

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY.**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2016**

PRESENT : Councillors P Hart (Town Mayor), B Chapman, V Macdonald, R Parker, J Hughes, E Leighton-Jones, B James, S Cotton, T James, G Edwards, L Hughes, A James, C Rigal, H Roberts.

APOLOGIES : Cllr S Allardice

In Attendance : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
Rachel Lees (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
E Des Camps (Conwy Bowling Club)
T Smith (Conwy Bowling Club)

Prayers: The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Peter Walker led Members in prayer.

Declaration of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item 8a Planning Applications – Councillor H Roberts lives in the immediate vicinity of planning applicant 0/42959

Minute Number

The Mayor Welcomed the Reverend David Parry & Members of Conwy Bowling Club to the meeting

23. Conwy Bowling Club

The Mayor presented Mr E Des Champ and Mr T Smith, representing the Conwy Bowling Club with a cheque and a certificate for the grant towards the replacement storage shed

24. Minutes of the Council & Committees

- Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th June 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following amendment
Cllr V Macdonald is on the attendance list twice
- Minutes of the Staff Committee held on 20th July 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

25. Questions on the Minutes

- a) Town Council meeting held on 20th June 2016
 - Minute 5c, Planning, Notice of AppealCouncillors were informed that the public appeal will be held on 26th October 2016. Councillors are urged to attend
RESOLVED that the Town Clerk emails the documentation to Councillors

- Minute 7, Conwy Pirate Weekend

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she has not had a response from Conwy Pirate Weekend

- Minute 12, Memorial Plaques, Chapel Street, Conwy

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the bench just needs painting and that the Caretaker will be asked to do this.

- b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2016

- Minute 71, Civic Hall, Conwy

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that Conwy County Borough Council will shortly be seeking expressions of interest for the long leasehold on the Civic Hall and Quay (part). Documentation will be released on 10/8/16.

- Minute 76, Snowdonia National Park Authority & Town & Community Councils Evening

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that SNPA are reviewing the Eryri Local Development Plan

- Minute 84, Open Doors

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the Parade Marshall & Deputy Parade Marshall could assist with security for open doors - however not for the whole time, therefore a security guard maybe needed for some part of the weekend. The Town Clerk will enquire about a security guard.

26. Town Clerk's Report

Councillors received the Town Clerk's report (Schedule A)

The Assistant to the Town Clerk read out the following additional items:

- a) Temporary Weight Restriction

Bangor Road A55 Junction 17 to Bodlondeb & Conwy Road Weekly News Roundabout to Llanrwst Road, Conwy - 8/8/16 & 9/8/16 2am- 5am

- b) Temporary Road Closure

From Lower High Street to Conwy Road, Lower Gate Street, Conwy
12/8/16 to 14/8/16 10am to 7pm

- c) More ways to take part in the County Conversation

Councillors were encouraged to get involved with the County Conversation using Facebook

27. Planning

- a) **Planning Applications**

Councillors considered the applications on (Schedule B) attached hereto and made RECOMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS as detailed

- b) **Planning Decisions Issued**

There were no planning decisions

- c) **Welsh Government Consultation Document – Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment**

Councillors received an overview of the Consultation

RESOLVED that full details of the Consultation are emailed Councillors and the item is brought to a future Agenda

28. Christmas Lights

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that Councillors J.Hughes, B.James & A.James had chosen the alternative motifs. Bebbington & Wilson were happy with these.

Councillors thanked Councillors J.Hughes, B.James & A.James for undertaking this task

29. Bus Shelters

The Town Clerk gave a report on the meeting held on 27th July 2016 with Conwy County Borough Council and Externiture.

Businesses that have placed sticker adverts on bus shelters will be contacted by a Conwy County Borough Council Officer and informed of the illegalities of this.

The report included a list of bus shelters which are in need of repair or removal. One of the shelters which could face removal is located at Bryn Maelgwyn Cottages, Bryn Lupus Road, Deganwy & there was a question as to whether the shelter on Broad Street, Llandudno Junction was still required.

