

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES)
HELD ON MONDAY, 27th APRIL 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
Rachel Lees (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Conwy County Borough Councillor Dr Stuart Anderson & Mr Barry Griffiths

APOLOGIES : Councillor – J Fallon.

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct -
Agenda Item 5a Planning Applications :

- Councillor Parker is Chair of Trakz which was sponsored by planning applicants 0/41488 & 0/41628
- Councillor Roberts is Vice Chair of Trakz which was sponsored by planning applicants 0/41488 & 0/41628
- Councillor Macdonald is a committee member of Trakz which was sponsored by planning applicants 0/41488 & 0/41628
- Councillor Hart is a committee member of Trakz which was sponsored by planning applicants 0/41488 & 0/41628
- Councillor Mrs James is a committee member of Trakz which was sponsored by planning applicants 0/41488 & 0/41628
- Councillor Macdonald is friends with planning applicant 0/41640

Minute Number

293. Commemorative Flag Display

County Councillor Dr Stuart Anderson and Mr Barry Griffiths attended the meeting. Councillor Dr Anderson gave a report on representatives from Conwy attending the celebration of the liberation of Colditz Castle. Councillor Dr Anderson and Mr Griffiths also informed the Council of a conference to be held on 12th June in Colwyn Bay regarding the challenges facing the Irish Sea, this conference will concentrate on climate change and sustainable energy. Councillor Dr Anderson talked about how the construction of a lagoon could help protect the coast. The Chairman thanked Councillor Dr Anderson and Mr Griffiths for attending the meeting.

Councillor Dr S Anderson and Mr B Griffiths left the meeting at this juncture

294. 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) Business Wales April newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall
- b) CVSC's April Funding News is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall
- c) Cadw All Wales newsletter is available on the Chamber table in the Guildhall
- d) New Rotary Club in Conwy – All welcome to come along to our information meetings 29th April or 13th May starting at 7.30pm. Venue – Albion Pub, Bangor Road, Conwy. Alan Swinson 01492 582108
president@conwyrotary.org
- e) Conwy County Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 11/5/15 has been cancelled.

The Mayor and Councillors Macdonald, Roberts, Hart, B James left the meeting for discussions on the planning applications they had declared an interest in.

295. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

The Town Clerk read out correspondence from a resident regarding planning application 0/41639

b) Planning Decisions Issued

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

296. Footpaths and Green Spaces Working Parties

Members discussed merging the two working parties into one. Councillor E Leighton Jones is standing down as Chair of the Green Spaces working party.

RESOLVED that the working parties are merged for a trial period and the next meeting is to be held on 26/5/15 at 5.30pm

297. Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee

Members RECEIVED a report from the Deputy Mayor.

There are concerns regarding the loss of moorings in Conwy and the apparent reduction of mussel boats that are collecting the mussels.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to the Chair of the Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee, and County Councillor Joan Vaughan with the concerns.

298. Adopt a Telephone Kiosk

Members RECEIVED information about adopting a BT kiosk. Further information is available from the Town Clerk on request.

299. Town & Community Councils Forum

The Town Clerk gave a report on the Town Clerks meeting held on 15/4/15.

The Town Clerk gave a 2nd report from the Town & Community Councils Forum meeting held on 15/4/15. Items discussed included Diversity in Democracy, Locality plans and mentoring new County Councillors.

300. Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People – Welsh Government Consultation

Members RECEIVED a report from the Local Government Reform Working Party. The Chair thanked all members of the Working Party for their input.

RESOLVED that:

- the Town Clerk sends the response put together by the Working Party
- the Town Clerk circulates the response from the North Wales Association to all members

301. New School Llandudno Junction

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting.

302. Committee Membership

RESOLVED that the following Councillors sit on the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2015/16:

- a) Civic Committee – The Mayor-elect, Councillor Leighton Jones, the Deputy Mayor elect, Councillor Hart, Councillors Parker, Cotton, Rigal, Macdonald, Roberts & B James.

- b) Staff Committee – The Mayor elect Councillor Leighton Jones, The Deputy Mayor elect Councillor Hart, Councillors Chapman, Cotton, Roberts and Fallon.
- c) Christmas Committee – all Councillors sit on this Committee

303. Representation on Outside Bodies & School Governors

The representation is to be the same as 2014/15 with the following amendments:

- a) North Wales Association and Larger Community Councils – Councillors Parker & Chapman are reserve representatives
- b) Town & Community Councils Forum – Councillor Macdonald is the third representative
- c) CVSC – The Deputy Mayor elect represents the Town Council
- d) Ysgol Nant Y Coed Governor – Councillor H Roberts replaces Councillor C Rigal

RESOLVED that the representation on outside bodies and boards of school governors for 2015/16 is as 2014/15 with the above amendments.

304. Mayor's Allowance 2015/16

Consideration was given to the amount of the Mayor's allowance for 2015/16 for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

RESOLVED that the Mayor's allowance is increased to £2,000.00

305. Mayoral Inauguration 2015

RESOLVED that Councillor Rigal seconds the Mayor's Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor.

306. Honorary Bailie Scrolls

Members RECEIVED proofs of the Honorary Bailie Scrolls. The Scrolls will be printed on A3 paper with a seal at the bottom. Members decided which paper to use for the final Scroll. The Chair thanked Councillor Macdonald for all the hard work she had done.

RESOLVED that paper example no.1 will be used as the final Scroll.

307. Approval of Payments

Members APPROVED the following payments:

- a) A Slater – Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows, 4 weeks to 10/4/15 - £170.00

308. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments.

309. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no.315 is approved for payment (Schedule C), with the following amendments cheque 000142 is cancelled due to it being spoilt and replaced by cheque 000143.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:50pm