

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on Monday the 9th February 2015 at 6.30pm 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, Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones (arrived 6.48pm) and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Shereen Devine, Philip Stevens.

Observing: County Councillor Gwyneth Kensler and 13 members of the public.

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.

187. Presentation by Sandy Williams, Business Development Officer, North Wales Credit Union. Unfortunately it was reported that this presentation would not take place.

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

- (1) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Cllr Raymond Bartley – agenda item A1(1) – Planning – land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road and all other planning matters.
- (3) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item A1(1) – Planning – land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road.
- (4) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item A1(2) – Planning – Minffordd, Rhyl Road
- (5) Cllr Geraint Williams – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (6) Cllr Colin Hughes – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (7) Cllr Gaynor Wood – agenda item A1(2) – Planning – Minffordd, Rhyl Road.
- (8) Cllr Gaynor Wood – agenda item A1(3) – Planning – Woodland at Lleweni, Lleweni Parc, Mold Road.
- (9) Cllr Roy Tickle - agenda item A1(3) – Planning – Woodland at Lleweni, Lleweni Parc, Mold Road.

A. Planning Committee:

189. (1) Planning permission applications.

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

- (1) Llys y Coed, Ystrad Road

With regard to the planning application received in respect of Part of Garden of Minffordd, Rhyl Road it was agreed that no objection be raised but that concerns be expressed regarding the availability of parking spaces in front of each of the proposed houses and to pose the question as to whether the spaces intended in the application complied with the council's policy on parking spaces.

With regard to the planning application received in respect Woodland near Lleweni, Lleweni Parc, Mold Road it was agreed to defer the application in order to seek further information and clarification from DCC planning on Denbighshire's touring caravans policy and the implications of the 28 days provision.



With regard to the planning application received in respect of land between St David's Church, St David's Lane and Brookhouse Road (deferred from 26.1.15), following deliberation and the recommendation of the planning scrutiny sub-committee, it was **Resolved** (by seven votes to one with three abstentions) **that the town council object to the application.**

The objection, as indicated on previous applications, was once again based on the safety issues at Ystrad Road and St David's Lane and also the safety of disabled persons using the proposed route. Cllr Roy Tickle, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the chamber whilst this matter was discussed.

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

At this stage the thirteen members of the public present left the meeting.

B. Finance Committee:

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

(1)	Town Clerk – travelling expenses (Ruthin) (Cheque no.005555)	-	£6.30
(2)	Marian Ll. Rees – translation service – 26.1.15 (Cheque no.005556)	-	£102.00
(3)	Timberwise – inspection of former courthouse (Minute 168(3)(4) refers) (Cheque no.005557).	-	£1,200.00
(4)	Denbigh Twinning Association – 2015 membership (Cheque no.005558)	-	£10.00
(5)	Sodexo – grounds maintenance Dr E P Garden (January) (Cheque no.005559)	-	£605.88

Total payments: £1,924.18

2. The financial report for the period: **1.4.14 – 31.01.15** was noted.
3. Any other financial matters: (1) The letter received from One Voice Wales offering half price membership for 2015 was considered and agreed it be noted only.
(2) The receipt of £1,059.83 VAT refund was noted.

C. General Purposes Committee:

191. Letters, E-mails and Notices: 1. It was agreed that 14 items of correspondence received be noted.

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

- (1) The e-mail of thanks from Jamie Groves re the town hall commitment for 2015/2016 was noted. It was agreed that the involvement of the town council in the future management of the town hall be an agenda item at a future meeting of the town council.
- (2) DCC Tourism Officer re an offer to upgrade the two town trail boards in Denbigh. The offer was discussed and various opinions expressed. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to accept the offer.**
- (3) E-mail from Charlie Hobson re the Visit Denbigh Website. Mr Hobson's comments were noted. The matter was discussed. Comment was made that the website required a sales person to promote the site. The website had three administrators who updated the site.



A meeting of the steering group was being arranged over the next two to three weeks to further discuss how the website could be better promoted.

