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FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 6.20pm – 7.40pm

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Sgt M. Jones – North Wales Police, Rev J. Harvey – Mayor's Chaplain (6.15-6.30pm).

APOLOGIES

Councillors: B. Cooper, G. Percival, T. Lawler.
Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant.

67 PRAYERS

Prior to meeting Rev J. Harvey asked for a moment of silent reflection. Prayers were offered seeking wisdom, justice and equality in Council proceedings.

68 NORTH WALES POLICE

Cllr B. Paterson, Mayor, welcomed Sgt Mark Jones to the meeting and invited him to address Council. Sgt Jones explained that he was part of the Prestatyn Neighbourhood Policing Team (PNPT) and was thoroughly enjoying his work in town since moving into post earlier this year. He also circulated a paper identifying members of the team and gave details of crime statistics on ward by ward basis.

The local team consisted of two police constables and eight police community support officers plus another ten police officers from the response unit who had recently moved into Prestatyn station. The recent changes in team and response unit effectively provided 24/7 policing cover for the town.

Community engagement and social media are used by the Prestatyn Police Neighbourhood Team to help improve links with local residents and visitors. The team also attend local community events subject to service requirements and resources.

Crime statistics were provided by Sgt Jones who explained that it was important to also look behind figures to discover reasons for crime. Evidence had shown that one person can be responsible for many incidents and following arrest of one individual the number of reported crimes had fallen significantly. Crime prevention is also a very important aspect of police work and a number of new initiatives will be developed in coming months, especially around retail crime and safe drinking.

There followed a question and answer session:

Cllr BM Congratulations to team. Would like to know about future of Police ward meetings as heard they may be stopping. **MJ** Community meetings will continue.

Cllr BM 101 non emergency number is still a problem and absolutely hopeless. **MJ** 101 is national non emergency number and even police sometimes have difficulty with this service. Often the problem stems from staff shortages. I will pass Council concerns to relevant force control unit.

Cllr BM Can police move cars that are abandoned or causing obstruction? **MJ** If a car is reported that is covered by tax, MOT and insurance it has a legal right to be on highway. If vehicle is being sold on highway or public land without permission it is illegal and can be reported to Denbighshire County Council. For police to move a vehicle there needs to be a significant obstruction causing danger. Police officers had recently investigated a complaint raised by local councillor and would be talking to vehicle owner to try and resolve the issue of parked car that was causing safety concerns.

Cllr JS Coffee with a Cop and Brew with a Bobby sounds good community engagement initiative. Pleased to see police out on patrol in north west ward. **MJ** Team divided on name for this community engagement initiative although purpose is to meet public and introduce Neighbourhood Team.

Cllr AS Crime statistics show some good figures, but queries percentages quoted. **MJ** Looks like a typographical error.

Cllr GS Thanks to PCSOs Barry and Mike in South West Ward. **MJ** Mike is well valued and long standing PCSO, whole team is excellent.

Cllr GF Meliden Ward statistics show rise in crime and majority of incidents relate to domestic violence? **MJ** Has flagged this situation because cannot explain reasons behind increase in figures. Will provide domestic abuse figures for all wards to enable comparison.

Cllr CG Great work from Police in north ward. Are specially trained officers in domestic violence sent to such incidents? **MJ** If emergency 999 call, a uniformed officer will attend but not always a specialist in this field. NWP have a Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) specialist unit and can allocate a single point of access officer for domestic violence victims. They also work on a positive intervention approach with a multi agency staff response team that can include health board, charity groups and social services.

Cllr CG Media seem to think financial problems are root of domestic violence and perhaps statistics could help identify reasons? **MJ** I am not aware of this being root cause in Prestatyn/Meliden but it is a serious matter requiring more research.

Cllr JMc Formerly worked as domestic and family solicitor and pleased to see police attitude to domestic violence has improved in recent years. **MJ** Police now treat such matters very seriously and both attitude and response has improved.

Cllr JS Formerly worked on domestic violence support team. Many years ago police introduced their own force policy and wonders if it is still in place? **MJ** Police have a policy and priority is always to safeguard victim. Yes, there is also an internal safecall system policy for use by serving police officers.

