
window to rear in connection with the
creation of additional accommodation at first
floor level
24 Plas Uchaf Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection

43/2014/0742 (Central) Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to form 2 No. self contained dwellings and alterations to existing shop front 104-108 High Street, Prestatyn Contact: David Roberts	No Objection
43/2014/0790 (East) Conversion of redundant outbuilding and extension to rear to form 1 No dwelling Outbuilding at 41 Gronant Road, Prestatyn Contact: David Roberts	No Objection
43/2014/0791 (Central) Display of 1 No illuminated sign to rear of building 72-80 High Street, Prestatyn Contact: Denise Shaw	No Objection
43/2014/0250 (East) Erection of a single-storey extension to rear of dwelling with alterations to roof and dormer window to side elevation to provide accommodation in roof space 55 Pendre Avenue, Prestatyn Contact: Emer O'Connor	OBJECTION Proposed roof height exceeds existing build height. Privacy of adjoining neighbours seriously affected
43/2014/0778 (Central) Variation of condition no. 4 of planning permission code no 43/2013/0238/PF to read "Prior to commencement of the development, full details of a car park management scheme, to include details to restrict out of opening hours and access to the store's car park shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall proceed strictly in accordance with such details or any subsequent scheme as may from time to time be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority" Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Meliden Road, Prestatyn Contact: Sarah Stubbs	No Objection Timing for car park should remain unchanged.
Joint County/Town Councillors may partake in decision making process at Town Council but consider matters afresh at Denbighshire County Council when additional information and advice will be available to them. They are not bound by the views or opinions of Town Council.	

46 DONG ENERGY (BURBO BANK) EXTENSION UK Ltd

Notification of Welsh Assembly Government advising Dong Energy Burbo Extension UK Ltd had applied to acquire land (beach section) to enable cabling works to be undertaken.

Some local residents had expressed concerns about timescales, possible disruption, and a lack of availability of plans in library, as stated in residents' circular. The Chairman advised that a public meeting was being sought with Dong Energy to discuss proposals.

Chairman_____

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 6.15pm – 8.10pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: J. McLellan (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, C. Guy, P. Penlington, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, P. Duffy, T. Lawler, T. Jones, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca, D. Turner, B. Murray, A. Sampson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs R. Astle – Community Events and Town Support Officer, Mr D. Shiel/H. Sutcliffe/G. Davies – Countryside Services, Denbighshire County Council.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Percival, G. Frobisher

47 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman welcomed guests and provided housekeeping information.

48 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES AND CLWYDIAN RANGE OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

The Chairman welcomed David Shiel, Howard Sutcliffe and Garry Davies, Denbighshire Countryside Services to the meeting. Garry explained that Denbighshire County Council (DCC) managed twenty three sites including eight within Prestatyn area – Hillside, Coed Bell, Bishopswood, Y Morfa, Gronant Dunes, Prestatyn/Dyserth Way, Ffrith, Tower Beach Dunes.

DCC were considering acquiring Y Morfa from present Trustees in order to preserve and develop this important wetland wildlife habitat for public good. Funding partners were being sought to help achieve this objective.

The protected Little Tern colony nesting site located at Gronant dunes is largest in Wales, and most productive site in Britain. European funding has recently been secured to develop a new officer post to help public engagement, promote awareness of Tern Colony, and manage the volunteer wardens who monitor site.

Gronant Dune system is both nationally and international protected and also forms an important natural sea defence. The dunes system performed well in last year's storms although it is recognised that the Barkby Beach single ridge dune system is vulnerable and susceptible to visitor damage. However there are plans to import sand and shingle from Rhyl harbour and promenade to reinforce the Barkby beach dune system.

Green Lynx is a new project with Conwy and RWE Renewables designed to promote and improve infrastructure for walking, cycling and nature reserves along coast and immediate

hinterland. A new website will soon be launched that will also link to touch screen application.

Howard reported that Denbighshire Countryside Services wished to develop a strong partnership with Town and Community Councils and there were a number of emerging opportunities for partnership working. He also explained Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) consisted of three local authorities, Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire who had recently adopted a new working protocol. The Clwydian Range AONB management plan is currently being updated and this will include areas of Prestatyn Hillside and Bishopswood. Other environmental management plans being developed by county include tourism and climate change.

