

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on Monday the 13th October 2014 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Raymond Bartley, Rob Parkes, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Medwyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Colin Hughes, Colin L Hughes, Brian Davies, Roy Tickle, Mark Young, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Shereen Lunt and Margaret Bowe.

Observing: Three members of the public: Mrs Lynda Bennett, Head teacher at Ysgol Pendref; Mr & Mrs C Hobson.

Cllr Raymond Bartley chaired the Finance and General Purposes Committees with the Mayor Cllr Rob Parkes chairing the Planning Committee in the absence of the chairman Cllr Margaret Bowe.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and in particular the three members of the public.

104. Declaration of Personal Interest. The following declarations were received:

- (1) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item A1(5) – planning - Land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road
- (2) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (3) Cllr Colin Hughes – agenda item A1(3) – Planning – 31, Rhyl Road.
- (4) Cllr Raymond Bartley – agenda item A1(5) – planning – Land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road

A. Planning Committee:

105. (1) Planning permission applications.

Following discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised in respect of the following applications for planning permission:

- (1) Telephone Exchange, Post Office Lane
- (2) Clwyd House, Erw Las, Colomendy Industrial Estate
- (3) 31, Rhyl Road

With regard to the planning application in respect of the Forum, 27 – 29 High Street (2 applications), some concerns were expressed regarding the proposals and it was agreed that a request be made for a site visit before determining the application.

With regard to the planning application received in respect of Land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road a great deal of discussion took place. Comment was made that the town council resolved to object to the original application. Reference was made to the Welsh Government's publication on cycle routes. A number of concerns were once again expressed. It was proposed that the application be accepted. A recorded vote was requested. A vote was taken on the proposal with Cllrs Medwyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Colin Hughes and Gaynor Morgan Rees voting in favour. Cllrs Brian Davies, Gaynor Wood, Mark Young, Colin L Hughes, Catherine Jones and Rob Parkes voted against the proposal. Cllrs Raymond Bartley and Roy Tickle abstained. **The proposal was lost.** On the basis of the vote the council to object to the application on the same basis as the objection lodged in respect of the original application in July 2014.

(2) Any other planning matters: (a) The four planning consent certificates were noted.

- (b) DCC – notice of inspector’s informal hearing re The Airfield, Lleweni Parc noted.
- (c) The letter from DCC planning re cancellation of October Planning Training Session noted.
- (d) The town clerk referred to the notice received on the 16th September from DCC planning and noted by the council at its meeting on the 22nd September re the discontinuance of hard copies of planning applications being available at libraries. Hard copies would continue to be sent to town and community councils. Contact details of town and community councils would be published by DCC – the implication of this was that that the town council could receive requests from the public to view plans etc. and therefore putting additional pressure on the council’s administration staff. The matter was discussed and some concerns expressed as to the additional work that could arise out of this. It was agreed that DCC be contacted to express the difficulties this could have on the council administration.

B. Finance Committee:

106. Accounts: 1. The following accounts were approved for payment

(1)	Uproar Fireworks – final payment re fireworks display (cheque no. 005464)	-	£3,150.00
(2)	Catalyst Systems – offsite secure data storage (August) (cheque no. 005465)	-	£4.88
(3)	Sodexo – grounds maintenance Dr E P Garden (September) (cheque no. 005466)	-	£605.88
(4)	Marian Rees – translation services (22.9.14) (cheque no. 005467)	-	£102.00
(5)	Sandra Williams – translation service (8.9.14) (cheque no. 005468)	-	£139.20
(4)	Catalyst Systems – offsite secure data storage (September) (cheque no. 005469)	-	£4.88
(7)	Hywel Evans – Fireworks display posters (cheque no. 005470)	-	£6.75
(8)	Hygen Cleaning – watering Hanging baskets (cheque no. 005471)	-	£2,400.00
(9)	Paul Liversidge – footpath clearing (September) (cheque no. 005472)	-	£170.00
(10)	Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees – reimburse cost of train fare Cardiff re National Assembly Visit 21.10.14 (cheque no. 005473)	-	£23.00

Total payments: £6,600.59

2. The financial reports for the period: **1.4.14 – 30.9.14** was noted.
3. The Half Yearly balances profile and financial report was noted
4. Any other financial matters: (1) The receipt of £2,006.38 VAT refund was noted
(2) The quotation received from DCC Street Lighting re the repair to the Christmas lights feature on the Library was considered. The quotation in the sum of £756.35 plus VAT was accepted.
(3) The town clerk reported that he and the Mayor and Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees had been invited by Ann Jones AM to attend the National Assembly on the 21st October for the purpose of the presentation by the council to the Assembly of a framed copy of the 1563 Act of Parliament. Unfortunately the Mayor was unable to attend. The town clerk requested that the train fare for the town clerk in the sum of £22 be paid by the council. This was agreed (cheque no. 005474)