Cllr BP There is a public consultation about closure of Prestatyn Courts. Have the Prestatyn Neighbourhood Poicing Team sent in any comments as its closure would have impact on officer time spent travelling to attend courts. **MJ** Not yet, but cannot see why this cannot be done. Will need to check with headquarters in case there is a NWP corporate response. Cllr J. Mclellan reported that the public consultation finished tomorrow.

Cllr DT Excellent neighbourhood policing team. There is a public footpath from Grosvenor Road to Lido Beach and every year at about this time there is a problem of a locked gate. He has personally checked and Adrian Walls, Footpath Officer, DCC has confirmed it is a public right of way. Lido Beach claim police have instructed them to lock it which is illegal. **MJ** Not aware of this issue but will ask his team to check on situation and report back to Cllr Turner.

RESOLVED That Sgt Mark Jones be thanked for his good work and attendance.

69 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a) Letters of thanks for Council support had been received from Prestatyn Flower Show, Denbighshire Citizens Advice Bureau, Vision Support. Lesley Griffiths AM had also sent a letter of thanks following her visit to town to view the excellent work being done on Healthy High Streets initiative.

b) Pen Twyn Play Association – letter received thanking Council for its longstanding support over last thirty years which had finally allowed construction of childrens play area to be constructed at Pen Tywn. A grand opening event would be arranged shortly.

c) Mayor's Diary – Details of Mayoral events attended and newsletter circulated at meeting. Cllr B. Paterson expressed sadness following demoliton of Chatsworth House Community Hospital. The former charity had kindly provided funds for public memorial benches that had recently been installed in Prestatyn High Street.

d) Mayoral Accounts 2014/15 – Mayor reported that Internal Auditor had checked accounts, although this was not an audit requirement. Mr T. Brown reported that the accounting records had been kept in good order and funds properly distributed to relevant Mayoral Charities. He said that limited Council resources had been used wisely and believed that the townspeople would be grateful for voluntary efforts of former Mayor, Cllr J. Szabo in raising funds for such good causes including Chernobyl Children, I SPY, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Prestatyn War Memorial restoration. Mr T. Brown was thanked for his report.

70 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of Full Council meeting held 24th June 2015 be accepted.

71 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

RESOLVED That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee 24th June 2015.
(Cllr P. Penlington apologies to be included).

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 22nd July 2015.

Town Planning Committee 22nd July 2015.

Town Planning Committee 2nd September 2015.

Community Development and Regeneration Committee 2nd September 2015.

Pursuant to Minute 56 Countryside Service, Denbighshire County Council. In response to Member enquiry the Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that Mr G. Davies had not yet completed strategic overview of countryside projects.

Finance and Management Committee 23rd September 2015.

Pursuant to Minute 60, Nova Centre – Councillors reported that significant changes to plans had occured during the refurbishment project e.g. removal of stage and reduction in number of retail units. Denbighshire County Council who are responsible for this project had felt the changes were not substantial enough to require planning amendment. **RESOLVED** That Denbighshire County Council representatives be invited to attend a future meeting and/or arrange Town Councillor site meeting as previously requested to review works and changes.

Town Planning Committee 23rd September 2015.

Pursuant to Minute 65 – DCC Site Development Brief, Meliden. Cllr J. McLellan Joint County/Town Councillor advised that a Special Member Area Group meeting had been suggested to enable County Officers to report back on outcome of public consultation exercise. It was suggested that Town Councillors should also be invited but this was prerogative of Denbighshire County Council.

72 PRESTATYN CCTV PM 57

Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that Mr G. Boase, Head of Publlic Protection and Planning, Denbighshire County Council had provided letter confirming that County would maintain a minimum standard of operation from 1st October 2015 until 31st March 2016. He also advised that he was currently awaiting further information about location of cameras and legal agreement from County.

