

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Present: Councillors – P Hart (Town Mayor), B Chapman (Deputy Mayor), V Macdonald, R Parker, S Allardice, J Hughes, E Leighton-Jones, B James, S Cotton, T James, G Edwards, E Hughes, A James

Apologies: Councillors C Rigal, H Roberts

In Attendance:

H Barritt - Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

J Hodgson - Assistant to the Town Clerk

K Cook - Civic Assistant/Events Co-ordinator

C Branson, Ms Branson & Ms Jones - Conwy Resident's Action Party (Seagulls)

Prayers: Mayor's Chaplain

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct

Agenda Item 8a) Planning Applications:

- Councillor Allardice is a member of the County Council's Planning Committee

110. Conwy Residents' Action Party

Members received a presentation from Clive Branson. The mission of the Conwy Residents' Action Party is to manage seagull aggression & address potential human health risk posed by seagulls in the town of Conwy. Their approach is: information, education, & preventative measures. This includes displaying notices prominently & education via personal contact. It is illegal to throw food to gulls; two signs on the quay advise as such but they are small & hard to see.

In terms of prevention, it is possible to discourage nesting in vulnerable areas, for example using captive birds of prey in the areas during the nesting season was shown to work in Conwy in 2016.

The Action Party consider that the best approach would be to have a handler of captive birds of prey engaging with visitors in the role of 'Tourist Information Guide', for example Kevin Bunn.

During questions Cllr G Edwards explained that CCBC are taking the problem seriously & that a task & finish group is actively looking into what can be done. He suggested that the Action Party contact CCBC Member Services or Development Control department for minutes of meetings etc. Cllr S Allardice commented that the CCBC Task & Finish Group has produced a short video.

Matthew Forbes, the Harbour Master, is using the video when giving talks to schools. It can also been seen at tourist information centres & on CCBC corporate channels.

Members thanked Mr Banson for his presentation.

Visitors left the Chamber

111. Minutes

- RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th January 2017
- RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Civic Committee held on 13th February 2017
- RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 13th February 2017

112. Questions on the Minutes

Town Council meeting held on 16th January 2017

- Minute 93 - Minute 72b) Car Parks – a meeting with V Turner & A Wilkinson has been arranged at the Guildhall on 3/3/17 at 2.30pm
- Minute 90 – NatWest Bank Closure - a meeting with Mike German has been arranged at the Guildhall on 26/4/17 at 10.30am
- Minute 104 – presentations have now been arranged for every meeting until the end of this Mayoral Year, although no longer in the order listed in Minute 104.

Civic Committee held on 13th February 2017

- Minute 3c) Mayor Making: Homemade Hand Delivered Meals Ltd has been approached for the catering

Special Meeting of the Council held on 13th February 2017

- Minute 266 – Guildhall Painting – members received an update from the Town Clerk who is waiting to hear back from the insurance company
- Minute 268 – Plaques, Carmel Chapel – Kate Hallett, Assistant Archivist at County Archives, has forwarded the information to the Heritage Development Officer Lynn Podmore.

Cllr Edwards left the Chamber

113. Town Clerk's Report

Members received a report from the Town Clerk (Schedule A attached) with the following additions:

- Rhyl Silver Band Open Day – 4/3/17, 11.30am – 2.30pm at Rhyl Town Hall
- Poetry of Loss: Brussels Literacy Residency, May 2017 – Closing date for applications 10/3/17
- Gwynt y Mor Community Fund celebration event - 13/3/17; 6pm at Bodelwydden Castle
- Community/Place Planning course - 15/3/17; Bala
- North Wales Cancer Appeal AGM – 13/3/17; Glan Clwyd Hospital; 7.30pm
- Community Engagement Network Event - 28/3/17; Venue Cymru; 12.30pm – 4pm; £15

114. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillors considered and commented on the planning applications as shown on the attached Schedule B

b) Planning Decisions Issued

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

115. The Tournament

Members considered a grant application by Conwy Chamber of Trade to assist with funding for The Tournament.