- (4) Welsh Government's white paper on Reforming Local Government; Power to Local People. It was agreed to refer the document to the council's documents scrutiny sub-committee to discuss and report back to the council.
- (5) The letter received from the Denbigh and Flint Show was referred to the grant aid sub-committee.
- (6) E-mail from Alyn Ashworth requesting free parking for the St David's day Festival on the 28th February 2015. The town clerk confirmed that the council had received confirmation from DCC that the town council would be permitted the usual 5 days free parking per calendar year for 2015. It was agreed to grant the application.

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

193. Reports: (1) Twinning. The town clerk's written report was considered and accepted.

(2) WW1 Commemoration. The town clerk's written report was considered and accepted.

(3) Denbigh Business Group. Cllr Roy Tickle reported on a recent meeting of the group. A draft constitution was in progress. Arrangements for the St David's Day Festival were in hand. Possible separation of the plum festival from the business group for financial reasons. A showcase to promote Denbigh Businesses to be arranged.

There were no further reports

194. Modernisation. This matter having been deferred from 26th January 2015. The town clerk's three page written report prepared by the town clerk following a meeting of the modernisation working group was considered. The chairman of the working group, Cllr Colin Hughes led members through the report and elaborated on various parts as was necessary. The town clerk also clarified one or two matters contained in the report. The report was then discussed and a number of questions and comments made: (1) A number of members thanked the group for the work done and accepted the recommendations. (2) A number of members raised concerns as to meeting times of the two proposed devolved committees. (3) Translation facilities for each committee. (4) How and when would the membership of the two committees be agreed. (5) Who would record the meetings of the two proposed committees. (6) The grant aid applications decided upon by a committee of seven was questionable. (7) The agendas for each committee would be sent to all council members for information. (8) Excellent report and the modernisation of the council was getting there. (9) The impact of the Welsh Government recent white paper on reforming local government on the council's modernisation proposals. (10) The report was the proper way forward. (11) The idea of a three month trial was a good idea.

The meeting then considered the recommendations contained in the report: It was **Resolved** (unanimously in each instance) that

(1) Two devolved committees with full power to act be set up – (1) Finance and Environment and (2) Planning.

(2) The documents scrutiny sub-committee remain as a sub-committee.

(3) Full Council to continue to meet on the 4th Monday of each month apart from August and on the 3rd Monday in December.

(4) The two devolved committees to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of August and the December meetings to be on the 2nd Monday in the month.

(5) The two devolved committees to meet at 6pm and 7pm respectively.

(6) The new system to be trialled for three months, namely June, July and September.

(7) Council administration matters to be deferred for 12 months.



195. Heritage Lectures. The town clerk presented information on attendances at the lectures to date.

196. Nomination for Office 2015/2016:

1. **Mayor:** Cllr Colin Hughes proposed, seconded by Cllr Mark Young that Cllr Raymond Bartley be nominated.
2. **Deputy Mayor:** Cllr Roy Tickle proposed, seconded by Cllr Colin Hughes that Cllr Margaret Bowe be nominated.

The town clerk explained that due to the changes agreed under the council's modernisation project the nomination for chairman of the planning committee was no longer required as the chairmen of the two newly formed devolved committees would have equal standing.

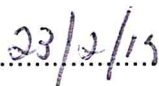
197. Town Clerk's update re Charlie Hobson correspondence. It was **Resolved that this matter be dealt with under Part 2.**

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

- (1) Cllr Rob Parkes – complaints received that the lights on the top floor of the multi storey car park were not working.
- (2) Cllr Rob Parkes – complaints received that vehicles were parking in spaces designated for disabled users on market days.
- (3) Cllr Geraint Williams reported that WEFO funding for the cycle track was no longer available as time expired. DCC funding was safe.
- (4) Cllr Colin Hughes reported that the pot holes in Castle View had been repaired.
- (5) Cllr Medwyn Williams referred to Information received that a one day course on how to make best use of a website was available at a cost of £120. It was agreed that Cllr Medwyn Williams attend the course and the fee be paid by the council.

Following conclusion of the matter under Part 2 and there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: .....(chairman)

Date: .....

