

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES)
HELD ON TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT : Councillors – P Hart (Chair), V Macdonald, R Parker, S Allardice, B Chapman, B James, S Cotton, T James, E Hughes, C Rigal, H Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
Rachel Lees (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Sergeant Sam Roberts, North Wales Police

APOLOGIES : Councillors – E Leighton-Jones (Town Mayor), R Hughes.

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct :

Agenda Item:

Agenda Item 7a – Planning Applications

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

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The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Parker, Macdonald and Roberts are Members of the Trakz Committee who receive funding from applicant 0/41960

Agenda Item 10 – Cyffordd Llandudno Junction Trakz

The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Parker, Macdonald and Roberts are Members of the Trakz Committee

Agenda Item 16 – Approval of Payments

The Retiring Consort's gift is for Councillor Parker's Husband

Minute Number

116. Community Matters

Sergeant Roberts informed Members that she would shortly be leaving her position and would be replaced by Sergeant James Keen.

Members praised the work of PCSO Owen in Conwy, but were concerned that she was being called away to other areas and that there was a lack of Police presence in Conwy. Sergeant Roberts said that Conwy Police Station covers a wide area, but there is always someone in Conwy. She had lost a number of staff recently who are not being replaced.

Members were concerned about the homeless around the Deganwy Beach area. Sergeant Roberts said that they were aware of the problem.

Members from Llandudno Junction said that they rarely saw the PCSOs in the area and that there was a problem with anti-social behaviour. Around 20 children were regularly seen around the empty Arriva building. There are also environmental health issues under the flyover. Sergeant Roberts said that if they were made aware of issues in an area, they would make it part of their patrol plan.

Members felt that there was a visibility issue. If the Police were seen in the community more often most of the low level crime would decrease.

Sergeant Roberts said that she would ask Sergeant Keen to attend a future meeting.

Members thanked Sergeant Roberts for attending the meeting and wished her well in her new position.

Sergeant Roberts left the meeting.

Councillors Allardice and Chapman left the meeting at this juncture.

117. Minutes

- Minutes of the Staff Committee meeting held on 17th August 2015
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 17th August 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

118. Questions on the Minutes

a) Staff Committee meeting held on 17th August 2015

Minute 4, Employment and Health & Safety Services

The Town Clerk explained that some Members of the Staff Committee were joining her at meetings with Employment Services Companies with a view to outsourcing that area of work. The Staff Committee will be reporting back to a full Council meeting on its findings.

b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 17th August 2015

i) Minute 101a(2), Planning Applications – 0/41923, 64 dwellings, Narrow Lane, Llandudno Junction

The Town Clerk said that Mr Harland of Conwy County Borough Council had informed her that the plans were 10 over the allocation in the LDP

ii) Minute 105, Festive Lighting

The Town Clerk informed Members that she would be meeting Mr Spink of Bebbington & Wilson Limited on 2nd October 2015 at 10:30am to discuss this year's installation.

iii) Minute 110, Honorary Bailies

The Town Clerk said that the Mace Bearer was unable to attend the Ceremony.

Members discussed the arrangements for the Ceremony.

119. 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) Road Closure, Junction Bangor Road to Junction Erskine Terrace, Chapel Street, Conwy. 9/9/15 to 11/9/15, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.

b) Councillor Liz Roberts, Chairman of Conwy County Borough Council, Charity Concert in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association, 13/9/15 7.30pm, Venue Cymru, Llandudno. Tickets £10.

c) Disability Resource Centre Open Day, 11/9/15 11am – 2pm. Refreshments available. Sarn Lane, Bodelwyddan 01745 448288

The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Parker, Macdonald and Roberts left the meeting during discussions on planning application 2

Councillor Cotton took the Chair for the discussion of application 2 0/41960.

120. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

RESOLVED that for application 2 – 0/41960, 93 dwellings, Sychnant Pass Road, Conwy – the County Council is asked which planning policy supports the need for the housing in the area and what the allocation is in the LDP

- the Town Clerk write to Mr Hughes supporting his letter of objection.

