

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
THE GUILDHALL, CONWY.
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2019

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

In Attendance: Natasha Flint, Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Apologies: Councillor: M Priestley.

Declarations of Interest:

Agenda 25/11/19 – Councillors P Hart and T James are married.

Agenda Item 20 Staff Committee Minutes – Councillors P Hart and T James have an ongoing issue.

137. Declaration of Acceptance

The Chair welcomed Councillor C Parry to the Town Council, who gave a brief introduction. Councillor C Parry made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

138. Presentation to the Council regarding Climate Change – Climate Emergency.

Mr Andrew Wilkinson from CCBC – ERF, thanked the Town Clerk and Cllr. Emma Leighton-Jones for the invitation to come and talk to the Town Council. Mr Wilkinson gave a PowerPoint presentation on CCBC's declaration on becoming a net zero carbon user over the next 10 years. Mr Wilkinson advised the Town Council that it was voted unanimously by CCBC. Mr Wilkinson explained what the definition of the '*emergency*' is, which is global CO2 levels rising and triggering global warming at an accelerated rate. It was also explained that the cause of the rise in global temperatures are Water Vapor/Carbon Dioxide/Nitrous Oxide/Methane/Chlorofluorocarbons. The idea of '*small numbers*' were explored in the presentation and although those '*small numbers*' only range from 0.8C to 6.0C they will have a catastrophic effect on global temperature. Examples were given, so that a rise of 0.8C would give rise to global temperature that were above pre-industrial levels. If there were to be a 4.0C rise in global temperatures (this could happen by 2060) there would be famine, disease, drought, drowned cities (Llandudno would be one of them), parts of the world would be uninhabitable and there would be resource wars. 2060 would be known as '*The Century of Hell*'. 6.0C would be a total collapse of the global economy, billions of deaths and possibly human extinction – the sobering figure was given that this has a 10% chance of happening. The rhetorical question was posed by Mr Wilkinson – What can CCBC do about it? CCBC are planning a Carbon Management Strategy / Sustainable Travel Plan/ Recycle & Resource Efficiency / Fleet Conversion / Led Street Lighting / Reduce Energy Consumption / Reduce Number of Buildings / Energy Efficient Building Design. Mr Wilkinson advised the Members that Conwy Town Council could look to Reduce Emissions / Look at Procurement / Influence Others/ Community Leadership and Consultation Response. Mr Wilkinson finished by quoting Greta Thunberg "***Act as if your house is on fire, because it is***". The Chair of the Meeting Cllr. E Leighton-Jones thanked Mr Wilkinson for his informative and sobering presentation and advised Mr Wilkinson that Conwy Town Council had resolved at the previous meeting to become Plastic Free. The Chair then opened up the floor to questions from the Members on the presentation. The Members questions varied from the possibility of using the Methane from cows, to preventing CCBC from building on Greenland areas. The question that came up from more than one Member was if CCBC would look at having '*dark areas*' where CCBC turn street lights off at night. Mr Wilkinson advised the Members that CCBC were intending to replace all street lighting with LED lights as LED's output omissions is 84% less than standard lighting. Mr Wilkinson acknowledged the request by Members for '*dark areas*'. Members asked that as a priority CCBC should have a programme for planting more trees. Mr Wilkinson advised Members that tree planting was one of a number of strategies that CCBC had in place and looking at land use and carbon capture. The discussions on the climate emergency was informative, frank and left Conwy Town Council with lots to work on and think about.

139. Minutes

- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 21st October 2019.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 11th November 2019.
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

140. Questions on the Minutes

Special Minutes of the Council held on 11th November 2019
Planning Schedule B – 0/46793. The recommendations/Comments were not clear and failed to define the comments of the Members views at the meeting.

141. Report Back

Christmas Tree Distribution – Conwy Quay 08:00am 25.11.19

Cllr. E Roberts informed Members that the Christmas Trees were distributed in the morning. However, as many of the shops in Conwy are closed on a Monday, it may not be a good day to distribute the trees in the future. Cllr. E Leighton-Jones advised Members that next year the small Christmas Trees will be delivered to the Guildhall and stored in the basement for the businesses/shops to collect.

142. Town Clerk’s Report

Members received the Town Clerk’s Report (Schedule A attached)

143. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members 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.

144. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report 2020/21

The draft report was NOTED and no additional comments in relation to IPRPW were added.

145. Ysgol Awel Y Mynydd Governor Representative

RESOLVED that Cllr. C Parry is the Governor Representative for Ysgol Awel Y Mynydd.

