

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.

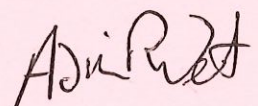
None received.

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.

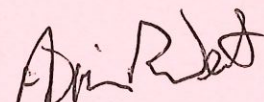
iii) Finance and Management Committee

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

