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TOWN COUNCIL

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7 Nant Hall Road
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3rd January 2025

3ydd Ionawr 2025

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of FULL COUNCIL to be held in The Chambers, Prestatyn Town Council, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 6:15pm.

If remote access is required, please contact the office by phone on 01745 857185 or by email at info@prestatyntc.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Locum Town Clerk

Prayers will be held prior to commencement.

1 APOLOGIES

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive notice of Councillors personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings as required by Code of Conduct legislation.

4 DENBIGHSHIRE BATHING WATERS
Presentation by Natural Resources Wales. Copy attached.

5 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Mayor's Diary – Copy attached

6 MINUTES
Full Council 13.11.24
Town Planning Committee 13.11.2024
Town Planning Committee 11.12.2024
Community Development & Regeneration 11.12.24
Finance & Management 11.12.24

7 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
To appoint representatives to the following bodies arising from vacancy:-

Annwyl Gynghorydd

Fe'ch gwahoddir i gyfarfod y CYNGOR LLAWN yn Y Siambrau, Cyngor Tref Prestatyn, 7 Ffordd Llys Nant, Prestatyn ar Ddydd Mercher 15fed Ionawr 2025 am 6:15pm.

Os byddwch angen mynychu ar-lein, ffoniwch y swyddfa ar 01745 857185 neu anfonwch e-bost i info@prestatyntc.co.uk.

Yn gywir iawn

Clerc y Dref Locwm

Bydd gweddïau cyn cychwyn

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

2 CYFRANOGAETH Y CYHOEDD

3 DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB
Derbyn hysbysiad am ddiddordebau personol a/neu ragfarnus y Cynghorwyr yn nhrafodion y cyfarfod heno fel sy'n ofynnol dan ddeddfwriaeth y Cod Ymddygiad.

4 DYFROEDD TROCHI SIR DDINBYCH
Cyflwyniad gan Gyfoeth Naturiol Cymru. Mae copi wedi'i atodi

5 CYFATHREBIADAU'R MAER
Dyddiadur y Maer – Mae copi wedi'i atodi

6 COFNODION
Y Cyngor Llawn 13.11.24
Y Pwyllgor Cynllunio Tref 13.11.2024
Y Pwyllgor Cynllunio Tref 11.12.2024
Datblygiad ac Adfywio Cymuned 11.12.24
Cyllid a Rheolaeth 11.12.24

7 CYNRYCHIOLWYR AR GYRFF ALLANOL
Penodi cynrychiolwyr i'r cyrff a ganlyn oherwydd swyddi gwag:-

i) Ysgol, Clawdd Offa – Governing Body
ii) Ysgol y Llys – Governing Body

i) Ysgol, Clawdd Offa – Corff Llywodraethu
ii) Ysgol y Llys – Corff Llywodraethu

8 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider Exclusion of Public and Press in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Parts 1,2,3,4 during the following items:-

Part Two Minutes 11.12.2024/Town Clock/Resources and Appeals Panel/ Panel Authorisation.

8 EITHRIO'R CYHOEDD A'R WASG

Ystyried Eithrio'r Cyhoedd a'r Wasg yn unol â Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 Atodlen 12A Rhannau 1,2,3,4 yn ystod yr eitemau a ganlyn:-

Cofnodion Rhan Dau 11.12.2024/Cloc y Dref/Panel Adnoddau ac Apeliadau/ Awdurdodi Panelau

9 PART 2 MINUTES

Full Council – 13.11.24
Finance and Management Committee – 11.12.24

9 COFNODION RHAN 2

Y Cyngor Llawn – 13.11.24
Y Pwyllgor Cyllid a Rheolaeth – 11.12.24

10 TOWN CLOCK

To determine future actions.

10 CLOC Y DREF

Penderfynu sut i weithredu yn y dyfodol.

11 COUNCILLOR/ PANEL APPOINTMENTS:

i) Employment Tribunal
ii) Resources and Appeals – to determine and appoint eligible Councilors to panel (copy attached)

11 PENODI CYNGHORWYR/PANEL:

i) Tribiwnlys Cyflogaeth
ii) Adnoddau ac Apeliadau – penderfynu a phenodi Cynghorwyr cymwys i'r panel (mae copi wedi'i atodi)

To: All Town Councillors
Denbighshire County Councillors
(Prestatyn and Meliden)
Public Notice
Mayor's Chaplin

I'r: Cynghorwyr Tref i Gyd
Cynghorwyr Sir Ddinbych
(Prestatyn a Gallt Melyd)
Hysbysiadau Cyhoeddus
Caplan y Maer

PRESTATYN

Under the revised BWD in 2015, Prestatyn has achieved 'Excellent' classification until this year. Following some elevated sample results this season, Prestatyn will now be classified as a 'Good' bathing water for 2025. The Blue Flag status requires 'Excellent' water quality as one of the criteria. This will mean that Prestatyn will not retain its Blue Flag in 2025.