Reference was made to commuted sums deposited with County by property developers who were unable to meet open space requirements within their developments. Such sums were being made available to local organisations to provide, protect and enhance open space at other locations near to the development. Sums currently available included 7k Prestatyn and 3k Meliden.

David explained his responsibility in managing Clwydian Range AONB and sections of Offa's Dyke Path. There is currently a 'Walking Offa' project to promote awareness of the national trail and to improve business opportunities. Prestatyn is prominent as it represents either the beginning or end of the national trail, it also has very strong reputation as being in the forefront of walking initiatives and is also a recognised 'Walkers Are Welcome' town.

It was reported that Denbighshire County Council owned majority of Prestatyn Hillside and had recently nominally purchased a substantial amount of Bishopswood's land from crown estates. The changed legal position has enabled County to prepare a more robust and effective management plan.

Members were invited to ask questions:-

Cllr GS How many volunteers work with service? GD Last monitoring showed 683 volunteers over three month period. There is huge amount of volunteer support for countryside services.

Cllr GS How will you move the Y Morfa wetland project forward? GD County looking to acquire land as site is perfect for wetland wildlife and has potential to rival the Conwy RSPB bird reserve.

Cllr PD Commuted sum is only 7k Prestatyn and thought it was more - . Can DCC officer time be reclaimed? HS The amount of money will vary depending upon development. DCC Officer time cannot be recouped from such monies. The money is for open space and perhaps there is opportunity to fix the missing link on Prestatyn/Dyserth Way to link with Prestatyn railway station.

Cllr PD Can volunteers have certificate of recognition? GD All volunteers receive recognition and badges. Cllr JS (Mayor) Council has annual Community Endeavour Awards evening and perhaps individuals could be put forward for nomination.

Cllr AS Are there any huts or bird hides near Little Tern colony available for use by volunteers? GD There is a boardwalk and information board nearby but no hides at present. The new Little Tern colony engagement officer post will offer guided walks and Scala cinema has offered to show trailers of tern colony. There are also plans for livecam footage from nesting site.

Prestatyn is part of Wales Coastal Path and Wales is only country in world to have such a path. If linked to Offa's Dyke National Trail it almost becomes a whole country circular path.

Cllr JD Has been informed by Cllr H Irving that Denbighshire was not present at recent footpaths conference to consider new funding stream. DS This was to discuss 'Project Offa' which has been running for sometime but coming to an end and DCC are involved in seeking extension. DS also highlighted three current issues – Bishopswood has potential for industrial heritage trail/Hillside land recently purchased from Crown estates for one pound nominal fee/Offa's Dyke certificate for walkers.

Cllr JD Scala Cinema recently installed a social media kiosk and this can print out postcard style documents that could include Offa's Dyke path certificate. DS to investigate further.

HS Denbighshire County Council are seeking interested business people willing to represent town at future tourism forum meetings as there is a lack of representation from Denbighshire coastal area. If anyone interested please contact Howard Sutcliffe , DCC

Cllr JS There is a lot of coastal erosion around Green Lanes area following storms last year. GD Countryside Services do not manage hard sea defences so not aware of situation at this location. Concerns should be raised directly with Public Protection, Denbighshire County and/or Ward County Councillors.

Cllr JS Town Council has a communitiy endeavour award scheme and environmental volunteers could be put forward for recognition because of their work in Prestatyn.

Cllr BP Little mention in discussions of Meliden apart from being a source/opportunity for funding. GD There is a lot of environmental work in Prestatyn and Meliden for example Ysgol Melyd and Prestatyn/Dyserth Way. There is also a consultation event this Saturday in Meliden to discuss future plans for "Old Goods Shed" although this was not being arranged by DCC.

Cllr PP Lots of Llandrillo students do conservation volunteer work in Prestatyn and Meliden and the positive effect on them is tremendous. Thank you Countryside Services.

Cllr PD Is lead mining being promoted as tourism and part of town's history? GD Hillside shows signs of lead mining although majority of remains around Craig Fawr belongs to National Trust so can be difficult.