In response to Councillor enquiry it was reported that cost of replacement camera was approximately two/three thousand pounds dependent upon location, plus eight hundred and fifty pounds to maintain and service. It had been proposed that Town Council funding should not be released until further details received, and that either Denbighshire County Council and/or or North Wales Police should be confirmed as lead body for twelve month trial period commencing 1st April 2016.

Financial/Legal Implications: 12k budget provision will need to be included in financial estimates 2016/17. DCC and/or NWP to be confirmed as leasd body responsible for daily operations and staffing etc. Local Government and rating act 1997 section 31

73 BETSI CADWALADYR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD – GP SURGERIES (BCHUB)

Councillors expressed concerns about recent press announcement that Pendyffryn Medical Group and Seabank Surgery faced possible closure next year due to retirement of a number of general practitioners and difficulties in recruiting replacement doctors. Prestatyn County Councillor Area Member Group had recently had a private briefing from BCUHB on current situation. It was understood a several options were being explored by health board including salaried payments, incentives for newly qualified doctors, surgery accommodation costs, alternative service provision.

Cllr B Paterson, Mayor emphasised that Town Council needed to carefully monitor situation and hoped that a joint meeting with health board and/or public meeting would be called by relevant public bodies in near future. Over twenty thousand town residents were affected and many were seriously ill and elderly patients. Reference was made to the need for both Welsh Assembly Government Member and Member of Parliament involved in helping the health board to find a local solution to problem of poor succession planning, and national shortage of general practitioners and nurses that affected both town and country.

Mayor_____

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.40pm-8.40pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: B. Cooper, G. Percival, T. Lawler.
Mrs L. Hewitt.

74 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultations to 7th October 2015 and submitted following observations:

APPLICATION	COMMENT
43/2015/0952 (North) Change of use from private dwelling into children's day centre (retrospective application) 41 Beach Road West, Prestatyn	STRONG OBJECTION Nuisance to neighbours, lack of parking, lack of neighbourly consultation by company concerned. DCC to explain how childminding businesses are regulated and operate without planning permission. Other regulatory permissions such as licence, insurance, fire safety certificate etc. should also apply. Strong planning enforcement action should be taken in this matter. (Cllr P Penlington and Cllr T Jones declared interest and retired from Council Chamber during discussion and voting on this item)
43/2015/0828 (Central) – amended plans Conversion of first floor flat into two flats, single storey extension to rear, replacement of flat roof with pitched roof, a refuse storage area clad in timber and 2 velux rooflights Flat 130, High Street, Prestatyn	OBJECTION Proposed development would be overintensification of existing space. Commiittee felt single size would be better option.
43/2015/0951 (East)	No Objection

Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling 40 Plastirion Avenue, Prestatyn	
43/2015/0939 (East) Display of internally illuminated sign, fascia sign, and projecting sign Unit 16, Prestatyn Shopping Park, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0882 (Central) Works to trees subject to former Rhuddlan Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No 3 1985 24 Bryntirion Drive, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0621 (East) Demolition of former garage, erection of two storey extension to rear of building, installation of access stair to first floor and provision of security gate to rear yard. Alterations and renewal of shop front 105/107 High Street, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0623 (East) Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of former garage 105-107 High Street, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0662 (South West) Change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan site for up to 365 touring caravans currently used in association with a caravan club exemptions Four Winds Farm, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn	DEFER Committee request a site visit with Denbighshire County Planning and Highway Officers. Provisionally appears to be over development of site . Lacks infrastructure to support development.
43/2015/0850 (South West) Erection of steel framed building and associated access Little Pydew Farm, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn	No Objection Concerns about highway access and egress.
Consultation – Site Development Brief St Asaph Supplementary Planning Guidance – Renewable Energy	Information received.

43/2015/0952 (North) Change of use from private dwelling into children's holiday club (retrospective application) 41 Beach Road West, Prestatyn	STRONG OBJECTION Nuisance to neighbours, lack of parking, lack of neighbourly consultation by company concerned. DCC to explain how childminding businesses are regulated and operate without planning permission. Other regulatory permissions such as licence, insurance, fire safety certificate etc. should also apply. Strong planning enforcement action should be taken in this matter. (Cllr P Penlington and Cllr T Jones declared interest and retired from Council Chamber during discussion and voting on this item)

Joint County/Town Councillors declared a personal interest and 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, Prestatyn on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 6.15pm-8.00pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Ms S. Edwards – Health and Community Development Manager, PTC, Mr M. Jones – Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Manager, DCC, Mr M. Dixon – Economic and Business Development Officer, DCC.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: J. Thompson-Hill.