What influences Prestatyn BW water quality

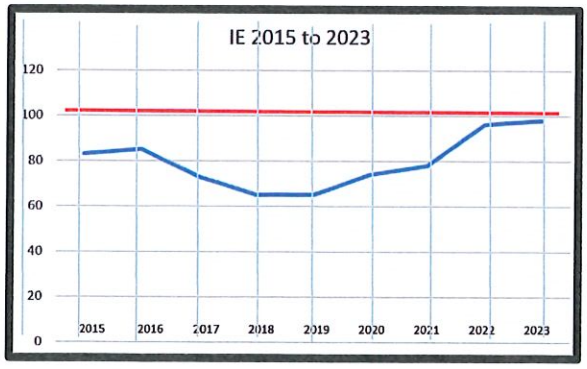
During high flows in the Clwyd catchment, the river water entering the sea at Rhyl (~ 4miles to the west) is pushed on incoming tides towards Prestatyn bathing waters.

Rhyl Cut outfalls into bathing waters approximately two miles to the west. The catchment is of limited size with some agriculture and three sewer overflows.

Levels of bacteria

EColi levels would place Prestatyn just within 'Excellent' status but IE levels have exceeded the threshold of 100 (red line below) and hence the 'Good' status.

The graph below shows IE at Prestatyn in recent years after the discounting of samples.



At the end of 2024 season, Prestatyn IE exceeded the 100 threshold for 'Excellent' with 106 IE.

NRW work to minimise the risk

The work detailed above for Rhyl will also have had a positive impact on Prestatyn.

Forward look

Prestatyn will have 'Good' status for 2025. The assessment is made using a rolling four year data set. At the end of the 2025 season, 2021 data will be removed from the assessment. As 2021 data contained good results, Prestatyn is likely to remain as 'Good'.

The key piece of work is to improve the prediction model for Prestatyn. The four year data set (2021 – 24) contains 11 elevated results, of which five were predicted. We believe that an updated model would have predicted all but one of these results. We are looking to carry out this work prior to the start of next season.

Any future work in the Clwyd catchment will also benefit Prestatyn, along with catchment work in the limited area drained by Rhyl Cut.

Tom Lewis – Senior Officer, NRW

[redacted]

the lower Clwyd are being operated in accordance with permit requirements, including storm overflows which are permitted to discharge in storm conditions.

We also work closely with Welsh Water on proactive issues such as misconnections in the surface water drains, reducing storm overflow discharges and nature based solutions to traditional sewage treatment that has the added benefit of bacteria reduction.

We have focuses significant resource and investment towards reducing agricultural sources of bacteria. We have worked with the farming unions, Farming Connect, Rivers Trust and many farmers, initially on our Lower Clwyd Project and then the Clwyd Opportunity Catchment work to reduce agricultural bacteria input into the lower Clwyd. Livestock access to watercourses in the summer months is not a breach of any regulations, and we have therefore sought funding to fence out livestock and providing alternative sources of water. Since 2019, we have invested over £350k on such schemes in the lower Clwyd catchment.

Forward look

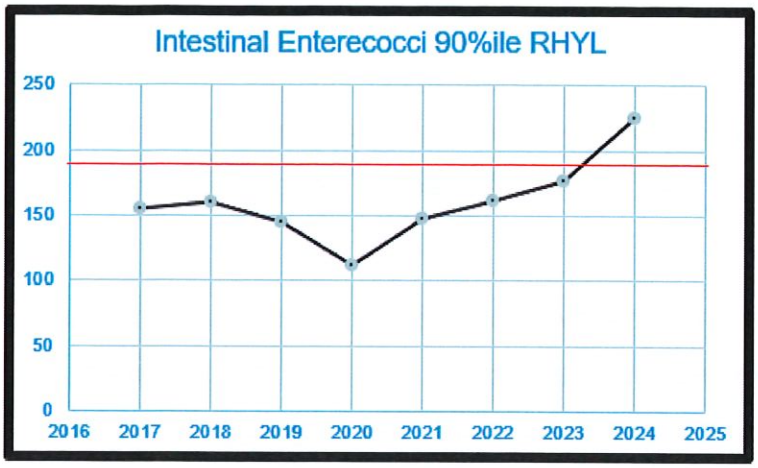
Rhyl will have 'Poor' status for 2025. The assessment is made using a rolling four year data set. At the end of the 2025 season, 2021 data will be removed from the assessment. As 2021 data contained some poor results, Rhyl is likely to return to 'Sufficient'.

We believe that the prediction model that has been successful since implementation in 2015 is now in need of updating. An improved model would likely allow a number of poor results to be discounted that currently aren't. We are looking to carry out this work prior to the start of next season. We will continue to work closely with Denbighshire County Council Harbour team to ensure the prediction requirements continue to be met.

