

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Holywell Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Tuesday 20 December 2005.

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PRESENT: Councillor G.I. Lloyd (Mayor).

Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis, Mrs. K. Davies, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Humphreys, D.W. Jones, B.P. Lambert, E.B. Palmer, H.G. Roberts, R.A. Roberts, A.D. Williams and P.A. York.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors P. Jones, J. Neen and D.R. Wilkes.

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Jones (Clerk), M. Roberts (Town Centre Manager).

91. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor referred to the success of the switching on of the Christmas lights and thanked the Town Centre Manager for making the arrangements. The Mayor indicated that the firework display had been very well received.

He had attended the presentation of the Investors in People award to Holywell High School and had judged a Christmas card competition by local primary schoolchildren on behalf of a local solicitors.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 15 November 2005 be approved as a correct record.

93. PLANNING MATTERS

93.1. Planning Applications

039398          Listed Building Application – Installation of ceramic inserts to exterior walls to allow for moisture escape – Groes Onnen, Penymaes Road, Holywell

**Supported.**

040537 Conversion of existing bungalow to a dormer bungalow  
– 2 The Ridgeway, Holywell

**No objections.**

040540 Retrospective application for alterations to access,  
resurfacing of car park, rebuilding of patio and  
associated landscaping

**Supported.**

040555 Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new  
garages – 10 and 12 Penymaes Road, Holywell

**Supported.**

040560 Erection of 2 No. three storey dwellings – land adjacent  
Rehobeth Chapel, Whitford Street, Holywell

**Supported.**

040589 Re-establishment of existing vehicular access, erection  
of a two storey extension to provide additional bedroom  
with en-suite and lounge/conservatory on ground floor –  
Ashfield, Halkyn Road, Holywell

**No objections provided the scale of the proposal  
complies with planning policy.**

040594 Provision of 25 no. car parking spaces and erection of  
retaining walls (in association with adjacent food store  
development proposal) – Land at Strand Walk,  
Holywell

**Supported.**

040598 Change of use of textile mill shop to community, arts  
and crafts centre – Holywell Textile Mills, Greenfield  
Street, Holywell

**Supported.**

040643 Erection of a conservatory – Coed Duon Residential  
Home, Halkyn Road, Holywell

**Supported.**

040662 Outline – erection of a dwelling – land adj. Bryn Estyn, Strand Park, Holywell

**Deferred.**

040669 Outline – change of use from coach parking to residential development of two dwellings – land to rear of Westcote, Brynford Street, Holywell

**Deferred.**

040684 Change of use to two self-contained flats at first and second floor level – First and Second Floors, 48 High Street, Holywell

**Supported.**

93.2. Planning Appeal – Land at the rear of Post Office, 50 High Street, Holywell

Members considered a letter from the Chief Planning Services Officer advising that a planning appeal in respect of land at the rear of the Post Office, 50 High Street, Holywell would be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005. The Chief Planning Services Officer advised that to comment or make representations about the case the Council should write direct to the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to the Planning Inspectorate reaffirming the Council's views in objecting to the application.

94. ACCOUNTS

94.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

| <u>Voucher</u>                                     | £          |
|--|------------|
| 3636 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Wreaths   | 50.00**    |
| 3637 Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 12/11/05           | 178.45***  |
| 3638 Holywell Autumn Club – Donation               | 250.00**   |
| 3639 Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureaux – Donation | 1,000.00** |

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| 3640 | Holway Over 50's Club – Donation                       | 200.00**         |
| 3641 | J.A. Jones – Salary – December                         | 982.66***        |
| 3642 | Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins. – December              | 605.95***        |
| 3643 | Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – December         | 39.00***         |
| 3644 | Impact Communications – Town Centre Management         | 1,300.00**       |
| 3645 | Radio Ysbyty Glan Clwyd – Street Entertainment         | 50.00^^          |
| 3646 | British Gas Trading Ltd – Gas – Council Offices        | 195.65****       |
| 3647 | Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Subscription  | 108.00^^^        |
| 3648 | Dwr Cymru Cyf – Water Rates – Council Offices          | 138.36****       |
| 3649 | Flintshire County Council – Catering at Leisure Centre | 176.25^          |
| 3650 | Delyn Press – Leaflets – Christmas Lights              | 105.00^^         |
| 3651 | Infotone – Stationery                                  | 321.96^          |
| 3652 | Rotary Club of Flint & Holywell – Advertisement        | 100.00^^         |
| 3653 | Siemens Financial Services Ltd – Photocopier Rental    | 105.96^          |
| 3654 | ScottishPower – Electricity – Council Offices          | 349.72****       |
| 3655 | J.A. Jones – Telephone                                 | <u>15.44</u> ^^^ |
|      |  | 6,272.40         |