Cllr LM Y Morfa open space does not seem to be protected at moment, is this correct? HS Land is not protected at present although if acquired by County it would most definitely be. There is limited protection via Local Development Plan but there is scope for better wildlife and habitat protection. He is negotiating with Trustees and District Valuer at present and hopes to be able to report back to elected Members in near future, The Prestatyn and District Environmental Association are undertaking excellent volunteer work at Y Morfa.

RESOLVED That David Shiel, Howard Sutcliffe and Garry Davies, Denbighshire Countryside Services be thanked for their excellent informative presentation.

49 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of meeting held on 23rd July 2014 be accepted as correct record.

50 SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Details of above scheme circulated at meeting for information. Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that total of five thousand pounds was available to businesses to improve shop frontage although it would require matched funding from property owners. The geographical area of second round scheme had also been extended to include whole of Prestatyn and Meliden.

Publicity would be provided via County and Town Council websites, notice boards and Prestatyn Business Forum etc.

51 PEN TYWYN PLAY AREA

Letter and correspondence received from Pen Tywyn Play Area Association seeking funds towards introduction of new equipment. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer outlined long history of the site, previous lack of community agreement over provision of equipment, and past indicative support from both Denbighshire County and Prestatyn Town Councils.

Cllr C. Guy explained site is County owned and has been designated as County play area for over thirty years, but lacks play equipment. The Pen Tywyn Play Area Association had comparatively recently been formed and they had secured part funding towards the 30k project. Since the first phase was recently completed with installation of swings and paving there had been a very positive response from local residents.

Some residents had raised concerns about speeding traffic and use of adjoining area as 'rat run'. Both Denbighshire County Highways and North Wales Police were aware of concerns although investigations had concluded there was no major safety concerns. The installation of children's play area signage also appeared to have had a traffic calming effect.

In response to Member questions it was expected that DCC owned land and play equipment would be gifted and maintained by Denbighshire County Council.

RESOLVED That Committee award sum of £5,000 to Pen Tywyn Play Area Association for play equipment.

Financial/Legal Implications: 2014/15 Budget Provision £5,000. Local Government Act 1972. Open Spaces Act 1906. Land owned by DCC. Play equipment to be gifted and maintained by Denbighshire County Council.

52 GRANTS WORKING GROUP

Minutes and recommendations arising had been circulated with agenda. Committee also agreed to consider late financial assistance application from 3rd Prestatyn Scout Group and details presented at meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Minutes and recommendations of Grants Working Group held on 27th August 2014 be accepted and following grants awarded:

Friends of Prestatyn Parish Church – Annual Christmas Tree Festival

£325

Future Darts Academy for Children	£350	
2193 (Prestatyn) Squadron RAF Cadets	£500	
Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych (Denbighshire Welsh Language Initiative- to include Welsh Gig and family activity in Prestatyn).		Seek clarification on proposals, location, etc. and liaison with Community Events/ Town Support, PTC

- 2) 3rd Prestatyn Scout Group £150

Financial/Legal Implications: Costs are contained within budget provision 2014/15. Local Government Act 1972 Section 137.

53 TY PENDRE MEMORIAL GARDENS

Town Clerk/Financial Officer circulated a paper showing routine maintenance work required to pathways. It also included a range of longer term environmental proposals for development that would form basis of external funding application subject to agreement.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Committee approve work to paving and painting in sum of £1,711.
Financial/Legal Implications: 2014/15 Budget Provision £2,000
- 2) That Town Clerk/Financial Officer be authorised to progress external funding of additional works.
- 3) That further details on historical redundant vent stacks at other locations identified by Cllr J. Davies be researched and future lifespan considered prior to any works.

54 COMMUNITY EVENTS AND TOWN SUPPORT OFFICER

Chairman welcomed Mrs R Astle to meeting and invited her to address Committee. Rachael reported that town events had occurred almost every week throughout summer and there had been very positive feedback from businesses, visitors and town's residents.

The World War One historical event that included historical reconstruction of WW1 trench in vacant High Street shop had been amazing and clearly demonstrated demand for local museum in town. Fantasy Funday had involved parents, grand parents, and children and had also included a town treasure hunt appreciated by local shopkeepers. The retail park also hosted a food festival which had generated further visitor numbers on the day.