75 BOUNDARY REVIEW OF CENTRAL AND MELIDEN WARDS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PM 33

Further details of proposed boundary review had been received from Denbighshire County Council and a copy had been circulated to Councillors via email for information. Committee was reminded of its previous comments, and informed of the current public consultation exercise being progressed by County Council.

76 PRESTATYN HIGHWAYS

Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Jones, Traffic ,Parking and Road Safety Manager, Denbighshire County Council to the meeting. Mr M. Jones explained that his role encompassed a broad range of highway matters within County and that each area had its own geographically placed service delivery team. He invited questions from Councillors:

Cllr PP Ysgol y Llys still having parking problems despite recent improvement works. Can Princes Avenue be made one way system? **MJ** It is feasible but you have to consider the inconvenience to residents and possible increase in speeding traffic. There is evidence that temporary traffic congestion at peak times can help reduce speed of vehicles. School parking problems occur throughout Denbighshire and UK and local authorities are encouraging walking and cycling as a means to reduce school traffic. There is no easy solution but he would be willing to work with school on a scoping study.

Cllr GS As Denbighshire County Council appointed Town Champion how far off is coach drop off/pick up point in High Street? **MJ** County Ward Member and North Wales Police response presently awaited and there are a number of statutory procedures to be followed. It will probably be Easter time before this process comes to conclusion.

Cllr BP How much input did County Highways have in the new planning site development brief for Meliden? **MJ** County Highways are consulted about hundreds of sites as part of planning process. They will provide views but ultimately County Planning Committee will make decision. County Highways has been consulted about the site development brief.

Cllr TJ 20mph speed limits – are there proposals to introduce restrictions at Prestatyn High School (PHS)? **MJ** We are planning new 20mph speed limit across County and twelve schools have been selected for trials. There will be a mixture of statutory enforceable and advisory orders as part of trial. PHS is not part of the trial. Parked cars and narrow roads can often slow cars but it can also make them seem to be travelling faster.

Cllr PP There are some very fast cars along Grosvenor Road late at night.

Cllr JMc Sandy Lane also has problems with speeding cars? **MJ** County Council may arrange surveys/radar checks to monitor actual speeds typically over seven day period. If survey shows a problem then traffic calming maybe considered and residents consulted. Sometimes traffic calming will cause vibration and noise problems for residents which can become an issue.

Cllr DT I've been asked about speed bumps? **MJ** If there is a problem we need to look at solutions. Speed bumps can be noisy for residents and some Councils are now removing them.

Cllr PD Grosvenor Road was highlighted four or five years ago as a problem site with speeding traffic. I think a few speed bumps would work – I would estimate speed of some cars travelling as 50/60 mph. Princes Avenue – you have helped a lot on this road but it needs watching carefully. **MJ** Generally for traffic calming you need to use whole length of road, not just sections. Any programme would need to meet speed hump spacing criteria and highway lighting and signage would also need to be good working order which can sometimes be a hidden cost of scheme.

Cllr BM Ffordd Pant y Celyn road traffic calming working well. Why does it take so long to get yellow lines? **MJ** Initially extensive consultations are required, lengthy legal processes, and objections/appeals must also be considered. DCC has a backlog of between thirty/forty requests and limited capacity as only two in team who will be working on ten requests at a time. More officers can be drafted into help but lack of staff is also ongoing issue.

Cllr GS DCC new car parking charges – can the figures be revealed? **MJ** The present minimum charge of 10p for thirty minutes will increase to 30p. Short stay parking charges also increased. Winter parking at beach car parks reduced from £3.50 per day to £2.50. Proposed new charges will be sent to Town Clerk's office for circulation.

