

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2018**

Present: Councillors –S Cotton (Mayor & Chair), G Edwards (Deputy Mayor) V Macdonald, G Willetts, B Chapman, P Hart, E Leighton-Jones, S Barber-Bailey, M Priestley, J Vaughan, E Hughes, T James, H Roberts, E Roberts, T Hughes, J Rooney

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Natasha Flint
Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rachel Lees

Prayers: The Mayor’s Chaplain lead the Prayers

Apologies: Councillors T Lewis, J Vaughan and S Barber-Bailey

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item 8a – Planning Application 0/45217 – Councillor Priestley is a member of Conwy County Borough Council Planning Committee

Agenda Item 24 – Emergency item – Vulnerable Adults in the Community – Councillors H & E Roberts live in the area discussed.

Minute Number

19. Town Clerk

The new Town Clerk Mrs Natasha Flint gave an introductory presentation. Councillors thanked Mrs Flint for the presentation and are looking forward to Mrs Flint carrying out her role as Town Clerk.

20. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd July 2018
RESOLVED that the minutes are approved.

21. Questions on the Minutes

Minute 68 – Conwy Civic Hall

Councillors discussed bringing the agenda item back to a future agenda for further discussions with Councillor Macdonald present. 10 signatures are required to bring an agenda item back for discussion within 6 months of it being on an agenda.

22. Town Clerk’s Report

Councillors received a report from the Assistant to the Town Clerk (Schedule A attached) along with the following additional item:

- a) Auction Themed Evening – Llandudno Junction Community Club – 19/9/18, 7pm.
- b) Book Fair – Pensychnant Nature Conservation Centre, Conwy – 22/9/18 – 10am -5pm, Free entry.

23. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillors considered and commented on the planning applications as shown on the attached Schedule B

Councillor E Hughes abstained from voting having not viewed all the plans.

Councillors discussed the way in which planning applications are received and viewed.

RESOLVED that viewing planning applications is put on the next agenda for discussion.

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Councillors RECEIVED and NOTED the planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council

24. Mussel Fishery

The Town Clerk read correspondence received from G. B. Edwards, Head of ERF, CCBC. Councillors discussed the importance of supporting the local mussel industry.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to CCBC informing them that the Town Council fully supports the Mussel Fishery and looks forward to CCBC, Cabinet's decision. Also suggesting that a Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) is set up.

25. Conwy Beach

Councillors received information that there has not been a delivery of sand to Conwy Quay for the past 2 years.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to CCBC asking for the sand delivery to resume next year and for it to be placed closer to the slip way and be delivered for the Easter weekend.

26. Guildhall Ladies Toilets

Councillors received details of the recurring problems of the Ladies toilet. Following the recent call out of Drain Doctor, the engineer recommended a replacement pan connector and suggested that the toilet WC would benefit from being replaced. Councillors also discussed there being no hot water in the building.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtains 3 quotes for a replacement toilet in the ladies and the possibility of hot water supply to the building.

27. Honorary Bailies 2018

The Town Clerk read a letter from one of the candidates for Honorary Bailie gratefully declining the offer of becoming a Bailie.

RESOLVED that:

- The Town Clerk replies to the letter
- The item is put on the next agenda to discuss and choose another candidate

28. Conwy Remembers WW1

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the event has been cancelled due to poor local and national response, therefore, the £500 donation has been returned. The letter received by Lieutenant Colonel David Drysdale RM asks if the donation could be divided between the 4 charities the event would have supported,

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk replies to the letter advising Lieutenant Colonel David Drysdale RM that the 4 charities would need to submit separate grant applications.

29. Attendance

Councillors had queries relating to the attendance sheets. The Assistant to the Town Clerk informed Councillors that she would look into it and let them have copies by email at a future date.

RESOLVED that the item is put on a future agenda for approval.

30. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

- a) Trilo-Byte Computer Services – Update Software on 2 Laptops & Repair VPN Connection £75.00
- b) Conwy County Borough Council – Use of Bodlondeb Car Park for the Walled Towns Friendship Circle Car Rally - £130.00
- c) David Huntington – Re-Hanging Restored Painting in Mayor’s Parlour, Guildhall - £140.00

31. Cash Payments

There were no Cash Payments

32. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of Cheques Sheet 395 is approved as tabled (Schedule C)

33. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor Informed Councillors that she now has 2 new dogs and is very happy with them.

The Mayor enjoyed the Mayor of Himeji’s visit and felt the event was successful. The following day was the Eisteddfod Proclamation ceremony which was very interesting to see. The Mayor had a lovely time at the Caernarfon Civic Sunday. The Mayor attended a moving event held by the Royal British Legion in Llandudno Junction Memorial Hall commemorating the end of WW1. The Mayor enjoyed the river trip and was informed that all guests enjoyed themselves. The Mayor presented awards to members of the Penrhyn Bay Pirates Football team, having asked the Mayor of Llandudno for permission to do so. Conwy Classical Music Festival was very enjoyable, the Mayor attended the concert by Conwy Town Council Orchestra and was very proud to be associated with them. Llandudno Civic Sunday was a good event. RNLI Day in Conwy was very successful, the Town and Quay were very busy, it was suggested that it become an annual event. The Mayor informed Councillors of her Afternoon Tea event being held on 19th August 2pm to 4.30pm, Sea Cadets Unit next door to All Saints Church, Deganwy.

34. Twenty Minutes - Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

35. Confidential Business

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 & with Standing Order 65, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press & public be temporarily excluded & instructed to withdraw.

36. Minutes

- Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14th June 2018
RESOLVED that the minutes are approved with the following addition after the paragraph “Councillor Willetts – authority to the Mayor to take legal advice”: RESOLVED that the Mayor is given authority to spend on legal advice.

Councillor V Macdonald left the meeting at 8.11pm

37. Questions on the Minutes

There were no questions on the minutes. The Mayor informed Councillors that they will be updated in due course.

The Chairman (the Mayor) allowed the following items as a matter of urgency

38. Car Parking Issues in the Community

Councillors discussed issues with car parks in Llandudno Junction and Conwy. Councillors are concerned that car parks are not user friendly and will deter tourists from coming to the towns. The machines should work all of the time and it was felt unacceptable if the machines are not running at 100%.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to CCBC to suggest car parks become more user friendly for locals and tourism.

39. Vulnerable Adults in the Community

Councillors discussed an issue with a vulnerable adult in the Community.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8:45pm