

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
THE GUILDHALL, CONWY.
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019**

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

In Attendance: Rachel Lees, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda item 9a, Planning Applications – Councillor M Priestley is a member of Conwy County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Agenda item 9a, Planning Applications – 0/46041 – Councillor P Hart knows the applicant.

Agenda item 15. Gwledd Conwy Feast 2019 – Councillor Macdonald is employed by Gwledd Conwy Feast.

137. Declaration of Acceptance

The Chair welcomed Councillor M Craven to the Town Council, who gave a brief introduction.

Councillor M Craven made his Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

138. Presentation from Mr S Barber-Bailey.

Members received a presentation from Mr Barber-Bailey regarding Sustainable Drainage Systems. The presentation covered aspect of SUDS that will soon be a requirement for planning applications. Mr Barber-Bailey gave Members guidelines as to what to look for when looking at the Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water responses to planning applications. The Chair thanked Mr Barber-Bailey for his informative presentation.

Mr Barber-Bailey left the meeting at this juncture

139. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 25th March 2019.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 27th March 2019.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following amendment – Councillor J Vaughan added to apologies.
- Minutes of the Civic Committee held on 1st April 2019.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

140. Questions on the Minutes

Special Meeting held on 25th March 2019

a) Minute 151, Wales in Bloom

Councillor B Chapman gave an update on the application. It was suggested that small grants could be given to groups that wish to plant bedding or bulbs.

b) Minute 152, Cadw Parking

Councillor J Vaughan informed Members that she had spoken to L Smith, MD for CADW and he will look into the issue.

c) Minute 153, Conwy Town Post Office Closure Notice

Councillor J Vaughan informed Members that the Post Office will be open until the late Bank Holiday in May.

Finance Committee held on 27th March 2019

- a) Members questioned the resolutions regarding the Mayors allowance and the Independent Remuneration figure for the Mayors allowance.

RESOLVED that Councillor G Willetts speaks to the Town Clerk to clarify the allowances.

Members thanked Councillor G Willetts for the work put into the findings for the Finance Committee.

Civic Committee held on 1st April 2019

- a) Minute 7f, Members questioned the alternative venue. It was explained that as the Deputy Mayor had not yet confirmed a venue the Civic Assistant was looking at venues to hold 60 people in the Conwy area and this was the only available option.

Councillor G Edwards (Deputy Mayor) confirmed that the Conwy Comrades Sports and Social Club has now been booked for Civic Sunday.

141. Report Back

Walled Towns Friendship Circle

Councillor B Chapman and J Vaughan gave a report on the Walled Towns Friendship Circle trip to Ireland. Members were informed that all other Walled Towns had a plan and that Conwy Town Council should look at this further. Councillor Joan reported that certain Towns in Ireland have tear off maps available in establishments.

Ysgol Awel Y Mynydd

Councillor T Hughes gave a report and updated Members that new Governors were to be appointed.

Clwb Yr Efail

Councillor T James reported that the Grant application made to Gwynt Y Môr was successful and that they had been awarded £9,999. Councillor T James explained that one of the reasons to influence the panel was the support by Conwy Town Council, Councillor James thanked the Town Council for their support.

Conwy Town Orchestra

Councillor V Macdonald informed Members that the Orchestra were holding a concert on 25th April at 7.30pm in Rhos on Sea, Councillor V Macdonald will email details out to all.

142. Town Clerk's Report

Members received the Town Clerk's Report (Schedule A attached)

Councillor M Priestley left the meeting during discussions on planning applications.

Councillor P Hart left the meeting during discussions on planning application O/46041

143. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members considered and commented on the attached Schedule B

Councillor M Priestley re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members received a list of planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council (Schedule C)
The decisions were NOTED.

144. St Mary's Church Clock Chimes, Conwy

The Chair thanked the Members who delivered the consultation questionnaires to residents. The results of the public consultation questionnaire were counted. 6 people voted to silence the chimes and 204 people voted to keep the chimes through the night. It was felt that the consultation reflected the views of the Town Council. RESOLVED that having conducted a public consultation, the overwhelming view is that the chimes are kept through the night, therefore the Town Council will not silence the chimes overnight.

145. Conwy Replacement LDP

Councillor G Willetts gave a report. Members were informed that the LDP has deficient holes in and needs tightening up. Members were reminded to be vigilant and voice their concerns when the consultations are running. Members thanked Councillor G Willetts for the information.

146. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The agenda item was deferred.

147. Staff Training

Members were informed that the Civic Assistant/Events Co-Ordinator would like to go on an SIA course at a cost of £395 over 4 days on weekends.

RESOLVED that the Civic Assistant/Events Co-Ordinator goes on the course.

148. “Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day”

Members discussed the details from Seafarers UK to fly the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019. The Town Council do not have a flag pole and therefore it was suggested to ask the Harbour Master and the Sea Cadets to fly the ensign.

RESOLVED that the Harbour Master and the Sea Cadets are asked to fly the ensign.

Councillor V Macdonald left the meeting during discussions on the next agenda item

149. Gwledd Conwy Feast 2019

Members received a request for funding to support Gwledd Conwy Feast 2019.

RESOLVED that £2000 is awarded to Gwledd Conwy Feast 2019

Councillor V Macdonald re-joined the meeting

150. Mayor Making 2019/20

a) Members were informed that the Mace Bearer will be away for the Mayoral Inauguration.

RESOLVED that Jaime Jones a previous Parade Marshal is asked to do the honour of Mace Bearer for the Mayoral Inauguration 2019.

b) Members RECEIVED and APPROVED the Risk Assessment

151. Care of the Mace

The agenda item was deferred.

152. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a) Delwedd Ltd – Annual Hosting Charges & Annual Maintenance/Support - £651.38 plus vat

153. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 412 as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule D)

154. Questions to Chair/Town Clerk

There were no questions

There being no further business the meeting was closed at approximately 8:25pm