

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL  
GUILDHALL, CONWY  
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**Present: Councillors – S Cotton (Mayor & Chair), G Edwards (Deputy Mayor & Vice-Chair), G Willetts, P Hart, S Barber-Bailey, T James, H Roberts, E Roberts, J Rooney, V Macdonald, E Leighton-Jones, C Ryan**

**In Attendance:           Town Clerk, Natasha Flint  
                                  Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rachel Lees**

**Prayers: The Mayor’s Chaplain lead the Prayers**

**Apologies: Councillors T Hughes, B Chapman, J Vaughan, M Priestley**

*The Mayor wished Councillor T Hughes a speedy recovery and looks forward to her return.*

**Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:**

Agenda Item 14 – North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle – Councillor H Roberts is Deputy Chair of the circle.

**Minute Number**

**84. Minutes**

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following addition –  
Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:  
Agenda Item 10f, Approval of Payments – Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors – Councillors P Hart & T James are directly involved with the agenda item and therefore declared an interest & abstained.

**85. Questions on the Minutes**

**86. Town Clerk’s Report**

Councillors received a report from the Assistant to the Town Clerk (Schedule A attached) with the following additional item:

- a) The Mayor is holding a charity event with 5 Piece Band Total Recall on 22 February 7pm till late. Tickets £15. Includes Hot Pot and Chilli, vegetarian option available. Tickets available from the Guildhall & Emporium shop, Llandudno Junction.

**87. Planning**

a) **Planning Applications**

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

b) **Planning Decisions Issued**

Councillors received a list of planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council as shown on the attached Schedule C

#### **88. D Day 75 Anniversary**

Councillors discussed options for celebrating the Anniversary with a wreath laying and small service or a parade and larger service and possibly an 'Open Doors Gallery/Presentation' on either the 6<sup>th</sup> June or a date close to it.

RESOLVED that the item is placed on the Civic Committee Agenda for further discussion.

#### **89. Land Drainage Byelaw Consultation**

Councillor H Roberts read a draft response for the Consultation.

RESOLVED that Councillor H Roberts responds to the Consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

#### **90. CCBC – Car Park Fees – Llandudno Junction**

The Town Clerk informed Councillors of residents' concerns regarding the car parking fees at Osborne Road Car Park.

RESOLVED that:

- the Town Clerk obtains the results from the consultation led by CCBC
- the Town Clerk informs CCBC of the immediate effect the 50p charge is having on members of the public and asks if a 10p charge could be set up for a 20 minute time limit.

#### **91. Conwy Mussel Fishery**

The Town Clerk asked Councillors if she could invite Mr M Forbes to make a presentation to the Council with an update of the Mussel Fishery Matter. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that due to presentations not currently permitted at Full Town Council Meetings, the next available date for presentations will be around April/May.

RESOLVED that:

- M Forbes, Harbour Master and T Jones, Mussel fisherman are asked to present to the Town Council at a future Meeting.
- Presentations can take place at Full Town Council meetings if necessary.

#### **92. Lancaster Square Benches**

Councillors were informed that CCBC are demanding payment for the Benches. The Town Clerk has found no paper trail which gave authority to purchase benches in the first instance and has found no resolution in previous minutes to authorise payment for the benches. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she had found no budget for benches in Lancaster Square. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that T Hopkins has agreed to meet to discuss the benches on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk asks T Hopkins for evidence of authority to purchase the benches and to keep the item on the agenda to update Councillors.

#### **93. New Welcome Signs for Deganwy**

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on the Deganwy Signs. Deganwy Residents Association are being consulted about the signs.

#### **94. North Wales Walled Town Friendship Membership**

Councillors were informed that the Membership for 2019 is £850. The Town Council are claiming back £544.77 for Car Rally expenses. The Town Clerk asked if the expenses can be taken off the membership total.

RESOLVED that the totals for Membership and Expenses are kept separate and that the Membership fee of £850 is approved for payment.

## **95. Approval of Payments**

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved

- a) CCBC – Civil Ceremonies Venue Licence – 31/03/2019 to 31/03/2022 - £900.00
- b) R. A. Slater – Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows – 4 weeks to 11/1/19 - £170.00
- c) Ekult Group Ltd – Christmas Eve and Boxing Day Dip Signage and Marshalling - £1142.00 plus vat
- d) Opus Energy – St Mary’s Clock Electric 4/12/18 to 3/1/19 – £24.34 plus vat

## **96. Cash Payments**

RESOLVED that the list of Cash Payments Sheet 117 is approved as tabled (Schedule D)

## **97. List of Cheques**

RESOLVED that the list of Cheques Sheet 407 is approved as tabled (Schedule E)

## **98. Mayoral Announcements**

The Mayor went along to the Probus lunch at Conwy Golf Club which was a very nice event. The Holocaust Memorial Service which the Mayor attended on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 was very moving and good to see people from the North West brought by a Rabi from Manchester.

The Mayor informed Councillors of her charity evening and hopes that all Councillors will come along to enjoy the event. The Mayor is happy in her temporary accommodation.

## **99. Twenty Minutes - Questions from the Residents**

There were no questions from residents

## **100. Confidential Business**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 & with Standing Order 65, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press & public be temporarily excluded & instructed to withdraw.

## **101. Finance Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 9th January 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following amendment: Apologies: Councillor V Macdonald and J Vaughan to be included.

## **102. Questions on the Minutes**

Minute 4. Budget and Precept 2019/20

Councillors discussed the need to have the Confidential Business paragraph on the Finance Committee paperwork, it was noted that all finance matters are to be transparent and open to the public.

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee Agendas and Minutes do not include the Confidential Business paragraph.

Councillor G Willets was mindful that a request from CCBC to assist with non-essential services had been received by the Town Clerk on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January and the precept and budget for the Town Council had been Accepted and Resolved on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. And therefore, Conwy Town Council’s Precept and Budget will be unaltered for 2019/20.

## **103. Christmas Window Competition**

The Mayor informed Councillors that Daisy Chain, S.P Joinery and Yesteryears were unable to attend.

The Mayor awarded the Winning Shield to the owners of Tea Station Café, Deganwy who were invited to join Councillors for refreshments after the meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:03pm**