

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY.**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 11TH APRIL 2016**

PRESENT : Councillors – E Leighton Jones, P Hart, V Macdonald, R Parker, S Allardice, B Chapman, B James, S Cotton, J Hughes, T James, G Edwards, L Hughes, A James, C Rigal, H Roberts.

APOLOGIES : None

IN ATTENDANCE : Mrs H Barritt (Town Clerk)
Mrs R Lees (Assistant Town Clerk)

Declaration of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item 7a Planning Applications - Councillor Allardice is a member of Conwy County Borough Council Planning Committee

Agenda Item 8 Letter of Support – History of Deganwy Group – Councillor Macdonald is a committee member

Minute Number

109. Minutes of the Council & Committees

- Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29th February 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

110. Questions on the Minutes

a) Town Council meeting held on 29th February 2016

- Minute 89, Questions on the minutes c) Conwy County Borough Council Car Parking Asset Strategy Review

Councillors were informed that gaining public support is necessary to help keep Platt Fields as a free car park & access to Deganwy Promenade. There is a meeting at the County Council to discuss the strategy on 19/4/16.

b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2016

- Minute 301, Hanging Baskets

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Ramona Murray, Conwy County Borough Council had requested copies of minutes where Bryn Euryn was discussed. The Town Clerk will send extracts of the minutes.

- Minute 313, Cadw- 30th Anniversary of World Heritage Site Status

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she will update them on the details once Cadw get in touch.

- Minute 319, Civic Trust Cymru

Councillors were informed the date to hire the Mayor's Parlour had changed from 10/5/16 to 25/5/16

111. Town Clerk's Report

Councillors RECEIVED the Town Clerk's report (Schedule A)

The Assistant to the Town Clerk reported the following additional items:

- a) EWT- Call for proposals for the creation of Implementation Networks, should any Town member decided to participate the deadline is 15th April 2016. More information can be found at <http://www.europeanwalledtowns.org/#!Call-for-Proposals-for-the-Creation-of-Implementation-Networks/c1a1k/56fe5f090cf2fa22e0eadfae>
- b) Conwy County Borough Council meeting – Joint Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committees, 19/4/16 4pm at Bodlondeb – item for consideration will be Car Parking Asset Strategy Review

112. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillors considered the applications on (Schedule B) attached hereto and made RECOMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS as detailed

b) Planning Decisions Issued

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

Councillors discussed the proposed housing development on Sychnant Pass, Conwy. It is possible that the developer will appeal against the refusal to the Welsh Government. Any opposition to the appeal will need to be back up by research on the effect on the local infrastructure.

c) Welsh Government Consultation – Planning Policy Wales Chapter 6

Councillors received details of the consultation

RESOLVED that the consultation is put on a future Agenda

113. Letter of Support – Deganwy Local History Group

Councillors received a request for a letter of support from Deganwy Local History Group

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes a letter of support

114. The Conwy Ghost Trail

Councillors received details of Ghost walks that are planned around Conwy Town. The tours will last approximately an hour, finishing in a public house known to be haunted.

RESOLVED that the Town Council has no objections towards the walks and are happy with the idea

115. North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle

Councillors RECEIVED a report on the quarterly meeting held on 31st March 2016. Matters discussed at the meeting included Feedback from the seminar held on the 31st March 2016. The Annual Dinner will be held in Caernarfon. The Car Rally will be held on the 2nd October following the same route as in 2015. The bowls tournament will be held in Caernarfon & the Golf will be in Denbigh again this year. The EWT symposium will be held in Holland on the 28/9/16.

116. Freedom of Information Act Request – Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Councillors RECEIVED details of the request for information & response made by the Town Clerk

117. Llywelyn Fountain

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that Conwy County Borough Council have replaced a faulty pipe in the fountain and that an ongoing regime is in place for chemical cleaning. The Fountain has since stopped working. The Town Clerk has reported this to Conwy County Borough Council. Councillors were concerned that coins may be causing a blockage.

The order of the agenda was changed with the permission of the Mayor

118. The Model Code of Conduct

Councillors RECEIVED details of the amended Model Code of Conduct. The Mayor reminded Councillors of the importance of reading documentation sent out by the Town Clerk

RESOLVED that:

- The Town Clerk emails the document to all Councillors separately
- The Agenda item is put on a future Agenda.

