

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on Monday the 10th November 2014 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Gaynor Wood, Roy Tickle, Philip Stevens.

Observing: County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler.

Cllr Raymond Bartley chaired the Finance and General Purposes Committees with the Cllr Margaret Bowe chairing the Planning Committee.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

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

- (1) Cllr Shereen Devine – agenda item C1(11) – correspondence – North Wales Police
- (2) Cllr Colin L Hughes – agenda item B1(7) – Finance – councillors' allowances
- (3) Cllr Geraint Williams - all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (4) Cllr Colin Hughes – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (5) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.

A. Planning Committee:

127. (1) Planning permission applications.

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

- (1) Co-op, High Street (2 applications)
- (2) Heulfryn, Whitchurch Road

With regard to the planning application in respect of the Forum, 27 – 29 High Street (2 applications), reference was made to the e-mail received from DCC regarding a site visit. After further consideration it was agreed not to object to the planning application. However, whilst not objecting it was agreed to raise concerns as to the lack of a fire escape from the proposed accommodation on the first and second floors of the premises.

- (2) Any other planning matters: There were none.

B. Finance Committee:

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

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| (1) Poppy Appeal – Poppy Wreath
(Cheque no. 005480) | - | £30.00 |
| (2) Catalyst Systems – Sort out e-mail problems and configure
(Cheque no. 005481) | - | £52.80 |
| (3) Sodexo – grounds maintenance Dr E P Garden (October)
(Cheque no. 005482) | - | £605.88 |
| (4) Town Clerk – travelling expenses (St. Asaph & Ruthin x 2)
(Cheque no. 005483) | - | £19.03 |



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| (6) | NWATC – membership fee 14/15
(Cheque no. 005484) | - | £50.00 |
| (7) | Town Clerk – reimburse cost of replacement batteries for torches
for use at the fireworks display
(Cheque no. 005485) | - | £7.00 |
| (8) | Cllr Colin L Hughes – councillors’ allowance – 2014/2015
(Cheque no. 005486) | - | £100.00 |

Total payments: £864.71

2. The financial reports for the periods: **1.4.14 – 31.10.14** was noted.
3. Any other financial matters: (1) The receipt of £3,000 from Lock Stock re the Fireworks display sponsorship was noted with thanks.

C. General Purposes Committee:

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

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

- (1) The correspondence received from (a) Bobath Cymru, (b) Llangollen International Eisteddfod, (c) Denbigh and District Round Table and (d) Cadwyn Clwyd be referred to the grant aid sub-committee.
- (2) The request received from Denbigh Business Group re free parking on Saturday 29th November on the occasion of the Christmas celebrations was granted.
- (3) Denbigh Lower Park Bowling Club. The request for a meeting with the town council was acceded to. The town council to be represented by Cllrs Colin L Hughes, Margaret Bowe, Rob Parkes and Medwyn Williams.
- (4) S4C “Stwnsh”. It was agreed to accede to the request to take part in the festivities on the day of the Christmas lights switch on.
- (5) The e-mails received from Angela Bryan and Kevin Ringer re Frongoch School were considered. Comment was made that this was not a matter for the town council. It was unanimously agreed that the matter referred to in the e-mails should be directed at the head teacher and governors of the school or to the Education Authority.
- (6) It was agreed that the e-mail received from Inspector Gareth Jones re the recent activity on social media sites be dealt with under Part 2 at the end of the meeting.

130. Minutes of Meetings of the council’s sub committees: There were none.

131. Reports: (1) Town Clerks’ meeting. The town clerk’s written report was considered and accepted. The town clerk elaborated on a couple of matters contained in the report. Members expressed concern at the possibility of the Denbigh Amenity site being closed down.

(2) Twinning. The town clerk’s written report was considered and accepted. The town clerk elaborated on the report.

(3) Tidy Towns. Cllr Rob Parkes’ written report was considered and accepted. Comment was made that the team had done an excellent job. The town clerk confirmed that an e-mail expressing the council’s thanks had already been sent.

(4) Annual Liaison Meeting with DCC. The town clerk’s written report was considered and accepted.

There were no further reports



132. DCC Budget Proposals consultation. The town clerk explained that the proposals had gone out to public consultation and the town council should consider the proposals and respond. Other town councils were similarly considering and responding. Comment was made (1) that there should be a meeting between DCC and Town Councils – there should be a full consultation and shared ownership, (2) DCC laid the blame with Welsh Government for the cuts – Central Government has caused the cuts. A number of general observations were made. It was confirmed that the phase one proposals had already been agreed by DCC in full council. It was agreed that the phase 2 proposals be looked at item by item. A number of observations were made on many of the items contained under phase 2. It was agreed that the town clerk prepare a draft on what was agreed for circulation to members before submitting to DCC.

133. NWWTFC. It was reported that the town council needed to appoint representatives on to two of the Link's sub committees. It was agreed that Cllrs Raymond Bartley and Colin Hughes represent the council on the Link Marketing Group and Cllrs Colin L Hughes and Shereen Devine on the Link Car Rally sub committee.

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

- 1) The hedge down Brookhouse Hill on the Old Ruthin Road had recently been cut and the clippings left on the pavement – Cllr Bartley to follow up.
- (2) Rally GB would be using Denbighshire Forests and passing through Denbigh on Sunday 16th November between 10am and 12 noon.
- (3) A number of warrants regarding drugs taken out in Denbigh.
- (4) Resurfacing work on Myddleton Park started.
- (5) Vehicles speeding through the Green
- (6) Redecoration of the Town Hall now completed.

Following the conclusion of business under Part Two and there being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed: .....(chairman)

Date:.....24/11/13.....