- the matter is discussed by the Footpaths and Green Spaces Working Party

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the planning decisions issues by Conwy County Borough Council

121. Open Doors 2015

Members RECEIVED a report on the Open Doors Working Party meeting held on 1st September 2015.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Leave projector out on Thursday 3/9/15
 - b) Key for cabinet on the Chamber table with all information needed
 - c) Bilingual "Please do not handle" sign apex, on card
 - d) Book of paintings & Photos left out
 - e) This year focus on Forces, next year on History of Conwy
 - f) Move tables around in Mayor's Parlour
 - g) 50x Open Doors elsewhere in Conwy/Gwynedd list
 - h) Town Clerk's Wig left out
 - i) Next year's posters for notice boards bilingual
 - j) Cabinet to be cleaned
 - k) Charity box to say "Donations to the Mayor's charities are very welcome"
- Members thanked the Assistant to the Town Clerk for her work on the event.

122. Walled Towns Friendship Circle Car Rally

Members were updated with the arrangements for the event on 4th October.

The cars would now be stopping at Bodlondeb in Conwy for refreshments.

The Car Rally committee will be meeting again on 8th September

RESOLVED that Conwy Cricket Club is asked if they would provide refreshments for the people taking part. If they are unable to, Providero is asked if they could bring along the van.

*The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Parker, Macdonald & Roberts left the meeting at this juncture
Councillor Mrs James to the Chair for the following agenda item*

123. Cyffordd Llandudno Junction Trakz

Members RECEIVED a request for the Council to send a letter of support for the Cyffordd Llandudno Junction Trakz event. This would enable the committee to apply for a grant from the Gwynt y Mor Community Fund.

RESOLVED that a letter of support is written.

*The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Parker, Macdonald & Roberts returned to the meeting
The Deputy Mayor resumed the Chair*

124. Fly Tipping in Public Litter Bins

Members discussed the issue of domestic rubbish being deposited in litter bins. The problem has increased following the introduction of recycling. The litter bins are not being emptied regularly enough to cope with the amount of rubbish being deposited in them.

RESOLVED that Conwy County Borough Council are asked if it would be possible for the Town Council to deliver letters to households in the area where the problem is occurring, making them aware of the problem and asking them not to dispose of household rubbish in the litter bins.

125. Protecting Community Assets – Welsh Government Consultation

Members discussed the consultation document. They felt that the questions to be answered were leading and over-simplified. There must be safeguards put in place to protect private owners from financial hardship.

RESOLVED that Councillor Parker passes her comments to the Town Clerk to be forwarded on to the Welsh Government as a response.

Members thanked Councillor Parker for the research she had carried out on the consultation.

126. Independent Remuneration Panel Survey

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had looked at the survey which just required facts about the Town Council. She would submit the answers.

127. Conwy Cricket Club

Members RECEIVED a request from the President of Conwy Cricket Club to assist with funding. As a result of the Club's efforts with local young people, it had become accredited with the cricketing bodies. It had received a grant of £25k for new training/coaching nets, but needed an additional £5k. They are also looking to purchase an electronic mechanical bowling machine and pitch covers costing around £6k. **RESOLVED** that Conwy Cricket Club are asked to attend a meeting to make a presentation with a view to applying for a Community Development Fund grant.

128. Guildhall Tables

The Town Clerk informed Members that Valentine Wood had not turned up to varnish the Guildhall tables. Therefore, she was looking for someone else to undertake the work.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk widens the area of her search for a furniture restorer.

Councillor Parker left the meeting at this juncture.

129. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a)Councillor Ruth Parker – Retiring consort's Gift, Mayoral Inauguration - £48.00
along with the additional payments:

- b)A. Slater – Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows, 4 weeks to 28th August 2015 - £170.00
- c)Homemade Hand Delivered Meals Ltd., Honorary Bailie Buffet Deposit - £50.00

Councillor Parker returned to the meeting.

130. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments.

131. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 324, as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule C)

The Chairman allowed the following item as a matter of urgency

132. Hire of Guildhall

Members RECEIVED a request from Mr Brady to hire the Guildhall on the morning of 13th October 2015 for an examination for one individual.

Members were concerned that the Mayor's Parlour would not be silent enough

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contacts Mr Brady saying that:

-the Guildhall is a working building and may not be silent enough. Mr Brady is welcome to visit the Guildhall to assess this for himself.

-if he does decide to hire the Guildhall, there will be a cost of £15 per hour

-an alternative would be to contact Coleg Llandrillo who have rooms set up for examinations.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:37pm