Cllr BP 20mph pilots in a mix of areas – was Ffordd Penrhwylfa considered? **MJ** No. Only sites which showed high injury/accident rates were considered for traffic calming priority. If pilot work is successful more sites will be considered. DCC has budget of 53k per annum and this does not go very far in terms of highways work. Welsh Government also provide some funding but use accident statistics and refer to accident removal works rather than preventative measures. Other forms of accident prevention include educational campaigns, reduce speeding and drive responsibly campaigns.

Cllr BP So you don't act until there has been an accident? **MJ** Yes that is correct. A simple traffic calming scheme can cost £50k which is almost total annual budget. DCC also runs a number of traffic and safety awareness projects aimed at educating primary school pupils and young drivers.

Cllr DT What is the bay in Pensadre Road? **MJ** it is an anomaly created by building out pavement to narrow road crossing. It is available for loading/unloading/drop off.

Cllr JMc Can I ask about free parking? **MJ** County is awaiting completion of car park survey undertaken in August 2015 before offering comment. There have been a few requests from permit holders seeking refunds and this is under consideration by County/Town Council. The car park is much busier but it could be shop workers rather than shoppers using spaces. Other car parks in town are also showing increased usage and income has increased from these car parks meaning no additonal payment required from Town Council..

NA Local businesses are reporting positive impact from Town Council's financially supported free parking initiative. Anecdotal evidence from shopkeepers is that shoppers are spending more time in town centre. The Artisans Collective, Community Interest Company have also been surveying car park usage since June which clearly shows marked increase in usage of Ty Nant car park. Survey details have been passed onto Mike Jones, DCC.

RESOLVED

1) That Committee records its thanks to Artisans Collective for their assistance in monitoring car park usage.

2) That Mr Mike Jones be thanked for his attendance.

77 TOWN REGENERATION

Chairman welcomed Mr Mark Dixon, Economic and Business Development Officer, Denbighshire County Council .and he reported that in his role he was helping to administer town centre partnerships funding. The project involved establishing a number of joint partnership approaches to work and town regeneration activity. Work has included surfacing works relating to pedestrian routes linking retail park to High Street, provision of additional High Street seating (some provided by League of Friends), trial of Routemaster bus in conjunction with town events, provision of new bus stop at top of High Street (Arriva have diverted some buses into high street), promotional town video being shown as trailer in Scala Cinema, introduction of pea lights to High Street trees, installation of catenary wire, support for Artisans Collective, and design of new town and high street maps.

Mr Dixon also referred to the future work programme that had already been accepted by Welsh Government and supported by partnership funding. Proposed work included provision of new coach drop off point in High Street, frames for maps and information points at key locations e.g. bus station, car parks, railway station. Other activities involved financial support for off season events, provisioon of Nova wi fi, banners on columns in High Street, enhancement work at top of High Street, and update of promotional video to include Nova and new Retail Park/High Street developments.

In addition recent work in conjunction with Town Council has included arranging visit of Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister of Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government and attendance at Prestatyn Healthy High Street - Business Together Forum.

Support has also been provided for Great British High Streets Awards competition (Prestatyn in top three Coastal Finalists). There has also been success in Welsh Government sponsored Healthy High Street Heroes Awards with two local companies 'Elevate Your Sole' and 'Principality Building Society' both reaching finals of their respective categories. The only town in Wales to achieve two finalists.

In addition to the Welsh Government Partnership funding stream there is also planning funds available from Section 106 planning agreements. The Section 106 funds held and administered by Denbighshire County Council have been earmarked for improving pedestrian links and signage between High Stret and Retail Park, and also Church Lane environmental improvements. Beyond the town centre Denbighshire County Council are also working with Natural Resources Wales and Keep Wales Tidy on improving coastal environment and beach signage.

There followed a question and answer session:

Cllr GS Artisans Collective is a community interest company and working well in former library. Denbighshire County Council has recently extended their lease for twelve months. New signage and link from retail park to Nant Hall Road has improved access for pedestrians. Well done to team.