119. Community Asset Transfers in Wales – A Best Practice Guide

The Councillors received details of the Guide

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk emails the link to the document to all Councillors

Councillors Edwards, Allardice & J Hughes joined the meeting during discussions on the following agenda item

120. Civic Sunday Services & Parades

Councillors discussed the venue for Civic Sunday parades and services. It was felt that it was important to hold the parade and service in Conwy town, although in past years, it has been held in the other two communities if the Mayor has wanted this.

It was suggested that, as a compromise, the Civic Sunday parade and service should be held in Conwy town but the Mayor should have another service later in the year, if they desired, in their own community. Councillors voted on this proposal by recorded vote:

For: Councillors H Roberts, G Edwards, T James

Against: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors V Macdonald, R Parker, S Allardice, B Chapman, B James, S Cotton, J Hughes, E Hughes, A James, C Rigal

Councillors said that it was disappointing that they were having to discuss the matter at all and voted on the proposal that the status quo is maintained. The proposal was defeated by 7 votes to 6 with 2 abstentions. The Mayor had the casting vote

Councillors then voted on the proposal that the arrangements were left to the discretion of the Mayor. The proposal was defeated by 8 votes to 4 with 2 abstentions

Councillors then voted on the proposal that Civic parades and services are held in Conwy town only after the 2016 parade & service. The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 3 with 4 abstentions

RESOLVED that Civic Sunday parades and services are held in Conwy Town only after 2016

The order of the agenda was changed with the permission of the Mayor

121. Conwy Civic Hall & Quay

Councillors E Hughes and H Roberts gave a report on the Developer Day held by Conwy County Borough Council.

Representatives from Wetherspoons, JW Lees, Dylans CHAPs & agents for other developers attended.

Conwy County Borough Council is open to suggestions on the development of the building but has a list of preferences & criteria.

Councillors felt that Conwy County Borough Council was failing local residents by losing a community space, although it was implied at the Developer Day that the County Council would like to retain some community facility.

Conwy County Borough Council have admitted that they have gone about the development of the Civic Hall in the wrong way in the past.

Councillors Allardice, J Hughes and Edwards reported on a community meeting they had attended prior to the Town Council meeting. It was felt that the Third Sector has not been treated equally on the matter. 3 community groups remain interested in the Civic Hall.

Councillors discussed the possibility of a partnership between a private developer and a Third Sector group.

RESOLVED that the following feedback is sent to Conwy County Borough Council:

“The Town Council would welcome the opportunity for the Third Sector to have an opportunity to bid for the Civic Hall in partnership with a commercial entity. By splitting the offer, a Third Sector could bid for the auditorium & the commercial entity bid for the remainder. This could be a parallel bid process or Conwy County Borough Council could proactively work to bring 2 entities together. The Town Council supports a running of a community facility by a Third Sector Group. The Third Sector needs to be part of the process.”

Councillor Edwards abstained from voting on the proposal

122. Honorary Bailies

The Town Clerk read an acceptance from Mr. Trevor Jones

123. Pennant Lapel Pin Badges

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

124. Town Council Embroidered Badges

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

125. Presentation to the Town Council

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

126. Deganwy Promenade Shelter

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

127. Approval of Payments

Councillors APPROVED the following payments:

- a) Mel Owen Electrical Ltd. – Guildhall Portable Appliance Testing - £96.80 plus vat
- b) Delwedd – Annual Hosting Charge & Website Annual Maintenance & Support - £559.40 plus vat

128. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

129. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques no.339 is approved for payment (Schedule C)

130. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor attended the Lord Mayor of Chester’s charity evening which was very enjoyable. The Mayor enjoyed watching kaleidoscope- Robin Hood at Colwyn Bay theatre. The Seed Fair was successful again this year. The Mayor attended the Aberconwy Air Cadets Dining in night which was very enjoyable. The Mayor opened the Season for Vardre Bowling Club and enjoyed playing Bowls. The Mayor’s Charity Brazilian Night was very successful and everyone had a good time. The Mayor thanked all who attended the evening.

131. Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:55pm