146. Christmas Events 2019

- a) The risk assessment had not been received from D Phillips Safety Focus and will therefore be on the next Agenda.
- b) Christmas Events
 1. Deganwy & Llandudno Junction Carol Singing / Christmas Eve / Boxing Day Dip:
The Town Clerk asked if Members could indicate which events they would be attending by filling in the Attendance Sheet which was given to Members.
 2. Advance permission to give donations to those organisations that contribute to the success of the events that Conwy Town Council will put on at Christmas:
RESOLVED that the following donations would be given:-
 - RNLI - £50.00;
 - St Johns Ambulance - Boxing Day Dip £150.00;
 - Volunteers - £10.00;
 - CADW - Gift of some kind on return from the Christmas break;
 - MC - £50.00;
 - Yacht Club - Christmas Eve - £80.00 & Boxing Day Dip - £30.00;
 - Camera Club - £30.00;
 - Rosy Hearn - £50.00.

3. Christmas Eve
 - i) Santa's Marshall for the Castle on Christmas Eve:
RESOLVED that Cllr. E Leighton-Jones would escort Santa and his Elf up the Castle.
 - ii) Lost Child Officers:
RESOLVED that:-
 - The Town Clerk would be the Lost Child Officer outside;
 - Cllr's E Roberts and S Cotton would be the Lost Child Officers situated at the Guildhall.
 - iii) Barriers and Clean-up after the event:
It was requested that all Members make every effort to help with the clean-up of the event before they head back to the Guildhall for festive refreshments after the event is drawn to a close.
4. Boxing Day Dip
RESOLVED that the Events Co-ordinator draw up a Winners list for the event with the categories for 1st/2nd/3rd prizes, the amounts given and a space for the Mayor to write the names of the winners.

147. Office Arrangements for Christmas

The Town Clerk advise Members that she has already booked the 27th December 2019 to 6th January as holiday and was using her own holiday entitlement and did not feel comfortable taking a holiday gratuity from the Town Council. However, the Town Clerk did advise the Members that historically the Town Council Staff were given the period from 27th December to 2nd January as additional days holiday.

RESOLVED that Town Council staff are able to take holiday commencing 27th December 2019 to return to work on 2nd January 2020 but it must be taken from their holiday entitlement.

Cllr's P Hart & T James abstained from the vote or discussion.

148. Conwy Borough Football Club

Members noted the information sent from Conwy Borough Football Club regarding additional sponsorship of the Club.

RESOLVED that no additional sponsorship is given at present.

149. Guidance on the Life Expectancy of a Fire Detection and Alarm System

The Town Clerk advised Members of the email and information therein received from Mr Alistair Horton – North Wales Fire Service and his comments were noted.

150. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

- a) B2 Business Systems 02/10/19 – 05/11/19 Mono copies 2914, Colour copies 923 - £60.00 plus VAT;
- b) Men at Work Wales – Remount Slate Plaque - £162.00;
- c) AB Fire Prevention Wales Limited – Annual Service of Fire Alarm System and 1 six monthly check - £240.00 plus VAT;
- d) British Telecommunications plc – Guildhall telephone – 1/11/19 to 31/01/20 – £53.72 plus VAT.
along with the additional payments:
- e) R A Slater 4 wks. – 15.11.19 Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows - £170.00;
- f) Xerox Limited Printer Lease 01.01.20 – 31.03.20 - £79.14 plus VAT;
- g) SLCC Full Membership - N Flint - £227.00;
- h) SLCC – ALCC Full Membership - N Flint - £40.00;
- i) SLCC – CiLCA Fees - N Flint - £350.00;
- J) P Gillbanks – Reimbursement for payment of additional luggage fees civic visits to Japan - £166.33;
- k) Viking Supplies – Office Stationary - £169.89 plus VAT;
- l) Gorlan Fwyta Ltd – Afternoon Tea for Himeji Civic Reception 07.11.19 - £125.00;
- m) Daisy Chain Florist – Floral Displays for Himeji Civic Reception 07.11.19 - £310.00.

151. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 431 as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule D)

152. Questions to Chair/Town Clerk

Cllr. T James had a meeting with the headmaster of Ysgol Aberconwy, Mr. Ian Gerrard. It would appear that there are some concerns raised by the school regarding the narrowing of the road in Morfa drive and the possible dangers to people at the times when the buses drop off and pick up students causing high density concentrations of young people at specific locations at these times. The work is to begin very shortly, within the next two weeks and the local Councillors need to be aware of this potential danger to both residents and students. The Chair advised Members that she had attended a site visit so CCBC Planning were aware of the limitations of the assignment. The concerns of both Cllr. T James and Cllr. M Craven were noted by the Members.

153. Confidential Business

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 & with Standing Order 3d, 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.

154. Staff Committee

To receive and approve the minutes of the Staff Committee meeting held on 28th October 2019.

- RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

155. Questions on the Minutes

There were no questions on the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:40pm