

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE :

- Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
- Rachel Lees (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
- David Rowley, Conwy Estuary Lions
- Darren Rawlingson, Sound Design
- Dave Phillips, Safety Advisor
- Owen Conry, Principal Engineer, Cony County Borough Council

APOLOGIES : Councillor- C Rigal

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item 8a – Planning Applications

Councillor Allardice is a member of Conwy County Borough Council Planning Committee

Minute Number

225. Christmas Events 2015

a) Events

i) The Town Clerk expressed her thanks to all who took part in the Christmas Eve Event and reported that feedback following the event was very good.

Members discussed the need to have barriers at Morfa Bach car park for this year's event due to The amount of cars trying to get past the marshals, even when they were told there were no spaces; approximately 100 cars had to be directed to another car park. It was recommended that 4 lightweight barriers are used at the entrance to the car park. It was suggested that residents and staff from Tŵr Llywelyn are given a pass to enable them to enter the car park to gain access to Tŵr Llywelyn. Members reported that Bodlondeb car park was quiet, it was suggested that information about the car parks in town is to be posted on the website and Facebook. Members reported that the Band and the Choir could not be heard from the back of the crowd at Lancaster Square. It was suggested that the Band have a microphone and that the Choir have headsets. It was also suggested that relay speakers are used so the crowd at the back of the Square can hear. Mr Rawlingson said he will need power from the Police Station. Members reported that the Band were playing many of the carols that were to follow, it was suggested that the Band are asked not to play the carols, or that the Band play with the carol singing only.

It was suggested that the carol sheet is bilingual this year so that individuals have a choice of language. The Safety Advisor Mr Phillips reported that the Marshals had done well and there had been a good Police presence, PC Chris Jones should be thanked for his efforts. The timings of the event went well and the crowd had been cleared quickly. Members thanked Mr Philips.

Members thanked the Town Clerk, the Assistant to the Town Clerk and the Mayor's Secretary for all their hard work in organising the Christmas Eve Event.

Members thanked Mr Rowley and the Conwy Estuary Lions for their help at the event this year, and Mr Rawlingson for providing the staging and sound in Lancaster Square.

ii) It was suggested that Father Christmas has a dresser this year. The schedule should include taking the outfits to the Castle earlier in the evening. Councillor B Chapman was thanked for the Father Christmas speech.

iii) It was reported that the toilets on the Quay were too far away for the public to use. It was suggested that a disabled portable loo is hired for 2016

b) **RESOLVED** that payments are made to:

Katherine Smith £50

Conwy Estuary Lions £250

St John Ambulance £400

Cadw employee to be confirmed £50

Gary Carr's chosen charity £50

Llandudno Junction Football Club £100

Chris Roberts £50

Graham Jones £50

RNLI £50

Conwy Yacht Club £50

Frank Prescott, Nigel Rowe, John Gilligan, Chris Gilligan £10 each

Mr Rowley, Mr Rawlingson and Mr Phillips left the meeting at this juncture.

Councillors B Chapman & A James left the meeting during discussions on the following agenda item

226. Conwy Bridge Renovations

Mr Owen Conry, Principal Engineer, Conwy County Borough Council gave a presentation on the forthcoming renovations to the Bridge. Members were informed that a Contractor has now been appointed to carry out the paint work. There will be scaffolding on both sides of the Bridge with a clear plastic cover to prevent any debris from falling into the river. Members were informed that there should not be any significant road closures. However, if there are any road closures, they will aim to be out of rush hour times, or during the night. The work should be completed within 20 weeks. Members asked that they are informed immediately of any traffic management decisions and that the Chamber of Trade is included in all consultations. Mr Conry has suggested he keeps Members up to Date. Members thanked Mr Conry for his presentation.

Mr Conry left the meeting at this juncture.

227. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st December 2015
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED.

228. Questions on the Minutes

There were no questions on the minutes.

229. Town Clerk's Report

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the Town Clerk's Report (Schedule A)

The Assistant to the Town Clerk reported the following additional items :

- a) Reminder to let the Mayor's Secretary have the menu choice and cheque for the Walled Towns Friendship Circle Annual Dinner
- b) Appointment of Independent Members to Board of Community Health Councils. Closing date 13/1/16. For further information go to <http://wales.gov.uk/about/recruitment/public-appointments/?lang=en>
- c) Nominations are being sort for New Year 2017 Honours List. Please submit nomination forms together with a letter of support to Official Sensitive-Honours, David Gardiner, Education & Public Services Group, Welsh Government, 3rd Floor, Pillar PO4, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ. Applications are being received until 29/1/16.
- d) The Mayor of Denbigh's Charity Concert, Town Hall, Denbigh, 30/1/16 7pm. Tickets £8 from Siop Clwyd, Denbigh or Raymond Bartley 01745 812623.

230. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members considered the applications on Schedule B attached hereto and made recommendations and comments as detailed :

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council and the Planning Inspectorate.

c) Notice of Appeal – Bronwen Cottage, Sychnant Pass Road, Conwy

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the decision and reasons on the planning application and the Notice of Appeal.

d) Proposal for Naming of a Street

Members RECEIVED correspondence from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the naming of a street in Llandudno Junction. Members felt the suggested name Dalar Aur was inappropriate and does not reflect the local area. Members suggested Ffordd Y Mynach as the name.

231. Budget & Precept

The Town Clerk gave Members more information on the 2016/17 Budget & Precept.

RESOLVED that the decision is made at the Town Council Meeting to be held on 18th January 2016.

232. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill

The Town Clerk gave a report from the Local Government Reform Working Party meeting which was held On 4th January 2016. A response to the paper was discussed.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contact Simon Hensey, Conwy County Borough Council to assist with the response.

233. Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners' Conference 2016

Members RECEIVED information regarding the conference to be held on 25th and 26th February 2016.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is to attend the Conference.

234. Presentations at the Town Council Meeting – 18th January 2016

The Town Clerk informed Members that the following presentations will take place during the Town Council Meeting on the 18th January 2016:

- i) Christmas Window Competition
- ii) Camera Club Guildhall Photographs
- iii) Deganwy Promenade Shelter Grant Cheque

At the close of the meeting, which will be at 8pm Mr Ken Finch, Conwy County Borough Council will present the Council with a painting produced by his Mother, he will then be invited to join the Mayor and Councillors for refreshments afterwards.

235. Conwy Cynhaliol – Rural Development Programme in Rural Conwy

Members RECEIVED a request to make a presentation to the Council on the 14/3/16. Members were advised to think about community projects that need funding before the presentation takes place.

RESOLVED that Ela Williams, Community, Culture & Heritage Officer, Conwy County Borough Council is invited to present to the Council on 14/3/16 and is asked to provide more information on funding and funding deadlines.

236. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

- a) Sound Design – staging and sound Christmas Eve - £400
- b) Viking – Stationery - £28.28 plus vat
- c) Hall's – refreshments - £151.61 plus vat

237. Cash Payments

There were no Cash Payments

238. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 333, as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule C)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:27pm