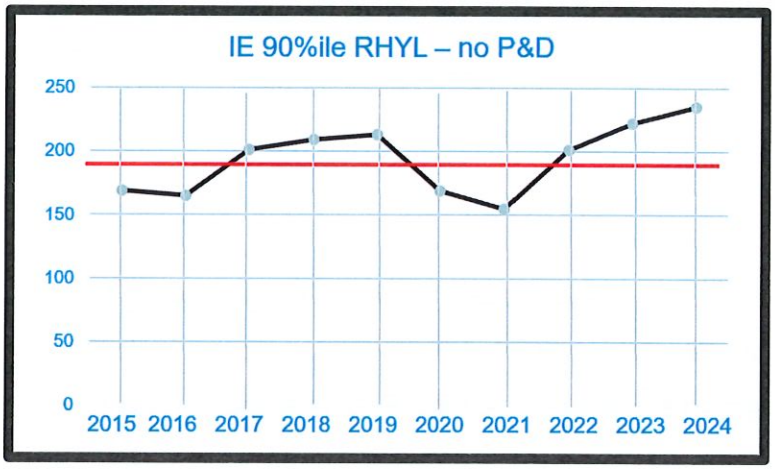
We will continue to work with farmers in the catchment to restrict livestock access to stream. We will also look to work with other stakeholders to increase such work.

We will continue to regulate Welsh Water's assets in the area and work with them on proactive measures e.g. clean water removal from sewers.

The graph below shows IE at Rhyl in recent years after the discounting of samples.



The graph below shows IE at Rhyl in recent years without discounting of samples – had there been no P&D :



The graph above shows that without P&D, Rhyl would have been classed as Poor in 2017 to 2019 and 2022 onwards.

NRW work to minimise the risk

Bacteria tends to die with time and therefore the further away the source of the bacteria, the less likely the bacteria are to reach Rhyl. We have therefore focused our work on the lower Clwyd catchment, from around Denbigh downstream to Rhyl.

The sewerage infrastructure was upgraded in 2012, designed to ensure Rhyl achieved Sufficient status. Our investigations and regulation indicate that assets in

What influences Rhyl BW water quality

Reductions in the bathing water quality at Rhyl can almost entirely be attributed to the proximity of the River Clwyd and its estuary. On an outgoing tide the river follows the Training Wall and appears to flow out to sea without affecting the bathing water sample point which is in line with Rhyl Seaquarium. As the tide turns, the long shore drift pushes the river water towards Rhyl Beach. Rivers are naturally higher in bacteria compared to that of coastal waters. In wet weather, river bacteria levels rise significantly above acceptable bathing water standards and if this coincides with an incoming tide at Rhyl, a reduction in water quality can be observed.

The bacteria in the river is normally from two significant sources:

Sewage – the majority of sewage is collected and treated by Welsh Water via their network of sewers, pumping stations and sewage works. There are many permitted overflows / outfalls on this system and designed to spill storm sewage in very wet weather, with significant outfalls near Marine Lake and Rhuddlan. The sewage infrastructure in the area has been designed to ensure Rhyl achieves Sufficient status.

Agriculture – the Clwyd Valley is farmed intensively with large dairy farms located in the lowlands, as well as sheep and beef cattle throughout. Livestock access to streams can be a significant source of bacteria if there is unrestricted access.

Other sources of bacteria local to Rhyl may include birds and dog. It is also possible for rough seas to disturb bacteria loaded sediment.

Levels of bacteria

We sample for two bacteria at EC beaches – E Coli and Intestinal Enterococci (IE), both faecal indicators. Samples are taken between May and September and are roughly two weeks apart.

EColi levels would place Rhyl in Good status but IE levels have exceeded the threshold of 185 (red line below) and hence the 'Poor' status.

FC Agenda Item 4.

DENBIGHSIRE BATHING WATER STATUS

Introduction

North Wales benefits from over forty EC designated bathing beaches / bathing waters (BW's). Natural Resources Wales monitor the bathing waters in Wales throughout the bathing season. Under the Regulations, we are required to sample our bathing waters a minimum of 5 times throughout the season. This year, the majority of our bathing waters were sampled 10 times, with some being sampled 16 or 20 times. It's our job to work with government, bathing water controllers, local authorities and businesses to maintain and improve bathing water quality in Wales.

At the end of the 2024 season, the four EC BW's in Denbighshire will have the following classifications :

	Rhyl	**Rhyl East**	**Marine Lake**	**Prestatyn**
2023	SUFFICIENT	GOOD	SUFFICIENT	EXCELLENT
2024	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD

The above table shows that both Rhyl and Prestatyn have dropped a classification. Marine Lake has improved a classification.

Further information for Rhyl and Prestatyn are below:

RHYL

The 2015 Bathing Water Directive revision (rBWD) reviewed the limits for acceptable levels of bacteria and this resulted in many beaches moving from 'Excellent' to 'Good' and from 'Good' to 'Sufficient', as in the case of Rhyl. Since 2015, Rhyl has been at risk of dropping to 'Poor' status but the use of Prediction & Discounting (P&D) where daily water quality predictions are published and allows up to 15 % of sample results to be discounted from the data set. This has been key in preventing such a drop in classification until 2024.

