

**CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL  
THE GUILDHALL, CONWY.  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Present: Councillors – S Cotton, (The Mayor), G Edwards (Deputy Mayor & Chair), P Hart, T James, E Leighton-Jones, B Chapman, J Vaughan, J Rooney, S Barber-Bailey, E Roberts, M Priestley, G Willetts, C Ryan, H Roberts.**

**In Attendance: Natasha Flint, Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Rachel Lees, Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Leanne Martin, Regulatory Services, CCBC**

**Apologies: Councillors T Hughes, V Macdonald**

**Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:**

Agenda item 8a, Planning Applications – Councillor M Priestley is a member of Conwy County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Agenda item 8a, Planning Applications – 0/46024 – Councillors H Roberts & E Roberts live in the locality of the premises.

**137. Dog Walking Community Parks**

Members received a presentation from Ms L Martin, Regulatory Services, CCBC. Regulatory Services are planning to install 2 dog walking areas in Conwy Town where dog fouling, dog control and dog attacks are high. They have also asked the Town Council to suggest areas for Dog Parks in Llandudno Junction and Deganwy. CCBC have obtained sponsorship for the dog parks from the Pet Place, Abergele, who will provide welfare stations, bins, toys and help to publicise the area. Conwy Town Council are expected to take on full maintenance of the Parks once they are open.

Members suggested that a public consultation is held before moving further. Ms L Martin explained that the next step is to finalise costings and will bring the item back to a future agenda.

The Chair thanked Ms L Martin for her presentation.

**138. Minutes**

- Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.  
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED with the following amendment – Minute 115. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools in Deganwy Project Board – plans to develop the School.

**139. Questions on the Minutes**

i) Minute 121. Honorary Bailies 2019/20

The Town Clerk informed Members that both Margaret Norwood and Peter McFadden had accepted the honour of Honorary Bailie.

ii) Minute 129. Hanging Baskets 2019

Members received photographs of hanging baskets produced by Allan Evans & 5 Acre Nursery. Snowdonia Nursery did not submit any photographs. Members were reminded of the costs of baskets. Members feel strongly to support local businesses.

RESOLVED that Mr A Evans receives confirmation to provide the hanging baskets this year at a cost of £18.50 per basket.

iii) Schedule B Planning Applications – 0/45950

Councillor H Roberts informed Members that a letter had been written by a concerned resident regarding the conditions for the Trees proposed by Lidl at the site. Members advised Councillor Roberts to direct the resident to Planning, CCBC.

**140. Report Back**

Members asked that this agenda item is left on the agenda but that the list of organisations is taken off. Councillor H Roberts informed Members that a Walled Towns Friendship Circle Meeting had taken place on 20/3/19 and is awaiting minutes from that Meeting to produce the report.

**141. Town Clerk's Report**

Members received the Town Clerk's Report (Schedule A attached) and the following additional items:

- a) Item 6. Newsletters - Tree Charter - Members were asked to look at the possibility of applying for a free tree pack to plant in the community and if necessary it will go on a future agenda.

[https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/?utm\\_campaign=2322196\\_B04\\_12627\\_Charter\\_enews\\_March19\\_190306&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=woodlandtrust&dm\\_i=2D76,1DRTG,8OB4OZ,4JUEG,1](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/?utm_campaign=2322196_B04_12627_Charter_enews_March19_190306&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&dm_i=2D76,1DRTG,8OB4OZ,4JUEG,1)

- b) Pencyhnant Events – Wildlife Art Exhibition, tea and cakes. 11am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Talk by Paul Kay – What have protected areas ever done for us? 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 7.30pm £3.

*Councillor M Priestley left the meeting during discussions on planning applications.*

*Councillors H Roberts & E Roberts left the meeting during discussions on planning application 0/46024*

**142. Planning**

**a) Planning Applications**

Members considered and commented on the attached Schedule B

*Councillors M Priestley, H Roberts & E Roberts re joined the meeting at this juncture.*

**b) Planning Decisions Issued**

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

**143. Conwy Classical Music Festival**

Members received a request for funding for the 2019 Festival. Members praised the Festival.

RESOLVED that Conwy Classical Music Festival is awarded a grant of £3000.

**144. Llangollen 2019**

Members received a request for funding towards the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod 2019.

RESOLVED that Llangollen 2019 is awarded a grant of £50

**145. Community Transport**

Councillor S Barber-Bailey shared an idea for having a community bus similar to that of Pemaenmawr, Dwygyfylchi and Llanfairfechan. The bus would enable residents with no access to public transport the opportunity to get out and about, it could also be hired by local groups for outings at a reasonable cost. The bus would have to be run by volunteers. Members were made aware that the bus in Penmaenmawr and surrounding communities was specifically funded as part of the European funding for quarry communities. Councillor G Willetts will work with Councillor S Barber-Bailey to look into costings and will bring the item back to a future meeting.