RESOLVED to request further information to allow a decision to be made on the funding request, including a copy of the event's budget, sight of event's bank account & breakdown of proposed costs/quote

116. Conwy Bridge Completion

Members considered celebrating the completion of the works on Conwy Bridge

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk discusses what CCBC has in mind for celebrations. A request was made to remember Mr Fitzsimmon who designed the bridge & died before it was finished.

117. Conwy Electoral Review 2017

Members received information on the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales review of all 22 Local Authorities. Representatives of the Town Council are invited to a presentation on 1/6/17 at Bodlondeb at 6pm. Cllrs B Chapman & E Hughes expressed an interest in attending, if they are in office.

118. Local Elections Nomination Process

Members received information on the nomination process session held on 20/2/17.

119. National Development Framework (NDF)

Members had no comment in response to the Call for Evidence & Projects.

120. North Wales Wellbeing Assessment Consultation Event

Members received a report on the event held on 17/2/17 attended by the Town Clerk.

121. Membership of One Voice Wales 2017-18

Members noted the invitation to join One Voice Wales 2017/18.

122. Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914 – 1918

Members received a request to submit information on any events being held to commemorate the end of WW1 & an invitation to attend the Programme Board meeting on 5/5/17. Cllrs Chapman, Macdonald, T James & J Hughes will form a small group.

123. Commonwealth Day 2017

Members received a request to fly a flag on 13/3/17.

124. Third Quarter Financial and Budget Reports

Members received:

- a) The quarterly reports to 31st December 2016
- b) The Statement of Reserves as at 31st December 2016
- c) The Bank Reconciliation & Financial Statement as at 31st December 2016
- d) The Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2016

RESOLVED to accept as tabled

Members thanked the Town Clerk for all her work.

125. Guildhall Office Heater

RESOLVED that staff choose & purchase a suitable heater for the office

126. One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event

Members received a request for the Town Clerk to attend One Voice Wales/SLCC joint event on 12/7/17 at Ewloe; £69 plus VAT.

RESOLVED to approve the attendance of the Town Clerk.

127. Proposed Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies

Members noted the information on the consultation period between 28/2/17 & 27/3/17

128. RNLI Defibrillator

Members considered a request for a donation to the RNLI to purchase a defibrillator. The Town Clerk will request information on the total cost, amount raised, & what amount is requested.

129. Nomination for Mayor 2017/18

It was proposed by Councillor S Cotton, seconded by Councillor J Hughes, and RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor Councillor Bill Chapman is appointed as Town Mayor-elect for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Bill Chapman who thanked the Council for electing him as Mayor

130. Nomination for Deputy Mayor 2017/18

It was proposed by Councillor E Hughes, seconded by Councillor E Leighton-Jones, and RESOLVED that Councillor Cotton is appointed as Deputy Town Mayor-elect for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Sam Cotton who thanked the Council for electing her as Deputy Mayor

131. Honorary Bailies 2017/18

Members made nominations for Honorary Bailies 2017/18

RESOLVED to invite Chris Roberts and Mary Meldrum to become Honorary Bailies

132. Approval of Payments

To approve the following payments:

- a) Conwy County Borough Council – Barriers for Christmas Eve event - £133.34 plus vat
- b) Homemade Hand Delivered Meals Limited - Deposit for Mayoral Inauguration buffet - £100

133. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments to be tabled

134. List of Cheques

RESOLVED to approve list of cheques no. 362

135. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor attended the Walled Town Annual Dinner, a Charity Luncheon & a coffee morning held by the Mayor of Llandudno, and Civic Sunday in Rhuddlan. The Mayor attended the annual Holocaust Memorial Day event in Llandudno. Together with other councillors, the Mayor attended the funeral of Councillor Raymond Bartley, the former Mayor of Denbigh. The pennant was raised at Conwy Castle on the Mayor's birthday.

136. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

The meeting closed at 8.33pm