Following a number of elevated sample results this season, Rhyl will now be classified as a 'Poor' bathing water for 2025

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 6:15pm – 7:15pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A. West (Mayor), Cllr C. Holliday (Deputy Mayor), Cllr R. Flynn, Cllr A. Tomlin, Cllr S. Frobisher, Cllr P. Duffy, Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr G. Sandilands, Cllr B. Williams, Cllr C. Evans, Cllr J. Matthews, Cllr E. Heaton, Cllr J. McLellan, Cllr K. Clewett, Cllr H. Irving (Remote)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
Miss S. Rinaldo/Miss M Sinclair – Administration and Support Officers (Agency)
Public: Mr M. Trainer

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Cllr T. Jones MBE and Cllr A. Sampson

85 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Cllr A. West, Mayor welcomed newly elected Town Councillors Rachel Flynn and Peter Duffy to Council. Both Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance and confirmed their commitment to abide by the Councillors' Code of Conduct treating all people with respect and dignity.

86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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None received.

87 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr A. West, Mayor invited member of public Mr M. Trainer to address council. Mr Trainer expressed his concerns about passenger/public transport following his experience of using Prestatyn Bus Station:-

- lack of timetable information and electronic boards not working. Some people do not have access to electronic apps to check timetables
- no bus stop numbering
- poor seating which faces away from arriving buses
- poor coordination of bus connectivity
- poor impression on visitors/tourists to town and facilities do not encourage people to use public transport.
- appears to be a lack of coordination between Denbighshire County Council, Passenger Transport Services and Arriva/other bus companies.

Council was reminded that public passenger transport services were primarily the responsibility of Denbighshire County Council/Welsh Government and bus companies. The concerns raised would be forwarded to Denbighshire County Council for action. In addition,

Locum Town Clerk would arrange for monitoring of situation and report back to Council accordingly.

88 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayoral Diary of Engagements from 10th September 2024 to 13th November 2024 – copy and details had been circulated with agenda papers. Cllr A. West, Mayor highlighted Remembrance Service and also Town's Halloween event which had both been very well received by Prestatyn's residents and visitors.

Cllr S. Frobisher, Past Mayor had also attended Rhyl Remembrance as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were attending Remembrance Parade and Services at Prestatyn and Meliden.

Cllr C. Evans and others also extended their compliments and thanks to Prestatyn Town Council for organising recent town events.

89 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Council and Committees be accepted as follows:-

Full Council 11.09.2024

Cllr C. Evans enquired if there were any updates to minutes 60, 61 and 62 Locum Town Clerk advised that there were no updates tonight although some communications had recently been received. He would check on details/progress and report back to next Council/Committee. The Locum Town Clerk confirmed he had had sought more information on Cerebral Palsy Cymru.

RESOLVED That Cerebral Palsy Cymru funding application be further discussed at the next Community Development and Regeneration Committee meeting.
Proposed: Cllr C. Evans Seconded: Cllr J. Matthews

Town Planning Committee 11.09.2024

Pursuant to Minute 63/64 for clarification 43/2024/1158/PF Cllr J. Matthews asked that minutes should read Declaration of Interest - None Received. However, Cllr J. Matthews wished it to be recorded that she did not take part in discussion or voting on this planning application consultation as she is on DCC's Planning Committee.

RESOLVED That record be amended.
Proposed: Cllr A Tomlin Seconded: Cllr C Holliday

Town Planning Committee 09.10.2024

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 09.10.2024
Apologies – Cllr A. Tomlin and Cllr J. Matthews both indicated they are non-committee members should not be recorded as apologies.

Pursuant to Minute 71 Festive Arch. Cllr P. Duffy raised issue with the new Arch, expressing concerns about flimsy installation and initially a lack of bolts/tightening although this has since been rectified. In his opinion the festive arch and installation are poor quality and a potential risk. Cllr C. Holliday, Chair of Finance and Management Committee and both Locum Town Clerk confirmed they had contacted the contractor who is satisfied with final installation. Denbighshire County Council (landowner) had been on site and has not raised any issues.

Finance and Management Committee 09.10.2024
Apologies - Cllr A. Tomlin reiterated that as for CDRC non-committee members should not be recorded as apologies.

90 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2024/25

i) Community Development and Regeneration Committee(CDRC)
Following resignation of a town councillor earlier this year it was necessary to appoint a new committee member. Cllr A. West, Mayor invited nominations and voting was by show of hands.

RESOLVED
That Cllr G. Sandilands be appointed CDRC committee member 2024/5.

Cllr G. Sandilands - Proposed Cllr J. Matthews Seconded Cllr E. Heaton 11 votes
Cllr R. Flynn – Proposed: Cllr A. Tomlin Seconded: Cllr S. Frobisher 4 votes

ii) Chairmanship of Community Development and Regeneration Committee
Following resignation of Chairman earlier this year it was necessary to appoint a new Chairman as Cllr K Clewett, Vice Chairman had declined role due to heavy work commitments. Cllr A. West, Mayor invited nominations.

RESOLVED
That Cllr G Sandilands be appointed Chairman of Community Development and Regeneration Committee 2024/5.

Proposed: Cllr J. Matthews Seconded: Cllr C. Evans
No further nominations received.

iii) Finance and Management Committee
Following resignation of a town councillor earlier this year it was necessary to appoint a new committee member. Cllr A. West, Mayor invited nominations.

RESOLVED
That Cllr C. Evans be appointed Finance and Management Committee member 2024/25.