**146. Improving/using the Cob**

Councillor S Barber- Bailey shared an idea for using the Cob as a community space with possibilities of holding events, having markets and children's activities. Members felt that this is a valued open space and should not be micro managed. Members discussed planting bulbs/ seasonal bedding in the existing beds. It was felt that a group would need to work together to look at the item further.

**147. Revised Statement of Gambling Principles - CCBC**

Members NOTED the document emailed on 1/3/2019.

**148. Welsh Engagement Plan**

Members discussed the email that was sent on 21/2/2019.

RESOLVED that the Town Council do not participate at present.

*Councillor E Roberts left the meeting at this juncture.*

**149. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

The Town Clerk informed Members that there are significant changes to the way in which the £150 allowance for Members is issued. Members were also informed that there are changes to the Mayoral allowances. The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for looking into the matter of allowances and for clarifying the Mayor's allowance.

RESOLVED that the item is discussed further at the Finance Committee Meeting to be held on 27/3/19 and then brought back to a future agenda for discussion.

**150. Gladstone Benches**

Members discussed the correspondence from Delyth Crisp at CCBC regarding the Gladstone benches. CCBC had found no evidence of a paper trail indicating that Conwy Town Council had agreed to purchase the benches. However, if the Town Council want the benches to remain in place then CCBC are happy to accept a lower price of £750 + VAT per bench, as opposed to the original price of £1,100 + VAT together with an installation fee. It was unanimously agreed that the cost of the benches at £1,100 + VAT was an unacceptable amount of tax payer's money to spend on benches. The quality of the benches was not disputed. A discussion also took place in relation to removing the Gladstone benches so that Conwy Town Council could place affordable benches in the square.

RESOLVED that the Town Council go back to the County Council with a counter offer of £500 per bench to include VAT and if not accepted to inform them that Members would be happy for Conwy County Borough Council to remove the benches and Conwy Town Council would look for a more affordable replacement set of benches.

NOTED: 9 Councillors voted in favour of the counter offer of £500 including VAT.

4 Councillors voted against and would like the benches removed in order that Conwy Town Council can place more affordable benches in the square.

**151. Wales in Bloom**

Councillor B Chapman informed Members that it was suggested by P Barton Price, Green Spaces Manager, CCBC. That Conwy Town Council enter Wales in Bloom Competition. Councillor B Chapman explained that the competition is not only about floral displays, it also looks at community involvement. Members support the idea and are happy to pay the entry fee of £205 for a large Town. Councillor B Chapman has offered to fill the form in.

RESOLVED that the Town Council enters Wales in Bloom at a cost of £205 and Councillor B Chapman fills the form in.

**152. CADW Parking**

Members received details of several complaints by residents regarding vehicles parking by the Castle walls on the grass verge, next to the steps that go down to Morfa Bach Car Park. Members were informed that the vehicles are owned by the staff of the Castle.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contacts CADW for clarification on the use of the land for parking and informs them of the recent complaints.

**153. Conwy Town Post Office Closure Notice**

Members were concerned and saddened that the Town will be losing a valued service, which will cause some difficulties for residents.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to the Post Master General to ask him to reconsider the Post Offices decision to close the Post Office in Conwy.

**154. Timetable of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/20**

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the timetable of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/20

**155. Approval of Payments**

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

- a) Cllr. P Hart - Councillors Expenses/allowance – Car Permit £114.00
- b) R. A. Slater - Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows - 4 Weeks to 08/03/19 - £170.00
- c) Viking - Stationery - £24.86 plus vat
- d) B2 Business Systems (North Wales) Ltd– Copies 1/2/19 to 4/3/19, 3,481 Mono & 266 Colour - £30.34 plus vat
- e) One Voice Wales – Annual Membership – Year 1 of 3 - £1242.50

VAT

along with the additional payments:

- h) Vardre Bowling Club - Grant for works to ground/club improvements - £3500
- i) Wales Audit Office - Audit Fees for Accounts 2017/18 - £218.25
- j) Cllr S Cotton - Mayoral Allowance 2018/19 - £910.00
- k) BNP Paribas - Lease of Printer - 15.01.19-14.04.19 - £131.76 plus vat

**156. Cash Payments**

Members were informed that as the petty cash system has now changed there is no need for this agenda item to be placed on an agenda.

RESOLVED that Cash Payments is removed from all future agendas.

*Councillor J Vaughan left the meeting at this juncture.*

**157. List of Cheques**

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 411 as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule D)

**158. Questions to Chair/Town Clerk**

There were no questions

**159. Confidential Business**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 & with Standing Order 65, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press & public be temporarily excluded & instructed to withdraw.

**160. Staff Committee**

Members RECEIVED and APPROVED the minutes of the Staff Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**161. Questions on the Minutes**

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