

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY.
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT : Councillors – R Parker (Town Mayor), V Macdonald, R Hughes, B Chapman, B James, S Cotton, P Hart, T James, L Hughes, J Fallon, C Rigal, H Roberts.

APOLOGIES: Councillors – S Allardice, E Leighton-Jones, G Edwards.

**IN ATTENDANCE: Helen (Town Clerk)
Rachel (Assistant to the Town Clerk)**

Opening Prayers - The Reverend Noel Carter stood in for the Mayor's Chaplain and led Members in prayers.

Declaration of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct: None.

The Mayor read a "Thank You" card from the Town Clerk for the wedding gift

Minute Number

39. Minutes of the Council & Committees

- Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th August 2014
 - Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 1st September 2014
- RESOLVED** that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

40. Questions on the Minutes

a) Town Council meeting held on 4th August 2014

i) Minute 21ciii, Questions on the Minutes – Civic Sunday

The Town Clerk asked Councillor Cotton for a copy of Guto Bebb MP's thank you letter that he wrote after Civic Sunday. Councillor Cotton will send a copy.

b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 1st September 2014

i) Minute 113bi, Questions on the Minutes – Letter of Thanks – Llandudno Junction Football Club

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on Llandudno Junction Football Club. The Football Club will be discussed in the Community Development Fund meeting

ii) Minute 116, Open Doors

The Assistant to the Town Clerk read a report on the visitor numbers and comments made by the visitors on the recent Open Doors event, they were also told points for next year's event.

Councillor Hart thanked the Assistant to the Town Clerk and the Mayor's Secretary for all their help, she also thanked Councillor Macdonald for the Charter.

Councillors discussed disability access

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk copy the report produced on the disability access at the Guildhall and pass onto the Councillors. The Town Clerk will put the issue on the Agenda for the next meeting.

iii) Minute 118, Hire of Guildhall

Councillors were informed that the Children's Food Festival would like to hire the Guildhall on 23rd and 24th October 2014.

RESOLVED they can hire the Guildhall on the dates required

41. Town Clerk's Report

The Assistant to the Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report (Schedule A). The Town Clerk presented the following additional items:

a) Conwy County Borough Council – Conservation Areas

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will email the letter from James Harland to all the Councillors

b) Conwy County Borough Council meeting to be held on 22nd September 2014 – cancelled

c) More than Honey film – to be shown at Pensychnant Nature Conservation Centre on 25th September at 7.30pm

42. Planning

Planning Decisions Issued

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

43. North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle & European Walled Towns

The Town Clerk and Councillor Roberts gave reports on the meeting held on 11th September 2014. It was suggested in the meeting that a Celtic link needs to be set up to strengthen the sole purpose of the Walled Towns Friendship Circle. Councillors were informed that the golf tournament was won by Beaumaris and that Vardre Bowling Club will be representing Conwy in the Bowls competition in Denbigh.

Councillor Macdonald gave a report on the recent Symposium and felt it had a real sense of friendship. Councillors suggested that copies of the presentations at the symposium be sent to all Members.

The Town Clerk has been asked to write to Mrs Linda Thorp to become an Honorary Member. Councillor Roberts informed Councillors of a Plum Festival being held in Denbigh on 4th October.

44. Proposed Parking Restrictions – Conwy

Councillors RECEIVED and NOTED the restrictions

Councillor Mrs Hughes requested a copy of the details

45. Gyffin Community Centre

Councillors RECEIVED correspondence on the future of Gyffin Community Centre, it was decided that the Council could not take on the Community Centre

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk reply to Garry Knight informing him of the Council's decision

46. Welsh Government White Paper – Reforming Local Government

Councillors discussed the outlines in the White Paper.

RESOLVED

a) The Town Clerk writes to Welsh Government to inform them of the concerns regarding the proposals

b) A working party is set up with the following members. Councillors Roberts, Mrs Hughes, Mrs James, Hart, Cotton, T James, the Mayor and the Town Clerk

c) Councillor Roberts to go to NWA Meeting but abstains from voting

d) The Town Clerk to put the item on the Agenda for the meeting on 29th September for further discussion

e) The Town Clerk cancels County Councillor Priestley's visit on the 29th September

47. North Wales Health Audit Questionnaire

The Town Clerk informed Councillors of a questionnaire to be distributed to local organisations in the County

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will email the questionnaire to the Councillors and will print copies if required

48. Approval of Payments

Councillors APPROVED the following payments:

- a) EDF Energy Customers Plc – Guildhall Electric 4/7/14 to 21/8/14 - £102.97 plus vat
- b) A.Slater – Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows, 4 weeks to 29/8/14 - £160.00
- c) British Gas – Guildhall Gas 25/7/14 to 29/8/14 - £77.35 plus vat
- d) BT Payment Services Plc – Internet Services, 1/8/14 to 30/11/14 - £108.20 plus vat
- e) UHY Hacker Young – External Audit 2013/14 - £650.00 plus vat
- f) MSI Alarms Ltd. – Annual Service Contract for Intruder Alarm, 30/9/14 to 29/9/15 - £297.00 plus vat
- g) Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration Renewal, 20/10/14 to 19/10/15 – £35.00

and the following additional payments were approved:

- h) EDF Energy Customers Plc – Church Clock 26/7/14 to 27/8/14 - £9.06 plus vat
- i) BT Payment Services Plc – Guildhall Telephone 12/5/14 to 9/8/14 - £51.51 plus vat
- j) Shred It – Shredding - £80.00 plus vat

49. Cash Payments

There were no Cash Payments to approve

50. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no.300 is approved for payment (Schedule B)

51. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor told the Councillors that she had attended a number of events over the past 6 weeks which she enjoyed. They included Conwy Honey Fair, Llanfairfechan charity event, the River Festival, the Duck Race, and Graffiti workshop.

The naming of the Lifeboat ceremony was a success even though it rained heavily throughout.

52. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:08pm