

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committees held on Monday the 12th January 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Geraint Williams, Rob Parkes, Colin Hughes, Shereen Devine, Philip Stevens, Catherine Jones.

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 first meeting of 2015 and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The chairman went on to welcome County Councillor Bill Cowie who was observing the meeting on behalf of Denbighshire Standards Committee.

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

- (1) Cllr Raymond Bartley – all matters relating to Denbighshire County Council.
- (2) Cllr Roy Tickle – agenda item C3 – Reports – Town Hall Management.
- (3) Cllr Gaynor Wood – agenda item C3 – Reports – Town Hall Management.

A. Planning Committee:

167. (1) Planning permission applications.

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

- (1) Former North Wales Hospital (2 applications)
- (2) 51, Mytton Park
- (3) HSBC, 17 Vale Street (2 applications)
- (4) 5, Plas yn Green
- (5) Howell School (2 applications)
- (6) 51, Dalar Wen

With regard to the planning application in respect of the former North Wales Hospital the town clerk, in response to an observation, confirmed that arrangements were being made for Phil Ebbrell to attend a council meeting to give an update on the proposals.

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

B. Finance Committee:

168. Accounts: 1. The following account was approved for payment

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| (1) DCC – grounds maintenance 2014/2015
(Cheque no. 005534)
(Minute 257(1)(a) dated 24.23.14 refers) | - | £1,921.04 |
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Total payments: £1,921.04



2. The financial report for the period: **1.4.14 – 31.12.14** was noted.
3. Any other financial matters:
 - (1) The list of payments made by the town clerk during the period 16th December 2014 – 12th January 2015 was approved (minute 163(2)(2) refers).
 - (2) The receipt of £61,488 from DCC re the 3rd and final precept payment was noted.
 - (3) The receipt of £2,320.70 from HMRC re VAT repayment was noted.
 - (4) The two quotations submitted by Cllr Gwyneth Kensler on behalf of the Denbigh Museum for work required on the former courthouse building were considered and it was agreed that the two estimates were acceptable and that the invoices in due course be submitted to the town council for payment.
 - (5) The notification received from Welsh Government re the new appropriate sum under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for 2015/2016, namely £7.36 per elector, was noted.

C. General Purposes Committee:

169. 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) E-mail from Cllr Gwyneth Kensler re location of a bike stand in the town centre. The town clerk reminded the meeting that the subject matter had been discussed at previous town council meetings. It was accepted that that this was a much needed facility. The four locations referred to in the e-mail were considered. Comment was made that Crown Square should also be considered. Questions were asked (1) had a consultation had taken place with the cycling fraternity and (b) who would pay. Cllr Kensler replied that the proposals were at an early stage and that DCC would pay in the new financial year. It was agreed that the location outside the Co-op was the preferred option but that consideration also be given to Crown Square.
- (2) The correspondence received from (a) Relate Cymru and (b) Breast Cancer Care Cymru be referred to the grant aid sub-committee.
- (3) Application from Elena Brown for grant aid was referred to. It was confirmed that the town council did not have any legislative powers to grant financial aid to individuals.
- (4) E Mail from Charlie Hobson re business group events funding. Cllr Mark Young commented that the contents of the email was a personal attack on him and was unhappy with the e-mail. Comment was made that (a) it was disturbing for the council to be involved, (b) the e-mail was bordering on being libellous and offensive and (c) the e-mail also referred to another councillor and county councillor. It was unanimously agreed that a copy of the e-mail be sent to Denbighshire's Monitoring Officer Gary Williams.

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

171. Reports: (1) Thomas Gee. Cllr Gaynor Morgan Rees gave a short verbal update on the arrangements for the celebrations during the weekend beginning 23rd January. The arrangements were progressing smoothly. The chairman read out the programme of events taking place.

2) Town Hall Management. The town clerk gave a short verbal report on a recent meeting. The meeting had received advice from Vicky Shenton on how the town hall could be marketed. DCC officers to take the information provided on board and report back to the group. The next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 4.30pm. Cllrs Raymond Bartley and Medwyn Williams concurred with the town clerk's report.



(3) North Wales Hospital Project Board. Cllr Medwyn Williams gave a short verbal report on a recent meeting. A meeting with the Inspector was scheduled for the 14th January. Correspondence had been received from the owners requesting an adjournment which had been refused by the Inspector.

(4) Midsummer Festival. Cllr Roy Tickle gave a short verbal report on a recent meeting. Arrangements moving along smoothly. Town businesses were to be asked to participate in the event in some way.

There were no further reports

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

- (1) Problems on High Street where vehicles were crossing over the central paved area to overtake buses which had stopped to pick up passengers.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.43pm.

Signed: (chairman)

Date: 