Proposed: Cllr J. Matthews Seconded: Cllr C. Holliday
No further nominations received.

91 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Council was reminded of two vacancies arising from resignation of a town councillor earlier this year and a further position that remained unfilled.

i) North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils
RESOLVED That Cllr I. Lifford be appointed council representative 2024/5.

Proposed: Cllr G. Sandilands Seconded: Cllr J. Matthews
No other nominations received

ii) Ysgol y Llys

No nominations received and position vacant.

iii) CCTV Denbighshire(Prestatyn)
RESOLVED That Cllr C Evans be appointed council representative 2024/5.

Proposed Cllr C. Holliday Seconded: Cllr I. Lifford
No further nominations received.

92 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE PAY AWARD 2024/25

Locum Town Clerk/RFO reported that the national pay award for local government staff 2024/25 engaged under NJC Terms and Conditions of Service had been determined and increase for year would be a flat rate across all paybands. This represented increases of between 5.76% on lower bands and 2.3% for higher bands. He confirmed that there were sufficient funds within payroll budget to meet demands and this would be effective from 1st April 2024.

In response to a members query about payments for staff who had left office since 1st April 2024 it was for councils and former employees to determine backdated pay awards.

RESOLVED

i) That NJC Pay Award 2024/5 effective from 1st April 2024 be accepted

ii) That all former employees who left after 1st April 2024 to receive pro rata award.

Financial/Legal Implications: Costs contained within personnel budget provision 2024/25.
NJC Terms and Conditions of Service form basis of staff employment contracts.

Proposed by Cllr I. Lifford Seconded Cllr C. Evans.

93 STAFF COUNCIL PM 83

Council was reminded that this item had been discussed previously and had received a good level of support from both members and staff. Details of previous Staff Council's Terms of Reference had been circulated with agenda papers.

A query was received about whether Council recognised unions and this was confirmed by Locum Town Clerk. The concept of Staff Council was to help promote a positive working partnership between Management, Employer and Employees.

RESOLVED

i) That Council re-establish Staff Council and Terms of Reference be accepted.
Proposed: by Cllr C. Evans Seconded: Cllr C. Holliday

ii) That Cllrs B Williams and Cllr I Lifford be appointed Council (Employer) representatives

Cllr B. Williams - Proposed: Cllr J. Matthews Seconded: Cllr C. Holliday
Cllr I. Lifford – Proposed: Cllr C. Evans. Seconded: Cllr G. Sandilands
No other nominations received. Staff would appoint their own representation.

94 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025/26

Councillors were invited to identify any significant changes to service and/or new projects/services to be considered during budget setting process 2025/26.

Cllr C. Holliday had suggested that Prestatyn should be coach-friendly to help improve tourism and this approach was widely supported. Unfortunately, there was no clear town centre site that would be available to accommodate a coach park close to town. Several suggestions were made and it was agreed item would be referred to next Community Development and Regeneration Committee for consideration.

Council was also reminded that Denbighshire County Council were considering alternative service delivery of public toilets due to ongoing budgetary pressures next year.

95 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr A. West, Mayor indicated that the next part of Full Council proceedings would be to deal with confidential matters and he therefore proposed that Planning Committee be held next in open public session. Full Council - Part Two would reconvene after Planning Committee and this was agreed.

Mayor_____

TOWN PLANNING

Minutes of Town Planning Committee meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7:25pm – 7:55pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A. West (Mayor/Chairman), Cllr C. Holliday (Deputy Mayor), Cllr R. Flynn, Cllr A. Tomlin, Cllr S. Frobisher, Cllr P. Duffy, Cllr I. Lifford, Cllr G. Sandilands, Cllr B. Williams, Cllr C. Evans, Cllr C. Evans, Cllr J. Matthews, Cllr E. Heaton, Cllr J. McLellan, Cllr K. Clewett, Cllr H. Irving (Remotely)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Cllr T. Jones MBE and Cllr A. Sampson

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with the code of legislation. None received.

97 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

98 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTATIONS 13/11/2024

APPLICATION	COMMENT
43/2024/1210/PF Change of use of existing garage to include tyre fitting to existing B2 use class. **Omega Cars, Victoria Road, Prestatyn** **(N)**	OBSERVATIONS Concerns about potential noise nuisance to nearby residents (cul-de-sac) arising from proposed operations, equipment and machinery.
43/2024/1356/TC Felling of 1 no. Scotts Pine Tree within Prestatyn Conservation Area **17 Fforddlas, Prestatyn** **(E)**	OBSERVATION Defer to professional report and advice from County Tree Officer.