Cllr BM Are Arriva contributing towards cost of bus stop in High Street? **MD** No – the bus stop is available to any bus operator and there are plans to encourage other operators such as Voel coaches to return to High Street.

Cllr BM Catenary wire in High Street covers less area than expected. **MD** Not all owners were cooperative so full scheme has not been completed.

Cllr BM Scala not showing full trailer/promotional video before films. **MD** Scala have access to short, medium and long versions of video and will use the version that fits their operational requirements.

Cllr BP Church Lane improvements - will this include resurfacing as pooling of water at pedestrian entrance located by Nat West Bank. **MD** Yes, there are a number of works needed including resurfacing, completion of green pedestrian lines and more bollards to stop inappropriate parking.

Cllr PP Feel Council's are missing a trick in not promoting Offa's Dyke National Trail. More signage needed on hillside to stop people getting lost. DCC Countryside Services are interested in using brass plaques of Offa's Dyke 'acorn'. **NA** Denbighshire Tourism have indicated they are progressing plans for development/marketing trail but little information or response to date.

There is a meeting with Peter McDermott, DCC Tourism Officer next week. Brass acorns were originally acquired by Denbighshire County Council several years ago for installation in pavements, however, County Highways did not give permission as they had concerns about tripping hazard and many different pavement finishes in High Street.

Cllr TL There are already a lot of acorn signs at Gwaenysgor and on Prestatyn Hillside.

RESOLVED That Mr Mark Dixon be thanked for his excellent work and contribution to town regeneration.

78 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

Sue Edwards, Health and Community Development Manager, PTC was invited to address Committee. Reports by Sue Edwards and her colleague Debbie Hughes had been circulated with agenda. Committee reviewed both reports and commented upon the excellent work being done to promote individual health and social cohesion. The recent 'Fit for All' information day had received widespread praise. Town Council support and encouragement of Mens Shed project was inspirational and has helped to establish a successful local group that can help prevent loneliness, isolation and contribute to individual well being. Promotional assistance had also been provided to Credit Union for awareness raising event, and there was some ongoing work with local schools.

Sue Edwards also highlighted her support and involvement with the introduction of a new Mind project at Ty Pendre. An external funding application for a new Mind Music programme had also been prepared for lottery bid. Community Centre information leaflets had been prepared and circulated to help raise awareness of community centres available for hire.

Other partnership work included a review of defibrillator units in town in association with Rotary Club and Community First Responders. It was hoped that an joint external funding bid would soon be prepared to enable standardisation of units with ambulance service, replace batteries, and provide additional defibrillators. Prestatyn town was at the forefront of community defibrillator services in Wales.

Sue also reported that she was investigating the feasibility of developing a local diabetes awareness programme.

RESOLVED

1) That Sue Edwards and Debbie Hughes be thanked for their excellent work and achievement in promoting community and individual health and well being.

2) That concerns about current workplace environment and capacity/capability be referred to Finance and Management Committee for further consideration.

79 TOWN EVENTS 2015/16/17

Committee was reminded that following departure of Community Events and Town Support Officer earlier this year it had been necessary to take immediate action to ensure continuity of service as previously reported. Rachael Wheatley, Gunsmoke Communications Ltd had been temporarily engaged to provide community event and town support services to Council pending outcome of negotiations with Rhyl Town Council for a potential joint coastal town approach to local events.

Rachael Wheatley had circulated papers with agenda detailing events held during 2015, town support activities, social media and website work, and press and communications activity. A further paper highlighted the potential events programme 2016/17 and had been developed following consultation with Town Councillors, residents, tourists, partners, businesses and associated forums. Future plans included increasing number of themed events and activities, introduction of community newsletter, coach operators handbook, events sponsorship guide. The Welsh Assembly Government funded body 'Visit Wales' had deemed 2016 the 'Year of Adventure' and some of the proposed events fitted with this stream e.g. Offa's Dyke Path marathon and Prestatyn Running Club promenade event. Committee discussed proposals and highlighted the need for more development/activity at top of High Street, and also the need to increase number of volunteers to help at town events.

RESOLVED

1) That Rachael Wheatley be thanked for her excellent presentation and reports.

