

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 18:44 – 20.35.

PRESENT

Councillors: A. West, C. Holliday, P. Duffy, G. Sandilands, A. Tomlin, A. Sampson, J. Matthews, T. Jones MBE (r), K. Clewett, G. Frobisher MBE, B. Williams (r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P. Davis – Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Ms A. Frend – Administration Officer (agency), Miss J. Harrison – Payroll and Administration Support

APOLOGIES

Councillors: J. McLellan, E. Heaton, I Lifford, S. Frobisher, J. Thompson Hill, R. Flynn.

32 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Citizens Advice

Mayor welcomed Rob Lloyd the Project Support & Research Officer at Citizens Advice to the meeting. Mr Lloyd explained that they were a local charity affiliated with the National organisation, and their mission was to reduce poverty, improve resilience and homelessness in Denbighshire.

Over the last year they have helped 816 residents of Prestatyn and Meliden, dealing with 1,080 cases, with over 6,200 individual issues. Key issues being energy bills, debt, further financial support. They have helped secure over £1.7m of additional income and written off over £137,000 of debt.

The biggest problem they face has been the complexity of issues which requires more intensive support from CAB Advisors.

The number of people seen face to face has reduced dramatically but they are in the library twice a week.

Mr Lloyd took questions from the Cllrs and was then thanked for his attendance and ongoing work.

Cllr J. Matthews suggested that we could have a directory of support for residents on our website.

Working Denbighshire

Mayor welcomed Tyra Beattie and Engagement Officer from Working Denbighshire to the meeting. She explained that they are a government funded employability service for Denbighshire for ages 16 upwards to help residents get back into work, training, or education.

The purpose of the programme is to help people, at whatever stage they are at, with confidence and skills. They operate an open-door approach.

Services provided help with removing any barriers to get help anyone get back into work. Mentors work on a one-to-one basis and offer in-work support.

Working Denbighshire took some questions from the Cllrs and was thanked for their attendance and ongoing work.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

None received.

34 TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ELECT THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Cllr Frobisher MBE proposed that all Councillors be on the Finance and Management committee and the Community Development and Regeneration Committee.

Cllr Matthews seconded the motion.

Cllr Sandilands asked how the process to change the Terms of Reference would work. Town Clerk said the document would go through to Policy and Review committee and then to Full Council.

RESOLVED

That all Councillors be on the Finance and Management committee and the Community Development and Regeneration Committee.

One abstention.

All in favour to elect the Vice Chair for Town Planning and the Chair and Vice Chair for Finance and Management Committee and Community Development and Regeneration Committee at the next respective meetings.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk review the Committee Terms of Reference.

Mayor informed Council that Cllr I. Lifford had stood down from Bodnant School Committee and from Finance and Management Committee.

35 GRANT APPLICATIONS

That Grants be awarded as follows:

- (i) Denbighshire Play Ranger Service – Mayor informed Council that there was not the

money in the budget for the amount that was being asked.

Deferred - Council asked for clarification as to where their sessions would be taking place and for further information.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk collect more details from Play Ranger.

(ii) Ffrith Bowling Club was awarded £900.00 as per budget provisions 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr A. West

Seconder: Cllr G. Sandilands

All in favour

(iii) Prestatyn Running Club was awarded £200.00 as per budget provisions 2026/27

Proposed: Cllr G. Sandilands

Seconder: Cllr P. Duffy

All in favour

36 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That Minutes of meetings be approved as follows: -

Annual General Meeting 13.05.26

Town Planning Committee 14.05.26

Extraordinary Full Council 26.02.26

37 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE

Town Clerk provided a detailed update to councillors about current activity and future plans for the management of the council offices and its business. Also being transparent about possible spending so councillors are aware of Clerk plans or suggestions. This had been distributed with the agenda.

The council was asked to consider and make decisions on the following matters:

Repair of the railway bench.

Decision not to repair the bench.

All in favour.

Replace the notice board outside the office.

Decision – to replace the notice board.

Proposed Cllr J. Matthews

Seconder Cllr G. Frobisher MBE

Council name change to Prestatyn and Meliden Town Council

Town Clerk agreed to add this onto the next Full Council agenda.

To record future meetings.

This will be added to the next Full Council agenda.

Cllr B. Williams left the meeting

Halloween, Remembrance and Christmas Planning.

The Town Clerk outlined the proposed dates and logistical arrangements for this year's events and asked Council whether they were content for the Remembrance flags to remain in place alongside the Christmas lights.

Council agreed that 13 November would be too early for the Christmas Lights Switch-On event, primarily because it falls during Remembrance Week.

The Town Clerk advised that it would not be possible to have an ice rink on either 20 or 27 November.

Alternative dates, including weekday options, were discussed.

Cllr G. Frobisher proposed to hold the Christmas Light Switch On, on Friday 27th November
Seconder - Cllr K. Clewett

Agreed (9)

Against (1)

Creation of a Gateway Display in the Town

The Town Clerk advised that a CAD drawing would be required to obtain an accurate cost estimate for the proposed structure, at a cost of £300.

Cllr Sampson agreed to speak to the Business Forum with regards to something in its place.

Following discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with this project.

Illumination of 3 trees outside Cumberlidge Jewellers on the High Street.

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed.

Proposed: Cllr Sampson

Seconder: Cllr Tomlin

In favour (8)

Two abstentions

Sketch Draw and Paint.

Provisional dates have been agreed – 6 dates in Prestatyn and 6 in Meliden at a cost of £1700.

Proposed: Cllr J. Matthews

Seconder: Cllr A. Sampson

In favour (9)

One abstention.

Britain and Wales in Bloom

Cllr Lifford had put forward a suggestion that Council take £3000 out of reserves to cover the additional costs and enhancements for the Wales in Bloom competition.

Cllr Sandilands asked if we could obtain further details for what the money would be used for.

Removal of the Cedar Tree at the top of the High Street

Confirmed as dead and needs to be removed at a cost of £1200.

Council asked that further estimates be obtained.

Benches

To paint/stain 22 benches on the competition route for Wales in Bloom.

Proposed: Cllr J. Matthews

Seconder: Cllr A. Sampson

In favour (8)

Two abstentions

38 CHRISTMAS WORKING HOURS

A paper outlining three options for Christmas working hours of Town Council staff had been distributed with the agenda for consideration.

RESOLVED

That Option 1 be approved.

Office closed Thursday 24th December and open Monday 5th January 2027.

Proposer: Cllr A. Sampson

Seconder: Cllr J. Matthews

In favour (6)

39 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 during the following items:

(i) **DCC AUDITOR UPDATE –**
Samantha Davies, Bob Chowdhury.

(ii) **STAFFING**

**(iii) "FILE MOTION TO FILE A VOTE OF NO
CONFIDENCE IN THE STAFFING AND
FINANCE SUB COMMITTEES"**

Cllr P. Duffy

Mayor_____