World sandcastle record attempt had been hugely successful although due to poor weather the record was not achieved. However, the event had captured nation's imagination with national media coverage on TV, Sunday national newspapers, local radio and press. Huge thanks to all volunteers and participants and looking forward to next year's attempt!

Prestatyn Rocks had again been well attended and all events had been programmed not to clash with longstanding existing events including Prestatyn Car Show, Prestatyn Flower Show and Prestatyn Carnival.

Rachael explained that a range of publicity material had been produced for both seasonal programme of events and individual events. Experience had shown that there was a need for both types of publicity although shops sometimes omitted to display individual posters for various reasons. Social media, websites, local press, radio, notice boards and tourist information points had all contributed to disseminating information and there had also been some promotional work by local shops and national chain stores.

In response to Member's question Rachael highlighted the need and importance of a positive corporate town marketing initiative and further proposals would be forthcoming shortly. The new town branding scheme and website were almost ready for launch, fortunately it had been possible for many publications this year to make use of provisional branding material.

Denbighshire County Council had recently introduced a new planning events approval process that required nine months forward notice. Consequently it was necessary to begin preparation of 2015/2016 proposed events immediately. Rachael explained that many of this year's events would continue with a couple of new ones including potential of a Soapbox Derby.

Cllr J McLellan, Chairman wished to record his thanks to fellow Councillors, Volunteers and Events Team who had all contributed to such a successful events programme. Cllr B Murray, Vice Chairman also offered his thanks to all sides of Council Chamber and Business Community without whom the events programme would not have been possible. Rachael echoed thanks and also reported that Prestatyn Business Forum had recently provided financial assistance towards banners for events.

In response to Member questions about future sustainability Rachael reported that a number of potential sponsors had been identified and a range of potential income streams were being considered. Whilst funding was important the benefits from hosting such events went beyond finance as there were social and corporate benefits for town.

It was recognised that volunteers were needed for future events and discussions were ongoing with various local groups, schools and Llandrillo College to recruit students. Whilst events had been fantastic and events had exceeded expectations this had highlighted need for improved forward planning and organisation.

RESOLVED

That Rachael, Events Team and Volunteers be thanked for their excellent and highly successful summer events programme.

Chairman_____

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 8.15pm – 9.00pm

PRESENT

Councillors: P. Penlington (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, C. Guy, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, P. Duffy, T. Lawler, T. Jones, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray, J. McLellan, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.
Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: G. Percival, G Frobisher.

55 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of meeting held on 23rd July 2014 be accepted.

56 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultations schedule to 3rd September 2014 and submitted following observations:

APPLICATION

COMMENT

43/2014/0844 (South West)
Removal of existing porch and erection of new porch
46 Ffordd Penrhwyfya, Prestatyn
Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection

43/2014/0851 (South West)
Construction of a new vehicular access, alterations to boundary wall fronting Hardwyn Drive to 1.8m high and retention of storage building (partly retrospective)
18 Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn
Contact: Sarah Stubbs

No Objection

43/2014/0860 (East)

Erection of first floor extension with balcony
(Amendment to previously approved scheme)

6 Mount Ida Road, Prestatyn

Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0205 (East)

Conversion of upper floors over existing retail unit to form 3 no. flats, demolition of two storey rear outrigger building and erection of extension to rear to form 5 no. 1 bed flats and associated works

105-107 High Street, Prestatyn

Contact: Emer O'Connor

OBJECTION

Lack of on site parking. Demolition of stone wall and replacement with brick not in keeping with conservation area status.

Multiple occupancy and increased residential development will lead to loss of High Street retail opportunity. Overintensification of site. The site is within curtilage of listed building.

Proposed flats considered too small.

43/2014/0664 (East)

Erection of extensions and remodelling of school, construction of new vehicular access, parking, hard play areas, landscaping and associated works

Bodnant Junior School, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn

No Objection

Concerns about increased traffic and child pedestrian safety, especially when crossing at nearby entrance to retail park.