43/2024/1362/TC Pruning of one sycamore tree within Prestatyn Conservation Area **99B High Street, Prestatyn** **(E)**	NO OBJECTION Healthy trees have previously been felled in town and pruning is a better option. Defer to professional report and advice from County Tree Officer.
43/2024/1364/TP Crown thinning and lifting to one beech tree subject to tree preservation order of former Rhuddlan Borough Council/2/24/1985 **34 Fforddlas, Prestatyn** **(C)**	NO OBJECTION Defer to professional report and advice from County Tree Officer.
43/2024/1230/HH Retrospective application for alternations and extensions to dwelling including loft conversion, rooflights and associated works. **Fourways Tan Yr Allt, Meliden** **(M)**	NO OBJECTION Construction reportedly undertaken by a previous owner but current owner has now submitted a retrospective application. Agreement in place that nesting boxes should be kept/ installed.
43/2024/1378/PF Erection of 4 EV charging points including sub-station enclosure, fencing, formation of hardstanding and associated works. **Lower High Street Car Park, Prestatyn** **(C)**	NO OBJECTION
43/2024/1379/AD Display of signage in relation to EV charging points. **Lower High Street Car Park, Prestatyn** **(C)**	NO OBJECTION
43/2024/1244/HH Raising of roof height to create first floor extention to dwelling. Erection of single storey extention to rear and side and associated works. **16 Earlswood Avenue, Prestatyn** **(N)**	NO OBJECTION
43/2024/1339/HH Erection of single storey side extension to the front of dwelling. **4 Morgan Road, Prestatyn** **(N)**	NO OBJECTION
43/2024/1234/PO Development of 0.75ha of land by the erection of 2no detactched dwellings (Outline Application including access and layout) **Land to the rear of 20-22 Meliden Road, Prestatyn**	OBJECTION Neighbouring property owners are concerned about overlooking and potential backland development. Previous planning applications made with Denbighshire County Council, one of which was refused and the other withdrawn. The last application was made approximately six months ago. Vehicular access and egress to site is unsafe and unacceptable.

43/2024/1431/HH Erection of single storey rear extention incuding the formation of patio, landscaping and associated works **6 Rhodfa Derwen, Prestatyn** **(E)**	NO OBJECTION

43/2024/1473/TP Crown reduction of one lime tree subject to Former Rhuddlan Borough Council Tree Preservation Order 2/24/1985 **13 Oak Hill Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 9PU** **(C)**	NO OBJECTION Defer to professional report and advice from County Tree Officer.

99 NETWORK RAIL/TRANSPORT FOR WALES

Cllr A. West, Mayor/Chairman reported upon recent preliminary discussions with representatives of Network Rail and Transport for Wales regarding future of two public/pedestrian crossing points at Sandy Lane and Beverley Drive, Prestatyn. It was explained that the company's long term future plans for the rail network included significantly more trains on the network travelling at much higher rail speeds to improve connectivity.

Unfortunately, the proposed development would result in closure of both pedestrian crossings on grounds of public safety. One of the crossings was rated as second most dangerous in Wales and ranked tenth most dangerous in UK. Rail companies owed a duty of care to ensure pedestrians are not at risk of being hit by trains for sake of public and train drivers.

Network Rail/Transport for Wales desired to commence a public consultation exercise although levels of funding for major infrastructure works were still unclear. A previous consultation exercise reportedly undertaken ten years ago had been heavily criticised by many local councillors, residents and users. The date of latest proposed consultation exercise was not known at this stage.

Councillors emphasised the need for meaningful consultation, and it was clear that residents and public needed opportunities to express their views and opinions. Several councillors indicated that both crossings were well used by a lot of people, including young children going to school.

It was understood that one option for consideration would be removal of both existing pedestrian crossings points and installation of bridge crossings. The need for any new crossings to be Disability Discrimination Act compliant was essential, and any proposals would need to cater for a wide range of people with disabilities and parents with pushchairs.

Chairman_____

TOWN PLANNING

Minutes of Town Planning Committee meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 6:20pm – 6:25pm

PRESENT

Councillors: A. West (Mayor/Chairman), C. Holliday (Deputy Mayor), S. Frobisher, P. Duffy, I. Lifford, C. Evans, K. Clewett, B. Williams(r), J.Matthews (r), T. Jones MBE (r) J. McLellan(r) J. Thompson-Hill (r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Miss B. Shaw – Financial and Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Sandilands, H. Irving, R. Flynn, A. Tomlin, E. Heaton

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with the code of legislation. None received.

101 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

102 MINUTES 13.11.2024

RESOLVED That Minutes of Town Planning Consultation held be approved.

Proposed by Cllr B. Williams; seconded by Cllr C. Evans.

103 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTATIONS 11/12/2024

APPLICATION	COMMENT
43/2024/1498/HH Alternations and extension to dwelling and associated works. **81 Garnett Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7DJ (N)**	NO OBJECTION

43/2024/1242/PF Demolition of existing sales, reception and offices building and erection of replacment building to comprise of reception, sales centre, cafe, diner, kitchen, offices including decked terrace arears, landscaping and associated works. **Lido Beach Holiday Park, Bastion Road, Prestatyn, LL19 7EU** **(N)**	NO OBJECTION
43/2024/1488/HH Erection of single storey rear extention and associated works. **22 Morgan Road, Prestatyn, LL19 7YY** **(N)**	NO OBJECTION

Mayor _____

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 6.25pm – 6.50pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllrs K. Clewett (Vice- Chair), C. Holliday, B. Williams.

Observer Councillors: A. West (Mayor), S. Frobisher, P. Duffy, I. Lifford, C. Evans, J. Matthews(r), T. Jones MBE(r), J. McLellan(r), J. Thompson-Hill(r).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Miss B. Shaw – Financial and Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Sandilands.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

None Received.

