

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
THE GUILDHALL, CONWY.
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018

Present: Councillors – B Chapman (The Mayor), S Cotton (Deputy Mayor, Chair), E Hughes, S Barber Bailey, P Hart, H Roberts, T James, E Leighton-Jones, T Hughes, M Priestley, E Roberts, G Willetts

In Attendance: R Lees, Assistant to the Town Clerk
Jon Merrick, Business & Tourism Development Manager, CCBC

Apologies: V Macdonald, T Lewis, J Vaughan, G Edwards

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct: None

314. Declarations of Acceptance

The Chair welcomed Councillors E Roberts and G Willetts to the Town Council.
Councillors E Roberts and G Willetts made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office

315. Conwy Tourist Information Centre & Tourism

The Chair welcomed Mr Jon Merrick to the meeting. Before Mr Merrick gave the presentation, he gave the Town Council, a framed photograph taken of the Castle & Guildhall that was found in one of the Tourist Information warehouses. Mr Merrick informed Members that the Tourist Information Centre in Conwy is going to be refurbished internally and externally, making the building more accessible & welcoming and the garden area being used as a possible event space. The completion date is aimed for the end of June/July. The TIC are looking at having a digital information screen outside the building and would require funding for this, Members suggested that Mr Merrick present to the Council later in the year.

Mr Merrick informed Members that an economic growth strategy is in place for the winter period in the County of Conwy, with 6 key areas of focus, these include Christmas, festivals & events, winter lights, winter adventure, food, drink and accommodation and wet day activities. Members were asked to circulate ideas for events to Mr Merrick. Concerns were made about the parking restrictions in Conwy Council car parks which could affect tourism growth. The Chair thanked Mr Merrick for his presentation.

Mr Merrick left the meeting at this juncture

316. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2018
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following addition:
 - Minute 288. CCTV, page 1 should include – Members felt that the Town Council should get recognition for the contribution made to CCTV.

317. Questions on the Minutes

Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2018.

- a) Minute 309 – Use of Guildhall by Gwledd Conwy
The Assistant to the Town Clerk read a letter from Jane Hughes giving further details of the wine tasting event they would like to hold in the Guildhall.
RESOLVED that the request from Gwledd Conwy Feast to use the Guildhall is declined.
- b) Minute 310, Timetable of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/19
Members requested an electronic copy of the Timetable.

318. Town Clerk's Report

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

319. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members considered and commented on the attached Schedule B

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members received list of planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council

320. UK Government Call for Evidence to Examine how Charges or Changes to the Tax System could tackle the problems associated with Single-Use Plastic Waste

Members received details of the Call for Evidence.

RESOLVED that the document link is emailed to all Members and that the item is put on a future agenda.

321. National Eisteddfod Proclamation Ceremony

Members received an update of the upcoming event on the 7th July 2018. The Eisteddfod have requested Bodlondeb as the location for the event.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contact R Gill, CCBC to enquire about public parking and the possibility of a park and ride for the event.

322. Open Doors 2018

Members discussed taking part in the event. It was suggested that the date be the same as other places of interest in the Town.

RESOLVED that:

- the Civic Assistant/ Events Co-ordinator find out a suitable date for the event
- the Civic Assistant/ Events Co-ordinator sets up a working party meeting with the following Members:- Councillors B Chapman (The Mayor) E Roberts, H Roberts, L Hughes (once a date is agreed)

323. Town Guide

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting.

324. Membership of One Voice Wales 2018/19

Members discussed correspondence from One Voice Wales regarding membership for 2018/19.

RESOLVED that Conwy Town Council do not join One Voice Wales at this time and request further information about the pros and cons of both One Voice Wales and Avensure.

325. Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People

Members received details of the Welsh Government Green Paper Consultation Document that will be on the agenda in May 2018.

RESOLVED that the link for the consultation document is circulated to all Members.

326. Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy Draft Proposals

Members received details of the review and were given copies of the notice for the display cabinets in the community.

RESOLVED that the link for the review is circulated to all Members.

327. North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

Members received a request for a non-representative to attend the meeting being held on 20th April 2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor E Roberts is to attend the meeting as a reserve.

328. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

- a) Delwedd Ltd – Annual website hosting, maintenance & support £605.39 plus vat
- Along with the additional payments:

- b) British Telecommunications – Guildhall Phone Service 1/4/18 to 30/6/18 - £52.74 plus vat
- c) Trinity Mirror Publishing Ltd – Town Clerk Job Advertisement - £539 plus vat

329. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments.

330. List of Cheques

There were no cheque payments

There being no further business the meeting was closed at approximately 8:14pm