

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

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 19th JANUARY 2015**

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Rigal.

**IN ATTENDANCE: Helen Armitage (Town Clerk)
Mrs Gorst, Daisy Chain
Mr Roberts, Llandudno Junction Flower Shop**

Opening Prayers – The Mayor’s Chaplain, The Reverend Pam Wright led Members in prayer.

Declaration of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct :

- Agenda Item 8a, Planning Applications – Councillor Fallon sits on the Planning Committee for Conwy County Borough Council.

Minute Number

103 Christmas Window Competition 2014

The Mayor presented the shields and trophies to the winners:

Overall Winner – Daisy Chain, Conwy – Mrs L Gorst

Llandudno Junction Winner – The Flower Shop – Mr A Roberts

The winners from Conwy & Deganwy were unable to attend the meeting but the Mayor will visit them to present their trophies to them:

Conwy Winner – Yesteryears

Deganwy Winner – P3 Ladieswear

104 Minutes of the Council & Committees

- Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2014
 - Minute 83c, Planning, Replenishment of Shingle Beach, Beacons Way, Conwy
The resolution has been printed twice
 - Schedule A, Town Clerk’s Report
The report is missing
- **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 5th January 2015**
 - Schedule C, Budget 2015/16 & Schedule D, P&A Budget 2015/16
Page 2 is missing from each of these schedules

RESOLVED that, subject to the above corrections, the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

105 Questions on the Minutes

Special Meeting of the Council held on 5th January 2015

- i) Minute 199 Christmas Events 2014
 - The Town Clerk asked Councillors if they wished to make a payment for expenses to Mr C Roberts who acted as Choirmaster for Christmas Eve

RESOLVED that a payment of £50 is made for expenses

- The Town Clerk informed Councillors that Mr Carr, the MC on Christmas Eve had told her that the feedback that he had received was that the event was “the best yet!”. He had also asked that his expenses for the evening of £50 are donated to Blind Veterans UK
- Councillors were informed that Beulah Brass were delighted to have the covered stage for the event and have already said that they would be delighted to play at the 2015 event
- The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she will email “Thank You” to Highlight Pyrotechnic for the firework display and the Police for their help

ii) Minute 206 Have Your Say on the Council’s Priorities

An email has been received from the Performance & Improvement Officer, Corporate Improvement & Development Team, Conwy County Borough Council for the comments submitted as they receive little response to requests for feedback. Results of the consultation will be available during April/May

106. Town Clerk’s Report

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

a) North Wales Families’ Prison Bus Services

There are regular return services to HMP Altcourse from Llandudno Junction. For information call 01492 535626

b) Llandudno Junction Trakz

There will be a meeting of the Llandudno Junction Trakz event committee on 26/1/15 at 6.30pm at The Old Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction

“Trakz Live” gig tickets are on sale via the Brown Paper Tickets website

Volunteers are needed to help with organising, marshalling on the day and fundraising

The Committee thanks everyone who has helped so far

c) New PCSO for Deganwy

PCSO 3497 Andrew Jones is the new PCSO for Deganwy

107 Planning

a) **Planning Applications**

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

b) **Planning Decisions Issued**

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

108 Proposed Parking Restriction – Trem Yr Afon, Llandudno Junction

Councillors discussed the proposal to introduce parking restrictions in Trem Yr Afon to prevent obstruction

RESOLVED that the proposal is supported in principle, provided that it is not detrimental to the residents of Trem Yr Afon. Conwy County Borough Council are asked to ensure that the residents have been consulted.

109 Litter in Conwy

Councillors discussed the issue of litter in the community. Concern was expressed about the litter bins in Conwy town overflowing following the Christmas Eve event and it was felt that this, and the increase in litter has been caused by the increasing number of food outlets allowing take-aways. Councillors discussed providing extra bins on Christmas Eve and maybe shopkeepers could provide their own bins outside their premises

Councillors discussed issues with litter over the Christmas period as a result of fewer collections of recycling. The major concern was that some of this was food which could attract vermin.

Councillors said that Conwy County Borough Council had reduced the number of collections as they believed the area would be quiet but there were still a large number of tourists around.

Councillors commented on the fact that some businesses in the community were allowing rubbish to be blown away in the high winds.

Comments were also made that the bin men were not picking up waste that they dropped when collecting bins and that the new trolliblocs were not proving as successful as expected due to their limited capacity.

The Town Councillors acknowledge that the street cleaner in Conwy was doing a very good job but the incidences of people littering was increasing along with incidences of dog fouling

RESOLVED that:

- a) representatives of Environment, Roads & Facilities, Conwy County Borough Council are invited to a future meeting to discuss the problems
- b) the Town Council looks at providing extra bins on Christmas Eve
- c) Town Councillors speak to shopkeepers to discuss what they can do to help

110 3rd Quarter Accounts 2014/15

- a) Councillors received the budget reports for the 3rd quarter ended 31st December 2014 (Schedules C to F)

The overall underspend for the year is expected to be just over £35k. This is due in the main to savings on utilities (£1.4k), Elections (£15k), Insurance (£3.3k), Salaries £16.7k), printing of the Town Guide (£1k), donations to Festivals (£1k), Translation Services (£4.3k). Overspends are expected on Donations (£3.7k) due to the grant made to Llandudno Junction Football Club and an accounting technicality, Mayoral Civic (£1k) due to renovation of the Cenotaph and replacement of the Mace Case, erection of notice boards in Conwy and Deganwy and the continued renewal of the electrical infrastructure for the Christmas lights.

The Town Clerk explained to Councillors that savings relating to specific projects would be taken to an Earmarked Reserve for that project unless it was not to go ahead at all, in which case it would go to General Reserves.

The Town Clerk expected Reserves to be around £160k at 31st March 2015. £66k relates to Earmarked Reserves and the remainder to General Reserves.

RESOLVED that the Budget Reports and Reserve Report for the quarter ended 31st December 2014 are approved

- b) Councillors received the Bank Reconciliation & Financial Statement as at 31st December 2014 (Schedule G)

The balance at the Bank as at 31st December 2014 was £238,270.66 with £3,487.06 outstanding cheques, giving a closing balance of £234,783.60

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation & Financial Statements as at 31st December 2014 are approved.

Councillors thanked the Town Clerk for her work on the accounts

111. Conwy Bronze

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the Scrolls, which form part of the Conwy Bronze had been found at Bodlondeb. The County Council will keep one set, to go with the Bronze they have at Bodlondeb, but would like to donate the other set to the Town Council to go with the Bronze in the Guildhall. They would like to have a small ceremony to mark the handover of the Scrolls
RESOLVED that the offer is accepted and that the Town Clerk speaks to Mr Finch about the handover

112. Approval of Payments

Councillors APPROVED the following payment:

a) Aberconwy Locksmiths – Attend Guildhall on 12/12/14 to gain entry to the office - £45.00 plus vat

along with the additional payments:

b) BT Payment Services Ltd. – Guildhall Alarm, quarter to 31/12/14 - £54.27 plus vat

c) A. Slater – Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows, 4 weeks to 16/1/15 - £160.00

113. Cash Payments

RESOLVED that the list of cash payments 90, as tabled, is accepted (Schedule H)

114. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no.309 is approved for payment (Schedule I)

115. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor had a busy, but enjoyable time over the Christmas period. She had lunch at Clwb yr Efail and joined the Rosehill Chuckers Boccia Group. At the Probus lunch she was entertained by a magician and played bingo with residents at the Llandudno Junction Youth Club Bingo Day

116. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:52pm