

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2018**

Present: Councillors – B Chapman (Mayor), V Macdonald, P Hart, E Leighton-Jones, T Lewis, S Barber-Bailey, D Hale, T Hughes, M Priestley, J Vaughan, G Edwards, E Hughes, T James, H Roberts

In Attendance: The Town Clerk, Helen Barritt
Civic Assistant/Events Co-ordinator, Paul Gillbanks

Prayers: The Mayor's Chaplain opened the Meeting with prayers.

Apologies: Councillor S Cotton (Deputy Mayor)

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Councillor J Vaughan - Agenda Item 7a, Applications 0/44750, 0/44751, 0/44782, 0/44784 – lives in neighbouring street

Minute Number

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor reminded Councillors regarding conduct at meetings. He also clarified the role of the Staff Committee

91. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 15th January 2018
RESOLVED that the minutes are approved

92. Questions on the Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 15th January 2018
 - Minute 228f – Review of the Community & Town Council Sector in Wales
The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the item was on the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Council on 12th February 2018
 - Minute 231 – Snowdonia National Park Authority Financial Challenge 2018-20
Councillor Barber-Bailey said that she had not managed to send a response to the consultation before the deadline. It was suggested that she still submits the response
 - Minute 232 – Conwy County National Eisteddfod August 2019
The Town Clerk read out emails she had received from other Town Councils stating how they would be responding to the request for funding
 - Minute 237 – Guildhall IT Equipment
The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the problem of remote working had been rectified by a VPN installation rather than an additional Office 365 licence
 - Minute 247 – Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
The Town Clerk, Civic Assistant/Events Co-ordinator & Member of the Public left the Chamber during the following discussion
Councillors discussed the process of the proposed new staffing structure and process. It was clarified by the Chair of the Staff Committee that recommendations made at Staff Committee meeting held on 25th January 2018 concerning this process will be discussed by Councillors

93. Town Clerk's Report

Councillors received a report from the Assistant to the Town Clerk (Schedule A attached)

94. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

Councillor Priestley abstained from voting on applications O/44734, O/44738 & O/44760

Councillors James & Hart abstained from voting on application O/44764

b) Planning Decisions Issued

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

Councillor Edwards left the meeting at this juncture

95. World Shore Angling Championships Local Organising Committee

Councillors received a request for funding the event in Conwy county. The opening ceremony is planned to be held in Conwy town.

RESOLVED that the Town Council supports the event with grant funding of £500 subject to the receipt of a budget for the event.

96. Little Dragon Festival Group

Councillors received a request for funding an event at Y Morfa Stadium in July 2018

RESOLVED that the request is submitted to the February grant allocation & the Group are asked for financial information

97. Town & Village Greens

Members discussed the consultation.

RESOLVED that the following response is made:

- The Town Council does not wish for the planning process for developers to be made any easier
- The Town Council would like to see the process easier for communities to takeover & maintain village greens

98. Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities: Local Toilets Strategies

Councillors received notice of the consultation.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Town Council considers the consultation at a future meeting
- b) A copy of the County Council's Strategy on Public Toilets

99. Defra & Welsh Government Consultation on Proposals to Tackle Crime & Poor Performance in the Waste Sector & Introduce a New Fixed Penalty for the Waste Duty of Care

Councillors received notice of the consultation.

RESOLVED that the Town Council considers the consultation at a future meeting

100. Options Paper: NHS Wales Performers List

Councillors discussed Options put forward by the paper to identify measures to simplify the process for performers in the UK to perform primary medical & dental services in Wales

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Town Council supports Option 3 – amend regulations to allow GP or GDP Performer to be automatically listed on a LHBs list if they are already on a PCO performer list in the UK with no need to submit an application to provide relevant information & documentation
- b) The following 2 questions are asked:
 - What are the long term proposals to solve the problems of recruiting GPs in Wales?
 - How long is it envisaged to take to solve the problem of GP recruitment in Wales?

101. North Wales Association of Local Councils

Councillors received a report on the meeting held on 19th January 2018.

The main item on the meeting regarded the structure of Town & Community Councils

102. Grants

RESOLVED that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council is held on Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 6:30pm in the Guildhall, Conwy

103. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved for payment:

- a) Drain Doctor Plumbing – Unblock Guildhall Toilet - £279.00 plus vat
- b) E B Joinery – Repair Conwy Notice Board - £140.00

Along with the following additional payments:

- c) Trilo-Byte Computer Services – Cloud Storage 1/11/17 to 31/1/18; Call-out to IT problem in the Guildhall on 12/1/18; VPN installation - £142.00
- d) MAD Sound & Lighting – Mobile Stage for Conwy Christmas Eve event - £2,600.00 plus vat
- e) Sian Roberts – Conwy Christmas Eve event entertainer - £50.00

104. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

105. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no. 384 is approved (Schedule C)

106. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor had attended a number of Carol Services over the Christmas period & opened the Christmas Market in Conwy.

He had visited HMP Berwyn to award certificates.

In January, he had attended a Civic lunch hosted by the Chair of the County Council followed by a meeting regarding a possible twinning with Himeji, Japan.

The Mayor had attended a Holocaust Memorial Day service and the Mayor of Denbigh's charity concert

107. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

108. Christmas Window Competition

To award the trophy and shields to the winners:

Deganwy shield – Coastal Cards

Conwy shield – Celtic Hat Company

The winners for Llandudno Junction shield – SP Joinery & the overall trophy winner – Yesteryears Toy Shop were unable to attend the meeting

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 7:55pm