

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 18:15 – 19:45.

PRESENT

Councillors: C. Holliday (Mayor), G. Sandilands, C. Evans, A. Tomlin, A. Sampson, A. West, B. Williams, J. Mathews, I. Lifford, T. Jones MBE, P. Duffy, K Clewett, R Flynn (r), J McLellan(r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer. Ms. A. Frend – Administration Officer (agency). Miss. S. Clarke - Assistant Town Clerk. Lee Clegg – Blachere Illumination Ltd (r). Denbighshire County Council - Tony Ward(r), Paul Jackson (r), Hayley Jones (r)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: S Frobisher, G Frobisher, J Thompson-Hill, E Heaton.

50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

51 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.

52 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Details of Mayoral diary of events and activities attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been circulated with agenda papers.

53 ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTATYN

Council had received a letter from Rotary Club of Prestatyn advising that unfortunately they needed to replace their Presidents Chain of Office (copy circulated with agenda). Rotary Club were seeking permission to use the Prestatyn Town Shield as a centre piece on the new replacement chain and illustration provided.

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RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Town Council grant Prestatyn Rotary Club permission to reproduce the Town Shield as part of the replacement Presidents Chain.

Proposer: Cllr J Matthews Seconded: Cllr G Sandilands

54 MINUTES**RESOLVED**

That Minutes of meetings be approved as follows: -

Full Council 11.06.2025

Town Planning Committee 11.06.2025

Town Planning Committee 30.07.2025

Community Development & Regeneration 30.07.2025

Pursuant to minute 43 Denbighshire CCTV report. Cllr C. Evans requested her objection to rude term used by named fellow councillor at meeting be recorded in minutes.

Finance and Management Committee 30.07.2025

55 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**i) Bodnant Community School**

Council was reminded of the vacancy to appoint a representative to Bodnant Community School following resignation of Cllr E Heaton. The Mayor invited nominations for this role.

RESOLVED That all Councillors be circulated with details of vacancy and frequency of meetings for school.

ii) Denbighshire CCTV Partnership

For clarification Town Clerk advised that current Mayor and Cllr C Evans were present CCTV representatives.

56 FESTIVE LIGHTING PM48

Mr Lee Clegg, Blachere Illuminations Ltd gave a comprehensive video presentation introducing the proposed festive light scheme for Prestatyn and Meliden for the next three years. Lee explained his company were largest in world and maintained 1,300 schemes in UK.

The company used recycled plastics for manufacture and lighting incorporated low voltage LED's to reduce running costs. Members had a general discussion regarding the scheme including High Street lighting features, tree lighting at Ty Pendre and location/style of Christmas tree in town centre. Some felt that the sign by the Church/High Street should be

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realigned to stand out more. Lee advised this would have to be done next year as new infrastructure would be required and there was insufficient time for such work this year. He also said that the motives would need to be hung low due to high winds. Any failure of lights was rare although if they did it would take up to 24 hours to repair if non-urgent and up to 4 hours if urgent.

New features had been costed within proposals including a dual language sign located in High Street. The net lighting curtain over precinct area would remain and Blachere proposal included additional lighting in this area subject to owner's consent. The Town Clock will also be decorated, and tree lighting installed at Parc Pendre.

Blachere confirmed that present electrical install company will be used. In respect of lighting times an initial a health check of all time clocks will be undertaken. In future years this may change as most features now included build in control systems. Another feature of Blachere's proposal was the opportunity to change features each year within contract price if required.

RESOLVED

- i) That Lee Clegg, Blachere Illuminations be thanked for presentation.
- ii) That Council confirms acceptance of Blachere Illuminations Ltd for supply, install and storage of festive lighting equipment 2025 – 2028.

Financial/Legal/Other Implications: Costs contained within budget provision 2025/26. Tender exercise undertaken and lowest quotation accepted.

57 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Council received an online presentation from Denbighshire County Council officers Mr Tony Ward - Corporate Director, Mr Paul Jackson – HoS, and Ms Hayley Jones – Principal Manager, Denbighshire County Council. Tony explained that county council had a financial problem in continuing provision of public convenience as they are not recognised as a statutory public service e.g. not a legal requirement. He further explained that there was a significant county budget gap forecast at 30 million over next three years. The gap was due to escalating costs of social care and education (statutory services). Consequently DCC were asking PTC to contribute £42,000 towards the cost of maintaining the public conveniences in town.

He reiterated that public conveniences are not a statutory service and there is no legal obligation to keep them open. In the current proposals DCC would maintain ownership of the buildings, and would fund introduction of contactless payment equipment, and also raise income from public for use of facilities. The funds from town council would help ease situation and allow public conveniences to remain open.

The current funding forecast based on income for charges was conservative. It had been compiled using assumptions on number of user visits, predictions based on best endeavours, and financial support from Town Council. DCC were also looking into expanding the community toilet scheme which looked at promoting payments to local businesses to let the public use their toilets, however this scheme had not proved very successful to date.

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Reference was made to earlier DCC public convenience consultation and strategy that seemed to indicate that town required additional public facilities to meet demand. County Council would not be able to provide additional facilities but was hoping to work with other parties.

A report showing breakdown of figures for each of the town's toilets had been prepared but not shared with town councillors due to oversight by DCC. Several questions were raised by members:-

Cllr IL – could facilities at bus and train station if no longer operational be offered to local community groups/town council to be repurposed? HJ – it would depend upon structure but DCC currently intend to remove and make good both sites.

Cllr AT- PTC could be seen to be taking blame for DCC withdrawing service. Could DCC Tourism budget be used to help support public conveniences?

Cllr CH - Is DCC aware of ECO toilet approach. Understand there is already one such site in Denbighshire. DCC Officers not aware of ECO toilet provision.

Cllr PD – people need toilets.

Cllr AW – most public premises and shops have a sign saying toilets for patrons only.

RESOLVED

i) That PTC request details of forecast income figures collated by DCC regarding future income costings and clarify public convenience subsidy being sought and process.

ii) That a further meeting be arranged with DCC Officers

Proposer: Cllr C Evans – Seconder: Cllr A Tomlin

58 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Locum Town Clerk circulated information with a paper outlining four possible options for Christmas working of Town Council staff that would affect office opening hours.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Option 3 be approved.

Office closed Thursday 25th December 2025 – Office open 5th January 2026

Proposer: Cllr B Williams Seconder: Cllr J Matthews

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59 COUNCIL RECESS

That Full Council (Part Two Confidential) be resumed after Town Planning Committee.

Mayor Carol A. Holiday .