

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020**

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

**In Attendance: Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, Natasha Flint
Deputy Town Clerk, Rachel Lees**

Prayers: The Mayor’s Chaplain led the Prayers.

The Mayor informed Councillors of the sad news that Councillor C Parry’s Father had passed away. The Mayor and Councillors gave their condolences and asked that a card is sent on behalf of the Council.

Apologies: Councillors - M Priestley, C Parry, J Vaughan, S Cotton

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda 20/01/20 – Councillors P Hart and T James are married.

Agenda item 12, St Hilary’s Parish Church, Llanrhos, Conwy – The Deputy Mayor is employed by the Church in Wales.

Minute Number

67. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2020.
Page 2, Minute 167a. Report from David Phillips- end of the 4th paragraph to include: The Town Council will look at the suggestions at a later Council Meeting.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2020.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

68. Questions on the Minutes

There were no questions.

69. Report Back

North and Mid Wales Association of local Councils

Councillors received the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting 17/1/20 emailed by Councillor H Roberts. It was suggested that when the Agenda for these meetings comes in, a copy is emailed to all Councillors and if there are any points on the agenda that a Councillors would like to discuss, it is placed on the Town Council’s Agenda for discussion in advance of the NW Association’s meeting, thus enabling Councillor H Roberts to have comments to take to the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

Town Council website

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Councillors that the first stages of the new website have begun and that the draft was looking good so far.

70. Town Clerk’s Report

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

Point 3 – Councillor E Roberts reminded Councillors that the group would be at the Guildhall on Tuesday 21 January, and if anyone is interested to come along.

71. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillors considered and commented on the attached Schedule B

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members received a list of planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council (Schedule C)
The decisions were NOTED.

72. Working Party for Wales in Bloom 2020

Councillors discussed setting up a working party to start planning for this years Wales in Bloom competition if the Town Council wishes to enter again. Councillors also discussed whether they should submit the entry for Conwy only or should it include Deganwy and Llandudno Junction, Councillors felt that as this is only the 2nd year they have entered the competition it would be more beneficial to submit Conwy only. Councillors went over various points of the feedback form last year and felt the working party could look at the feedback in more detail.

RESOLVED that:

- the Town Council enter this years Wales in Bloom competition with Conwy Town only.
- a working party is set up with the following Councillors – Councillors E Roberts, B Chapman, V Macdonald, S Barber-Bailey, G Willetts, T James and H Roberts.

73. Update on links with Japan

Councillor B Chapman gave an update on up coming events linked to Himeji. Including information regarding a Cyclist from Conwy who will be cycling 1200km in Japan and will be visiting Himeji, he intends to take a letter from the Mayor, possibly naming the incoming Mayor for 2020/21.

Also, Conwy Youth Services will be taking a group of young people to Himeji and a young group from Himeji will then be coming to stay in Conwy Youth Hostel.

The Mayor gave thanks to Councillor Chapman for the update and for the continuous work involved in the links with Himeji.

74. Conwy Town Post Office

Councillors discussed the temporary closure of the Post Office in Conwy intended for the 31st January 2020.

Councillors have grave concerns for the Community to be losing such a valued and important service, the current financial/banking services which the Post Office in Conwy currently have are used by many of the Town's businesses, residents and tourists. The effect of this branch closing and the possibility of it not being replaced would be devastating to many as the Post Office in Llandudno Junction does not offer the same services as that of Conwy Branch. Councillors were informed that CCBC are in talks with the Post Office.

It was suggested that the Town Council could consider giving financial help/ 3-year support package to someone who would take on the Post Office in Conwy.

RESOLVED that:

- The Town Clerk write to the Post Office to express the concerns
- Keep the item on the agenda for updates
- Have publicity is saying that the Town Council are supporting the community and are very keen to keep the current Post Office services in Conwy.

75. St. Hilary's Parish Church, Llanrhos, Conwy

Councillors received a request for funding towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

RESOLVED that St. Hilary's Parish Church is awarded £1000 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard for 2019/20.

76. Mace Stand Plaque

Councillors received the plaque for the Mace stand and discussed where it should be placed on the stand.

RESOLVED that the plaque should be fitted in the centre of the stand and that Miss S Nicholson and Scott Jenkinson, Youth Shedz are asked to come and see the plaque on the stand when the Mace is next here.

77. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following Payments and Donations are approved:

- a) B2 Business Systems - 03/12/19 – 03/01/20 Mono copies 1700, Colour copies 4479 - £250.34 plus VAT
- b) Conwy County Borough Council – Pensarn Ward By-Election – 14/11/19 - £2625.79

- c) House of logos Ltd – Mayor Bear Badges - £402.00
- d) Opus Energy Ltd – St Mary’s Church Clock Electric - £12.07 plus VAT
- e) ABBA loos ltd – Hire of loos for Christmas Eve - £155.00 plus VAT
- f) Conwy County Borough Council – Barriers for Christmas Eve - £344.53 plus VAT
- g) Cyfieithu Cymunedol/Community Translation – Twinning Agreement translation - £20.41 plus VAT

78. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of Cheques Sheet 435 is approved as tabled (Schedule D).

79. Questions to Chair / Town Clerk

There were no questions.

80. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor really enjoyed all the Christmas Events and thanked all those involved. The Boxing Day dip went well, and the Mayor enjoyed the hospitality from Conwy Yacht Club.

The Mayor will be attending the Holocaust Memorial service at Emmanuel Christian Centre at 7.00pm on 26/01/20.

81. Twenty Minutes - Questions from the Residents

There were no questions from residents.

82. Christmas Window Competition

The winners of the Christmas Window Competition 2019 were awarded their shields and cup.

The winners joined Councillors for drinks in the Mayors Parlour after the meeting closed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:10pm