105 COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Committee was reminded of recent town council events including Halloween week of events and activities, Remembrance Services, Christmas Light Switch On, and forthcoming Winter-Fest weekend organised by Prestatyn Business Forum.

Committee was informed that unfortunately the Christmas Tree by railway station had blown over in Storm Darragh but was now back in place with additional weights and support.

Locum Town Clerk advised that all events had been well attended and members concurred were several anecdotal observations being provided. He explained that post of community liaison officer was vacant and was being covered with assistance of agency staff. Events and Community Activities 2025/26 would require extra consideration due to ongoing work pressure upon existing staff and budgetary pressures.

106 TY CARADOC LIGHTING PM75

Locum Town Clerk reported that following last meeting all contractors had been invited to provide revised quotation based upon fitting of LED light bulbs. Subsequently one contractor had advised they would not quote, others had sent in revised quotations as reported, remained unchanged.

RESOLVED

That A. Sampson quotation in sum of £960.00 be accepted.

Financial/Legal Implications: £960 cost within community centre budget provisions 2024/25. Normal business practises and public liability insurance to apply.

107 GRANT APPLICATIONS PM60(i/ii/iii)

Following previous meeting several organisations had been invited to provide additional information to support and/or clarify their application and details circulated with agenda.

i) Bethan Jones Singing Tuition (PM 60/ii) - company status had been queried and clarification sought regarding operations. Whilst the company appeared to be a commercial company it had stated that the local singing competition was a 'not for profit' activity.

RESOLVED That no award be made on this occasion, but further discussion be held with company regarding possible involvement with future town events.

Proposed: Cllr C. Holliday Seconded: Cllr B. Williams

ii) Cerebral Palsy PM 60(i) – query regarding services provided locally in town. The national charity had advised that four families receive direct support in town and a factsheet circulated on 'Better Start Better Future' campaign. Committee discussed its role in supporting national/local charities and it was felt there was need to review/establish policy to assist both applicants and Council in future.

iii) Prestatyn Rhyl and District U3A – this item to be considered at CDRC next meeting

Following consideration of Cerebral Palsy grant application Cllr B Williams advised that he would be retiring from meeting which meant that the committee would become inquorate. The Chairman and Locum Town Clerk enquired if remainder of committee business from tonight should be referred to Finance and Management Committee subject to agreement of that meeting.

Chairman_____

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Finance and Management Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on 11th December 2024 at 6.55 – 8.30pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllrs C. Holliday (Chairman), I. Lifford (Vice-Chairman) A. West, J. Matthews, C. Evans.

Councillor Observers: S. Frobisher, P. Duffy, K. Clewett, T. Jones MBE(r), J McLellan (r), J. Thompson-Hill (r).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Miss B. Shaw – Financial and Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Sandilands.

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with the Code of Conduct legislation. None received.

109 FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES BACS 9, P7

Chairman advised that several items despatched with agenda had previously been considered and approved by Council and therefore only BACS 9 and Personnel (P) payment 7 and Direct Debits (DCCx2) required consideration tonight.

A members raised costs of legal/professional fees associated with staff matters and reminded committee of ongoing costs to date. The use of agency staff to cover for vacant posts was also queried, however this approach was proving cost neutral in short term. Locum Town Clerk/Financial Officer had also been engaged for foreseeable future.

RESOLVED

That BACS 9, and P7 and Direct Debits be approved.

Proposed: Cllr C. Evans Seconded: Cllr I. Lifford

110 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 INC & EXP, BALANCE SHEET,

Details of accounts had been circulated with agenda papers.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Accounts for September/October - Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet, Trial Balance be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr C. Evans Seconded: Cllr I. Lifford

111 OTHER FUNDS/DONATIONS

Details of 'in kind' donations received from local companies towards community events and activities circulated with agenda. Committee was also informed of the successful award of UK Government funded warm hubs initiative 2024/25.

RESOLVED

i) That UK Government Warm Hubs successful funding bid in sum of £6,000 be received.

ii) That details of 'in kind' donations from local and national companies (local stores) be received.

iii) That Council recognises important role of volunteers to assist at community events/activities and to help with minor maintenance/servicing of community facilities be recognised.

112 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025/2026

Cllr C Holliday, Chairman invited councillors to identify any significant items and/or changes to service that may need consideration as part of budget setting process. Several items were raised including continuation of warm hubs programme (Prestatyn and Meliden)/ proposed changes to DCC Public Conveniences/ review of free car parks initiative funded by town council/public amenities.

113 DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL

Committee was informed that due to Christmas/New Year's holiday period it would be difficult for staff to prepare agenda and give satisfactory notice of meeting.

RESOLVED That date of next Full Council/Town Planning Committee meeting be changed to 15th January 2025

114 STAFF TRAINING

Cllr C Holliday, Chairman reported upon successful completion by Mrs B Shaw of Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration.

RESOLVED That Mrs B Shaw be congratulated on successful completion of FILCA.

Financial/Legal Implications: Council recognises qualification and award one increment on current pay scales as per terms and conditions of service.