Powers to make payments:-

- \* The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Community Councils)(Wales) Regulations 2003
- \*\* Local Government Act 1972 S.137
- \*\*\* Local Government Act 1972 S.112, 151
- \*\*\*\* Local Government Act 1972 S.133
- ^ Local Government Act 1972 S.111
- ^^ Local Government Act 1972 S.144, 145
- ^^^ Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 S.19
- ^^^ Local Government Act 1972 S.143, 111
- \*^ Local Government Act 1972 S.140, 111
- \*\*^ Local Government Act 1972 S.176
- \*\*^^ Local Government Act 1972 S.13
- \*^^^ Local Government Act 1972 S.144, 145
- \*^^\* Local Government Act 1972 S.34
- \*\*^^\* Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953
- ^^\*\* Local Government Act 1972 S.174

94.2 Income

RESOLVED:

That the details of income circulated with the agenda, be received.

94.3 External Audit

The Clerk reported that a clean report had been received from the external auditor and the necessary notices of completion of audit had been advertised.

95. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER

Members received the Town Centre Manager's Report for November which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Town Centre Manager responded to queries regarding the Holywell Band and the proposed European Heritage Weekend.

96. LAND AT OLD PETROL STATION, HALKYN STREET, HOLYWELL

Members considered a letter from the Chief Building Control Officer, Flintshire County Council advising that the developer had proposed the street name Jenard Court/Llys Jenard in respect of the development of land at the old petrol station, Halkyn Street, Holywell.

RESOLVED:

That the Council support the proposed name of Jenard Court/Llys Jenard.

97. PROVISION OF CREMATORIUM – FLINTSHIRE

A letter had been received from Connah's Quay Town Council requesting Members to support the provision of a crematorium in Flintshire.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council expressing the Town Council's support

98. GWYNT Y MOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The Clerk reported that a copy of the Submission Documents had been received from npower in respect of Gwynt y Mor Offshore Windfarm and that responses were required by 27 January 2006.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be deferred to the January meeting of the Council.

99. THREE YEAR REVENUE AND CAPITAL SETTLEMENTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN WALES

Members were advised that a copy of the above consultation document had been received from the Local Government Finance Division of the Welsh Assembly.

RESOLVED:

That the document be received.

100. FLINTSHIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP (PCCG)

Members received a notice of the next meeting of the PCCG which would be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Tuesday 24 January 2006 at 7.00pm.

101. TRAFFIC ORDER – HOLYWELL HIGH STREET

Members considered a reply from the Director of Environment and Regeneration, Flintshire County Council in response to concerns Members had raised regarding issues relating to the Traffic Order on Holywell High Street. The Director advised that problems with the automatic bollards had occurred following vandalism to the control/mechanism cabinet. There had been problems in locating the actual fault. Members were also advised that it was not possible to erect no entry signs or locate bollards at the end of High Street without passing statutory procedures to amend the existing Order. The Director further advised that resources did not allow the repositioning of bollards adjacent to the Post Office on Tuesdays or Sundays. Additionally the Director indicated that enforcement of the Traffic Regulation Orders will remain the responsibility of the police when the County Council obtain authority for the enforcement of a street parking restriction through decriminalised parking. He stressed that this would not transfer the responsibility for moving and enforceable traffic orders such as travelling down a one-way street the wrong way.

The Director indicated that once the automatic rising bollards were operating correctly a review of the situation would be undertaken to see whether a problem remained and a suitable solution existed.

Members were not happy with the requests and in particular some items raised by the Town Council which had not been addressed such as CCTV evidence of 'incidents'.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk write to the Chief Constable again regarding the policing problems.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with the local MP, AM, Police and Flintshire County Council in an effort to formulate a solution.
- (3) That a further letter be sent to Flintshire County Council confirming concerns and requesting answers to questions previously raised.

102. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, press and public be excluded for agenda item No. 10 – Applications for Financial Assistance.

103. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered an application for financial assistance from Greenfield Senior Citizens Club towards their Christmas activities.

RESOLVED

That a donation of £250 be made to Greenfield Senior Citizens Club.

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Mayor