2) That Town Events policy be accepted.

80 NORTH WALES TOURISM

Details of North Wales Tourism and benefits of membership had been circulated with agenda. In response to Councillor questions the Town Clerk/Financial Officer advised that he considered membership would significantly help increase awareness of town and its attractions to visitors. It would also extend 'reach' of any promotions and assist marketing campaigns in a cost effective manner.

RESOLVED That Committee agree to annual membership of North Wales Tourism body.

Financial/Legal Implications: Membership fee £99. Fees contained within budget provision 2015/16. Local Government Act 1972 Section 144.

81 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Details of financial assistance applications from two newly established community groups had been circulated with agenda.

RESOLVED

That the following grants be awarded:-		£
1)	Prestatyn Jam Butty Coffee Morning Group	240
2)	Mens Shed, Prestatyn	100

Financial/Other Implications: All costs contained within budget provision 2015/16. Local Government Act 1972 Section 137.

Declarations of Interest:-
Cllr J. Szabo declared interest in item 1 and retired from Council Chamber during consideration of this item.
Cllr B. Murray declared interest in item 2 and retired from Council Chamber during consideration of this item.

82 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2016/17

Committee was invited to identify any significant plans or changes to service operations that would need to be considered during preparation of financial estimates. Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to previous discussions and information recently circulated about the future of DCC Countryside service projects in town.

Chairman _____

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 8.05pm-8.40pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Cllrs: J. Thompson-Hill.

83 MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of meeting held on 23rd September 2015 and 7th October 2015 be accepted.

84 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Committee considered planning consultations to 4th November 2015 and submitted the following comments :

APPLICATION	COMMENT
43/2015/0985 (Central) Change of use of ground floor to use class A3 restaurant and conversion of upper floors to 3 self contained flats 96 High Street, Prestatyn	Observation Flats should not be small single self contained bedroom units. Larger scale flats with quality living accomodation space preferred. Any proposed change should be in keeping with locations conservation area status.
43/2015/1008 (Central) Extension to roof with rear dormer and erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling 19 Ffordd Pendyffryn, Prestatyn	No Objection

43/2015/1006 (Central) Variation of condition no. 9 of planning permission code no. 43/896/98/PF to allow opening hours 8:00 to 22:00 Monday to Saturday and 10:00 to 16:00 on Sundays Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Meliden Road, Prestatyn	Observation Concerns about increased noise nuisance to local residents arising from the extension of hours
Proposed re-routing of part of Public Footpath 49 in the Community of Prestatyn	Observation Early stages of formal consultation process and public feedback required prior to further consideration
43/2015/1003 (Meliden) Re-rendering and improvement works Pen y Gadlas, Ffordd Bryniau, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0921 (Central) Proposed works to 4 trees subject to Tree Preservation Order Brynarian, Bishopswood Road, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/0785 (South West) Erection of lean-to roof to rear access door, mechanical plant and fencing in connection with convenience store The Jolly Sailor, Ffordd Penrhwylfa, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/1045 (Central) Erection of 2 storey extension to side of dwelling with dormer windows to front and rear 17 Stoneby Drive, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2014/1371 (Meliden) Full planning application for change of use of land for siting of 26 park homes including access, car parking and associated works, and erection of 17 dwellings and conversion of existing buildings into 2 dwellings. Plas Deva Caravan Park, Ffordd Talargoch, Meliden, Prestatyn	No Objection
43/2015/1015 (Central) Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling Carreg Wen, Bishopswood Road, Prestatyn	No Objection Planning condition should be imposed stating that no trees on site should be removed. Any existing Tree Preservation Orders must be recognised and safeguarded.
43/2015/0971 105 Victoria Road, Prestatyn Lawful development certificate for existing use of premises as A3 hot food takeaway	No Objection

Joint County/Town Councillors declared a personal interest and 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_____

PRESTATYN AND MELIDEN COMMUNITY ENDEAVOUR AWARDS EVENING
24th November 2015

85 WELCOME

Cllr B. Paterson, Mayor of Prestatyn and Meliden welcomed Community Endeavour Nominees, families and invited guests to North Wales Bowls Centre, Prestatyn. All nominees had provided excellent service to community and many were unsung heroes of the town.