115 ITEMS REFERRED FROM CDRC MEETING

Cllr C Holliday, Chairman referred to earlier meeting that had become inquorate and felt these items should be considered tonight. Other committee members and councillors present concurred.

RESOLVED That following items be considered Ty Pendre lease/Town Clock/Environmental Tender 2025/6

116 TY PENDRE PM 44

Locum Town Clerk/RFO reported that the short-term lease/temporary hire agreement was due for renewal, The Working Poor Isolation Group had provided a brief update on their activities and had recorded over one thousand visitors to premises in last six months. The group wished to extend the current agreement.

Discussion took place on current short-term arrangements and members confirmed they did not want a long-term occupancy to arise by default.

RESOLVED

i) That current agreement be extended until 31.03.2025

ii) That Locum Town Clerk/RFO investigate potential liabilities arising from current agreement and whether lease/room hire/rental or other form of service agreement would give council more flexibility for use of building in future.

117 TOWN CLOCK

Committee was informed that two quotations had been received for repair of town clock. One was from the original supplier in sum in region of 7k as previously reported. However, an approach has since be received from a local watch repair company who wished to undertake this job. Initial discussion revealed that the company had assessed work required and had provided a much lower quote.

RESOLVED That further information be sought about local watch maker proposals and seek work references etc.

118 EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A Parts 1/3 during the following items: Energy Provider/Building Survey/Electrical Inspections/Community Centre Rentals/Trade Waste/Environmental Tender/Personnel.

119 ENERGY PROVIDER 2025/26

Details of quotations received for supply of electricity and gas to Town Council offices had been received from multiple energy companies (copy circulated with agenda). All companies had quoted for a three-year term. The prices showed significant savings on current rates which expire in April 2025.

RESOLVED That quotation from Eon and Eon gas be accepted wef 1st May 2025

Financial/Legal/Other Implications: Based upon current usage forecast electric £2,110 and gas £3,045 represents approximately forty five percent saving on current energy prices. Lowest quotation is based on three-year term with locked price.

120 TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

Several Councillors and Staff had recently commented upon poor condition of ground floor frontage arising from what appeared to be penetrating/rising damp. In addition, recent problems of leaking roof, boiler breakdown and concerns about age related deterioration had been identified.

Subsequently quotations had been sought from local building surveyors for a building conditions report and details were provided.

RESOLVED That G P Property Surveyors be appointed to undertake building survey in sum of £1200 inclusive of vat.

Financial/Legal Implications: Costs contained within building maintenance fund 2024/5
Parts of property open to public. Staff welfare.

121 ELECTRICAL CONDITION INSPECTION REPORTS

Details of electrical condition inspection report quotations for six council owned locations/property had been circulated with agenda papers. A further quotation had been received since despatch of agenda and information provided.

RESOLVED That quotation Highline Electrical Ltd be accepted subject to confirmation of number of visits to six individual locations.

Financial /Legal Implications: Cost to be contained with budget provision 2024/25. Electrical condition report required for public buildings.

122 COMMUNITY CENTRE RENTALS

Committee was informed that three community centres were held on a long term twenty-one-year lease granted to local management associations. There was also a three-year rental agreement with each management association.

RESOLVED
i) That existing community centre rental prices remain in place until 31.03.2025

ii) That Council inform Management Associations of proposal to review rental agreement for 2025/26 provisionally based upon inflation rate figure at specified date to be confirmed.

123 TRADE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES -TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES

Committee was informed of long-standing difficulty with trade waste collection service and staff had unfortunately been unable to resolve matters with service provider. It was unclear if there was a fixed collection date and/or the current arrangements for different types of waste.

Consequently, quotations had been sought from alternative service providers and this had shown potential cost savings to trade waste collection service. Different companies had offered different sized collection bins some of which would not fit within indoor storage area.

RESOLVED That quotation from Ash Waste Services Ltd be accepted.

Financial/Legal Implications: Costs to be contained within 2024/25 budget provisions.

124 ENVIRONMENTAL TENDER 2025/26

Cllr I Lifford had kindly prepared a report for consideration and copy circulated with agenda papers. The report outlined different methods and options of service delivery and routine maintenance at several sites maintained by Town Council. These town services had arisen over many years following withdrawal of County services and/or a desire to improve levels of local service.

Town Council already worked closely with a number of local organisations and partners to help maintain key areas and focal points throughout Prestatyn and Meliden. It had also worked with Wales in Bloom group over many years to assist town's entry into this annual competition.

The report highlighted six fundamental work areas and included suggestions on possible future actions/service delivery arrangements.

RESOLVED

i) That Cllr I. Lifford be thanked for his constructive preliminary report and assistance 2024/25.

ii) Those proposals be worked up for alternative service delivery model, projected costings, and identification of any actions required to enable service delivery trial, and timeframes.

Proposed: Cllr I. Lifford Seconded: Cllr C. Evans

125 PERSONNEL

Due to nature of ongoing legal proceedings all staff except Locum Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer retired from meeting. Separate private and confidential part two minutes will be recorded for this matter.

Chairman_____