C. General Purposes Committee:

107. Letters, E-mails and Notices: 1. It was agreed that seven items of correspondence received be noted.

2. It was further agreed that the following be noted and actioned accordingly:

- (1) DCC – review of polling districts and polling places. Concern was expressed that there was no polling station in the central ward for those living near Townsend and the distance involved from there to Eirianfa. It was agreed that a request be made for a polling station in that area of the town.
- (2) E Mail from Steve Chalk, chairman / secretary Denbigh Lower Park Bowling Club. Cllr Bartley commented that the e-mail was not accurate. The information given was that DCC was unlikely to maintain the two bowling greens in Denbighshire within their ownership. A letter was on its way from DCC to the bowling club and a further meeting was to be held.
- (3) Ann Jones AM – copy of a response received from the Minister Edwina Hart re A55 signage. Comments was made that the response was disappointing. The Vale of Clwyd had its own branding. The town clerk reminded the meeting as to what the working group had agreed - as reported to the council at a previous meeting. It was agreed to ask Ann Jones AM to convene a meeting of the working group to review progress.
- (4) E-mails from Mr Charlie Hobson re Denbigh Business Group and the new website
Considerable discussion ensued on these matters and a number of comments and concerns expressed. It was confirmed that the business group was not set up by the town council and that the town council only provided funding for specific festivals in Denbigh and not for the purposes of the business group directly. It was confirmed that there was a great deal of frustration at the lack of progress with the website – however a recent meeting had been held regarding the website and progress could now be made. The ownership of the website was in the name of the town council only and to assist with funding applications etc. It was agreed that the town council had no jurisdiction with regard to the business group. It was agreed that Mr Hodgson be thanked for bringing these matters to the attention of the council and that it was sad that it had to be done. It was also agreed that a request be made to the business group for information on its finances. With regard to the website a request had been received for a council representative onto the steering group - it was agreed that Cllr Medwyn Williams represented the council.
- (5) DCC re litter bin at Dr E P Garden. The town clerk referred to the e-mail received from Trevor Carr. The use of Perspex in a Victorian garden was questionable. It was agreed to request whether there was an alternative type of bin available with the bilingual signage.
- (6) E mail from Michelle Gundogan re the intended artwork for the Broomhill Lane project. Cllr Medwyn Williams elaborated on the project. Following a short discussion it was agreed not to object or comment on what was proposed.
- (7) The letter received from the North Wales Deaf Association was referred to the grant aid sub committee.
- (8) NWWTFC – e-mail from the link secretary regarding a proposal by the link chairman to nominate Chris Lines of Chester, a former secretary of the link over a long period of time, for honorary membership of the link. It was agreed that Denbigh Town Council support the nomination.

108. Minutes of Meetings of the council's sub committees: There were none.

109. Reports: (1) Cllr Medwyn Williams reported on a recent meeting of the Former North Wales Hospital project: The appeal closing date in respect of the compulsory purchase had closed and an appeal against the order had been lodged by the owner. The decision on the other appeal hearing held earlier in the year had gone to the Minister and a decision would probably be published in the New Year.



(2) Eirianfa: Cllr Brian Davies reported that Eirianfa had lost its status as an emergency centre. It was agreed that an enquiry be made as to why the status had been taken away.

(3) Canolfan Seion: Cllr Colin Hughes reported that the management committee had not met for a while. The building, contrary to local rumour, was not condemned. The committee may possibly request additional representation from the town council.

(4) Denbigh Business Group: Cllr Rob Parkes reported on a recent meeting. Proposals for a project in Chapel Street. The recent Plum Festival a great success. There may be a possibility of the business group and the tourism group amalgamating.

(5) NWWTFC: Cllr Rob Parkes reported on the recently held walled town bowls tournament – Denbigh came second. Fantastic day, very successful and friendly.

There were no further reports

At this stage in the proceedings the meeting moved to full council under the chairmanship of the Mayor Cllr Rob Parkes.

110 Council Vacancies: Lower Ward – The town clerk reported that two applications had been received for the vacant seat to be filled by co-option. The CV of each applicant had been marked confidential and circulated to each member of the council. No discussion took place.

secret ballot then ensued and Keith Philip Stevens was elected for co-option on to the town council.

Following completion of Minute 110 above the meeting moved back to committee mode under the chairmanship of Cllr Raymond Bartley

111. Matters of Interest: 1. Members raised the following matters and it was agreed that the appropriate action be taken where necessary:

- (1) Denbigh Carnival & Midsummer Festival – both progressing well. Carnival fundraising event at the Town Hall on 13th December 2014.
- (2) Rowlands Pharmacy on Vale Street – two small carved features removed and disappeared during renovation work from a listed building.
- (3) Recent St Kentigern fundraising walk to Dr Johnson Monument very successful. Cllr Mark Young thanked the Mayor for starting the walk and Cllrs Gaynor Wood and Roy Tickle for their assistance.
- (4) Hwb Dinbych being put forward for a National award.
- (5) Safety issues re the railings along the north side of High Street – the stonework at the base of the railing cracking – agreed to write to DCC requesting that the stonework be stress tested.
- (6) Work to replace lead piping in housing at Bryn Garth near completion and connected to the mains.
- (7) Post Office Lane car park in an untidy state.
- (8) What was happening regarding the former Police Station on Vale Street?
- (9) Concerns received from children that there was a rumour that Cae Howell was to close. Comment was made that possibly maintenance of all parks across the county could be reduced.
- (10) Park and ride service being introduced at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd running every 15 minutes from the former Hotpoint factory site at Bodelwyddan.
- (11) Former Kwik Save site – hopefully the sale to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- (12) The town clerk reported that he had received a name for the post of Civic Marshall, Mr Stuart Owen from Llandyrnog. Cllr Brian Davies declared an interest. It was agreed that the town clerk approach Mr Owen.
- (13) The town clerk referred to the recent wedding of Cllr Shereen Lunt and Mr Mike Devine. The meeting expressed its good wishes to both.



(14) The Town Clerk referred to the recent announcement that Cllrs Gaynor Wood and Roy Tickle were to be married. The meeting expressed its congratulations to both.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed: .....(chairman)

Date: .....