a) **Meliden Adult Community Award Joint Winners' - Michael and Sheila Roberts**

Nominated for their community work particularly in Meliden. *Both Sheila and Michael are always available to help. Sheila is very active in helping with coffee mornings and other events, while Michael visits and helps older members of the community. There are many older members of the community who could not get out and about without Michael and Sheila.*
St Melyd Church would not look as bright and welcoming was it not for the flowers that Sheila arranges and maintains. Michael is often seen litter picking and clearing leaves so the churchyard looks clean and tidy.
Neither do these things for recognition – "they like to be doing".

b) **Prestatyn Adult Community Award Winner - Joyce Haddon**

A member of Friends of Prestatyn Railway Station, Joyce has been particularly active on Prestatyn High Street and at the station. She has watered all the planters in these areas throughout the dry months of the summer working either early morning or late at night at least five times a week since May. As well as this outstanding care Joyce has also spent time pruning and deadheading the flowers, supplementing the planting out of her pension and lovingly feeding and tending the plants. Her dedication to the town and planting at the station is quite outstanding. She is a firm favourite with many people who use the station, acting as an unpaid meeter and greeter to our visitors.
Throughout the years Joyce has also raised thousands of pounds for St Melyd Church with her beautiful craftwork, making Christmas tree baubles, bottle gift bags, beautiful cushions and quilts to sell at the Christmas Fayre.
Joyce is an outstanding neighbour to the pensioners who live nearby, running errands and helping with chores.
Joyce has made an outstanding contribution to the town and thoroughly deserves to be recognised for her good work. Her work has enhanced the environment and gives a great sense of Civic pride and Community Endeavour.

OTHER NOMINEES IN THIS CATEGORY

Mr Mike Oakley/Mrs Joy Williams/Ms Linda Parry/Mr Howard Cox/Mr Dave Jackson

c) **Meliden Under 18s Community Award Winner - Manon Harvey**

Manon is an active member of the 1st Meliden Guides as a young leader during weekly meetings. She is also involved with St Melyd's Church "Messy Church" which is worldwide and is a way of being Church for families involving fun.

Manon has also volunteered as a Young Dragon/Dreigiau Ifanc helping at St Melyd Church Fete and "Contact the Elderly Christmas"
Manon is a well rounded young woman who has been a guide and is now a young leader who brings her experience to support younger guides. As a volunteer she helps the whole community and people of all ages.

d) **Prestatyn Under 18s Community Award Winner - Angel Ward**

Angel is an active member of Prestatyn Young Firefighters Association and Meliden Guides. As a volunteer through Young Dragons she has taken part in 25 community and fundraising events, raising close on £5,000 for charities such as Vision Support, Prestatyn Youth Club, Marie Curie, Motor Neuron, and Hope House Children's Hospice through bag-packs and street collections.
Angel has benefited the community by being a willing volunteer which has brought in many thousands of pounds as well as being there to help at events such as tree planting, marshalling events, RVS events and senior citizens parties. All ages and areas of the community have benefited through her good work.

OTHER NOMINEES IN THIS CATEGORY

Victoria Slugocki/Jodie Evans

e) **Prestatyn/Meliden Group Award Winners - The Artisans Collective, Pete Harrison and Steve Fenner.**

Pete Harrison – is a very helpful and caring person. He makes everyone welcome and has a lot of time to listen and help people. Steve Fenner is also very helpful, a good listener and full of good advice on a range of subjects.
Pete and Steve are very dedicated to the Artisans initiative, putting on lots of events for children and adults alike. The Artisans have been involved in many town events from Incredible Edibles to High Street events. The support of the Artisans for the Men's Shed in particular has been fantastic.
A special mention should also be made to REV the dog, he is very therapeutic if you visit the artisans.

OTHER NOMINEES

Womble Movie Project/Prestatyn Men's Shed/Young Dragons/Dreigiau Ifanc/Prestatyn's PCSO Team