(Cllrs J. McLellan, L. Muraca, J. Davies declared interest and retired from Council Chambers during this item)

43/2014/0900 (East)

Erection of pitched roof porch to side of church

Presbyterian Church, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn

Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

Building materials should match existing

(Cllr G. Sandilands declared interest in this item)

43/2014/0905 (East)

Demolition of existing retail units, construction of a terrace of 4 no. new retail units, reconfiguration of existing customer car park, extension to existing staff car parking to north east of site and associated landscaping and pedestrian/cycle/vehicle access works (Phase 2 Prestatyn Shopping Park)

Iceland Foods and Bevans Homewares, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn

Contact: Paul Mead

OBJECTION

Concerns about increased visitor traffic movements. Lack of turning space for delivery lorries. Height of development above existing roofline. Loss of retail parking space. Poor pedestrian safety at Glyn Avenue and Nant Hall Road roundabout which is heavily used by school children.

Poor visual aesthetics from Nant Hall Road, and Nant Hall Road businesses maybe adversely affected. Pedestrian links with High Street need improving.

Town Council seeking best development for town and current proposals appear to isolate retail park from Town Centre. Further dialogue and revised designs would be welcome.

(Cllr T. Lawler declared interest and took no part in discussion or voting on this item. Cllrs A Sampson, J Davies, P Duffy, J Thompson Hill abstained from voting)

43/2014/0906 (East)

Installation of 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 no. externally illuminated projecting sign
79 High Street, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

Observation

The projecting sign should be refused due to adverse impact on conservation area.

43/2014/0859 (Central)

Crown reduction of 3 No trees (Beech, Horse Chestnut and Lime) annexed to the Borough of Rhuddlan (Woodland Park Prestatyn) Tree Preservation Order No. 3, 1985 (A4)
33 Bryntirion Drive, Prestatyn
Contact: Paul Griffin

No Objection

43/2014/0914 (North)

Internal and external refurbishment of Leisure Centre
Nova Centre, Beach Road West, Prestatyn
Contact: Sarah Stubbs

No Objection

43/2014/0940 (North West)

Erection of a single storey flat roof extension to rear of dwelling
13 Ceri Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0939 (Central)

Alterations to roof including installation of dormer windows to provide living accommodation in roof space and erection of attached garage.
4 Clayton Drive, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0884 (Central)

Erection of a flat roof extension to rear Williams Estates, 11 Meliden Road, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0920 (Central)
Erection of a single storey extension to side
of dwelling
1A Cambrian Drive, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0932 (North)
Erection of rear extension to dwelling
4 Third Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

OBJECTION
Large scale and size of extension.
Overlooking of adjoining property.

43/2014/0958 (Central)
Insertion of 1 No. window to front and 1 No.
window to rear in connection with the
creation of additional accommodation at first
floor level.
24 Plas Uchaf Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: Denise Shaw

No Objection

43/2014/0854 (East)
Removal of existing Colinear antennas and
installation of 3 no. panel antennas fixed to
1.5 metre extended tower, equipment
cabinet within existing compound and new
gantry for cables and associated works.
Mast Site adjoining Coed Bell, Gronant
Road, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0874 (Central)
Erection of a two storey pitched roof
extension to front of dwelling
17.A Plas Uchaf Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0945 (East)
Erection of replacement dwelling and
construction of a new vehicular access
25 West Avenue, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

43/2014/0971 (Meliden)
Erection of 1st floor pitched roof extension to
rear and construction of dormer window in
connection with loft conversion
36 Pen y Maes, Meliden, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

No Objection

Joint County/Town Councillors may partake in decision making process at Town Council but consider matters afresh at Denbighshire County Council when additional information and advice will be available to them. They are not bound by the views or opinions of Town Council.

Chairman_____

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance and Management Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 6.15pm – 6.50pm

PRESENT

Councillors: R. Cooper (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, P. Penlington, J. McLellan, P. Duffy, G. Sandilands, T. Jones, J. Davies, T. Lawler, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt - Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: C. Guy, J. Thompson-Hill.

58 PAID ACCOUNTS

Details of paid accounts had been circulated with agenda.

The Chairman highlighted the range of community services being delivered and additional focus on community events and town support activities. Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that these relatively new areas of service provision had resulted in increased workloads and financial support systems had been adjusted accordingly.

With regard to town events it was pleasing to note that income levels and grants had risen in line with budget forecasts. Members reiterated that longer term it was hoped majority of community/town events would attract sponsorship/income and ultimately become self financing. Private companies and/or voluntary clubs willing to partner and/or host town events would be encouraged.