Externiture will provide a report with costings on the shelters

RESOLVED that the County Council are asked to put up a notice with the intent of removal and to advise any users of this shelter to contact the County Council. The notice should also be dated

30. Conwy Quay, Town Ditch to Lower Gate Street

Councillors received a complaint about the increased amount of traffic

Councillors RECEIVED and NOTED the complaint

31. Litter in Conwy

The Town Clerk read a response from Environment, Roads & Facilities, Conwy County Borough Council regarding the cleanliness of the community.

Many bins around the communities are overflowing with litter. The Chamber of Trade should be made aware of the litter overflowing in bins next to food outlets. Councillors were informed of compactor litter bins that are now available

RESOLVED that

- the Town Clerk writes to ERF, Conwy County Borough Council to suggest the following:
 - i) using compactor bins in specific areas of concern
 - ii) Business owners are asked to contribute towards the cost of the compactor bins
 - iii) the old cast iron bins at Vicarage Gardens car park & Castle street could be replaced with larger bins.
- the Town Clerk finds out the cost of having an additional street cleaner in the community

32. Seagulls

Councillors discussed the seagull problem in the community. Visitors need to be made aware that feeding seagulls is causing problems in the community. Litter is also attracting the seagulls.

RESOLVED that:

- the Town Clerk contacts County Council to ask for bigger signs
- the Town Clerk ask for compactor bins to stop the seagulls feeding off litter
- the Town Clerk speaks to Mr Bunn to ascertain the role the hawks can play as a deterrent

33. Local Government Re-organisation & Boundary Changes

Councillors received details of the proposals from North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils and discussed possible implications of such proposals

RESOLVED that the item is brought to a future meeting and the documentation is re-sent to Councillor Parker

34. Guildhall, Conwy

- a) Councillors RECEIVED and NOTED details of the facilities management review
- b) Councillors thanked Councillor Macdonald for planting up the planters outside the Guildhall. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she will water the planters where possible. It was suggested that The Bridge public house is asked to water on weekends. Councillor Macdonald will re-plant the planters in the Autumn

35. Town Council Website

Councillors received 3 quotes to update the Town Council website to a Content Management System website enabling self updating.

RESOLVED that the current website host is asked to provide the update to the website and to make the website device friendly

36. PRS Licensing

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

37. Honorary Bailies

Councillors discussed the arrangements for the Honorary Bailie ceremony on 12th September 2016

RESOLVED that:

- Councillors Allardice & B.James visit Mr.Jones and Mr.Rowley respectively to write up CV's
- Paperweights and framed charter scrolls are given as gifts to the Honorary Bailies
- The Buffet is provided by Homemade and Hand Delivered Meals Ltd.
- Each Bailie can bring 5 guests

38. Approval of Payments

Councillors APPROVED the following payments:

- a) Councillor V Macdonald – Reimbursement for plants for Guildhall planters - £68.71
- b) Conwy County Borough Council – Supplementary VAT on Contribution to Maintenance of Bus Shelters 2012/13 - £1,100.00
- c) Trilo-Byte Computer Services – Renewal of AVG Internet Security for 2 Years on 2 PCs - £76.00
- d) NW/Chester link of Walled Towns Friendship Circle – 2016/17 Membership Fees, Tournament Contributions and Car Rally Contribution - £400

39. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

40. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no.347 is approved for payment (Schedule C)

41. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor has had a busy time over the past few weeks, visiting many local organisations and hosting Civic Sunday in Llandudno Junction. The Mayor thanked Councillors for attending and making it a special day.

The Mayor had attended the Battle of the Somme service at All Saints' Church and found it very moving indeed.

The boat trip during the Conwy River Festival had been enjoyed by guests of the Walled Towns Friendship Circle and the Mayor had attended various prize giving ceremonies during the festival week. The Mayor had attended Civic Sundays in Beaumaris and Llandudno, the Conwy Music Festival was again a very successful event and brought many visitors into the town.

42. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:34pm