RESOLVED

- 1) That schedule of Paid Accounts for April, May, June, July, August 2014 be accepted.
- 2) That Quarterly Budget Statement be accepted.

59 NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 2013/14

Final notification had been received of 'clean' audit report 2013/14. Mr T. Brown, Internal Auditor commended work of office staff and spoke of high standards and accuracy of record keeping.

60 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BUDGET PLANNING AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR FUTURE YEARS

A letter had been received from Cllr H. Evans, Leader of Denbighshire County Council (copy circulated with agenda) detailing the difficult financial situation and requirements for substantial levels of savings required by County. In summary, Welsh Assembly Government required the County Council to find savings of eighteen million pounds 2015-17. Subsequently all County services were being reviewed and non statutory services (not required by law) were being heavily scrutinized. Non statutory services will be reduced or withdrawn. Unfortunately such services were highly visible in community terms and involved grass cutting, plants, litter picking, playgrounds, toilets, community buildings etc.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to recent discussions by Society of Local Council Clerks and it would appear that Principal Councils across North Wales had been unwilling and/or unable to provide Town/Community Councils with details of level/cost of town services.

Earlier talks about devolving services from Principal Councils to Town/Community Councils had stalled primarily because service levels on town/community council basis were not available and vital service delivery information had not been forthcoming from principal councils.

In circumstances it was recommended that Town Council adopt the normal approach to budget setting process, however arrangements should be made to enable quick Councillor response/Officer steer in event of any future decisions from Denbighshire County Council.

Committee considered whether Head Cabinet member for Finance, Denbighshire County Council should be requested to inform Town Council of plans on a regular basis; whether County will operate phased reduction of services; what arrangements are being made in respect of due diligence in respect of any transfer of service arrangements to third party organisations.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Committee appoints a Working Group consisting of all Councillors (quorum 6) to consider implications and response to any sudden reduction and/or withdrawal of Denbighshire County Council local services.
- 2) That Cllr H. Evans, Leader and Dr M. Mehmet CEO, Denbighshire County Council be invited to attend future meeting to discuss County budget planning and future local government structures. (All Councillors invited to submit written questions beforehand and if possible).
- 3) That a letter be sent to Cllr H. Evans, Leader and Anne Jones AM expressing concerns about Denbighshire County Council's lack of meaningful dialogue, insufficient timescales, and lack of detailed information on reduction/withdrawal of non statutory community services that would have assisted consideration of alternative community service provision.

61 WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT – DEVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND DELIVERY – WHITE PAPER REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Extracted copy of above consultation paper circulated with agenda and full details available at www.wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/whitepaper-reforming-local-government

Committee informed that North Wales Association of Town Councils and One Voice Wales were preparing responses from Town and Community Councils sector along with individual submissions from citizens and other organisations. Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that there was comparatively little reference to Town/Community Councils although it was recognised that government felt members should be reduced and smaller Councils merged. It was unlikely there would be wholesale changes for Community Councils in Wales until review of Principal Council structures completed.

RESOLVED

That documentation and papers be received.

62 EXTERNAL GRANT AWARDS 2015/16

Committee informed of recent grant awards from 1) CADW – Prestatyn memorial 10k and 2) The Town Centre Partnership Fund – WAG 50k matched funds. Both awards would assist Town Council and its partners with future plans and projects.

63 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2015/16

Councillors were invited to identify any significant plans or changes to service provision to be considered during preparation of financial estimates.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 6.50pm – 6.55pm

PRESENT

Councillors: P. Penlington (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, G. Sandilands, R. Cooper, J. McLellan, P. Duffy, T. Lawler, T. Jones, J. Davies, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, D. Turner, B. Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.
Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: J. Thompson-Hill, C. Guy

MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2014 be approved.

64 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultations to 24th September 2014 and submitted following observations:

APPLICATION

43/2014/0963 (North)
Erection of a single storey flat roof garage
and storage building to rear of premises
101 Victoria Road, Prestatyn
Contact: David Roberts

COMMENT

No Objection

Joint County/Town Councillors may partake in decision making process at Town Council but consider matters afresh at Denbighshire County Council when additional information and advice will be available to them. They are not bound by the views or opinions of Town Council.

Chairman_____