

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Holywell Town Council held in the Function Room., Holywell Leisure Centre, Holywell on Tuesday 15th May 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. K. Davies (Mayor).

Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis, J. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Humphreys, B.P. Lambert, G.I. Lloyd, J. Neen, E.B. Palmer, H.G. Roberts, D.R, Wilkes and A.D. Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs. R. Dolphin, P. Jones, R.A. Roberts and P.A. York.

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

1. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor referred to the many events which she had attended during her term of office. She had recently officially opened the new Lidl store in Holywell and had attended the 51st Charity Dinner of the Flint and Holywell Rotary Club and presented certificates to participants in the Gwyl Cadi Ha Festival. She congratulated the Cadi Ha Committee on organising the very successful annual event.

The Mayor thanked Members for supporting her Charity Concert held at St. Winefride's Primary School on 27th April 2007. She thanked Councillor P.J. Curtis for acting as MC, her husband Ken for the raffle and the Clerk for assisting with the organisation. The Mayor expressed her thanks to the participants, Holywell Band, St. Winefride's Primary School, Ysgol y Fron, Perth y Terfyn Infants School and Ysgol Maes Glas who had all given exceptional performances. She had raised £700 through the concert and had distributed the money equally between the Friends of Holywell Hospitals and Holywell Band.

The Mayor had attended many other events during her year of office but referred in particular to performing the opening of the conservatory at Coed Duon Nursing Home and the cutting of the first sod at the site of the new Holywell Community Hospital by Dr. Brian Gilbert, Health Minister of the Welsh Assembly. She added that many people had worked hard to ensure that the project started and thanked Jane Hunt AM and Sandy Mewies AM. The Mayor was pleased that a substantial amount of money, from the Welsh Assembly was being spent in Holywell to improve several buildings in the town and that works had now started at the old Textile Mill and shop. She added that the Lidl and Tesco developments were welcomed and should bring more people into the town.

The Mayor thanked everyone who had supported her during her term of office particularly the Mayoress, Mrs. Samantha Davies Abbott, her husband Ken, the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2007/8

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E.B. Palmer be appointed Mayor for 2007/8.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Mayor's Chain of Office from the outgoing Mayor.

Councillor E.B. Palmer took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayoress, Mrs. Jenny Palmer received the Chain of Office from the retiring Mayoress and they exchanged bouquets.

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs. K. Davies, with a Council plaque to mark her term of office and also presented her with a gift and bouquet referring to the excellent service which she and the Mayoress had given throughout the year.

Several Members paid tribute to the manner in which the retiring Mayor had represented the Council, adding that she had been an excellent ambassador for the town and had worked extremely hard to promote the town at every opportunity.

4. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor thanked Members for the great honour bestowed on himself and his wife, the Mayoress. He thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for making his term as Deputy Mayor easier. The Mayor added that he was looking forward to the year and considered that the future prospects of Holywell and Greenfield and the surrounding area were looking good.

He indicated that he would carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED:

That Councillor D.R. Wilkes be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2007/8.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That Councillor D.R. Wilkes be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2007/8.

7. REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED:

That the following members be elected to serve on the bodies listed.

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| (a) | The Meeting Place | Councillor Mrs. E. Humphreys |
| (b) | Holway Community Centre | Councillor P. Jones
Councillor G.I. Lloyd
Councillor P.A. York |
| (c) | The Holywell Band | Councillor B.P. Lambert |
| (d) | Holywell Youth Club Management Committee | Councillor J. Griffiths |
| (e) | Greenfield Youth Club Management Committee | Councillor J. Neen |
| (f) | North Wales Association of Town Councils | Councillor Mrs. K. Davies
Councillor D.R. Wilkes
Councillor A.D. Williams
Deputy - Councillor B.P. Lambert |
| (g) | Greenfield Valley Trust | Councillor P.J. Curtis |
| (h) | Friends of the Greenfield Valley | Councillor J. Neen
Councillor Mrs. E. Humphreys |
| (i) | Clwyd Community Chest | Councillor J. Griffiths |
| (j) | Holywell & District Twinning Association | Councillor P.A. York |
| (k) | Halkyn Mountain Common Joint Consultative Board | Councillor Mrs. R. Dolphin
Councillor G.I. Lloyd |
| (l) | Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme | Councillor J. Neen |
| (m) | Police & Community Consultative Group | Councillor B.P. Lambert |
| (n) | Public Transport Users' Forum | Councillor G.I. Lloyd
Councillor D.W. Jones |
| (o) | Local Health Forum | Councillor E.B. Palmer |
| (p) | St. Beuno's Walk Committee | Councillor P.A. York |

8. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That Sub-Committees be appointed as follows:-

Council Offices Sub-Committee

Councillor P.J. Curtis
Councillor G.I. Lloyd
Councillor B.P. Lambert
Councillor Mrs. K. Davies
Councillor R.A. Roberts
Councillor A.D. Williams

Town Centre Sub-Committee

Councillor G.I. Lloyd
Councillor P.J. Curtis
Councillor B.P. Lambert
Councillor Mrs. K. Davies
Councillor R.A. Roberts
Councillor D.R. Wilkes

Wales in Bloom Sub-Committee

Councillor J. Griffiths
Councillor P. Jones
Councillor G.I. Lloyd
Councillor J. Neen
Councillor A.D. Williams

Holywell & Greenfield Development Committee

Councillor P.J. Curtis
Councillor Mrs. E. Humphreys
Councillor P. Jones
Councillor J. Neen
Councillor R.A. Roberts
Councillor D.R. Wilkes
Councillor A.D. Williams

N.B. The Mayor is an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

9. AUTHORITY FOR SIGNING ORDERS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the bank be empowered to honour all cheques and other orders or instructions authorising payment signed by the Clerk and two Members.
- (2) That payments from the Mayor's Allowance Account be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 17th April 2007 be approved as a correct record.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

042985 Erection of a unit extension and packaging store – Kingspan Ltd, Greenfield Business Park 2 Ba, Greenfield

No objections.

043004 Line 4 Extension – Kingspan Building Products, Unit 2, Greenfield Business Park 2, Ba, Greenfield

No objections.

043040 Erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear and replacement of flat roof over existing extension with pitched roof – 8 Stamford Way, Holywell

No objections.

043059 Erection of an agricultural storage shed – Maes Teg Farm, Glan y Don, Greenfield

No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy.

043085 Outline – residential development – land opposite Italia Residence, New Quay, Greenfield Road, Holywell

Objection to this application as there are active badger sets on the site and residents have campaigned for reduced traffic and further development would exacerbate this problem.

043107 New raised decking to side with slate roof over to match existing on feature timber support posts and enlargement of existing window to form doorway – Cross Foxes Inn, Brynford Street, Holywell

Supported provided the Conservation Officer has no objections to this proposal.

043192 Siting of a large steel container to the rear of unit to store building equipment and use for parking off-road – land rear of industrial unit, Bagillt Road/Rayon Road, Greenfield

Deferred pending the receipt of further information.

043221 Garden enhancement scheme to include two pergola structures to provide covered area with feature screens and planting – The Packet House Hotel, Mostyn Road, Greenfield

No objections.

12. ACCOUNTS

12.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	£
3930 British Telecom – 711757	161.29****
3931 British Telecom – 710835	59.98****
3932 Mrs M Edwards – wages to 21/4/07	183.42***
3933 Impact Communications – Town Centre Manager’s Fee	1,300.00**
3934 Flintshire County Council – Garage Rental	194.48****
3935 Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – May	39.00***
3936 J.A. Jones – Salary – May	1,069.76***
3937 Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins – May	661.87***
3938 Mayor’s Allowance Account 2006/7	1,100.00***
3939 Colwyn Town Council – Postage – N.Wales Association	12.33^
3940 W. Bevan – Cleaning Materials	32.53****
3941 North Wales Police – Traffic Warden Scheme	<u>4,485.00**</u>
	9,299.66

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.34
- **^^* Local Government (Misc. Provisions) Act 1953
- ^^** Local Government Act 1972 S174
- ^^^* Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 S19
- # Local Government Act 1972 S.142

12.2. Income Received

Members received the schedule of income, circulated with the agenda.

13. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – MAY

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for April.

14. FLINTSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY 2007-2012 – FIRST DRAFT

RESOLVED:

That Members contact the Clerk if they wish to make any comments on the document.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Members considered a letter from North Wales Police inviting two Members to a meeting at Theatr Clwyd on Tuesday 29th May 2007.

RESOLVED

That Councillors P.J. Curtis and B.P. Lambert be authorised to represent the council at the meeting.

16. GYPSIES ON LAND AT BAGILLT ROAD, GREENFIELD

Members received a reply from the County Legal and Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council advising of the latest situation regarding the gypsy encampment on land at Bagillt Road, Greenfield.

17. DEECAT – DEESIDE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Members considered a request for financial assistance towards the Dee Cat Music Festival 2007 to be held on Deeside.

RESOLVED:

That as the event was outside the Council's area, the letter be received.

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Mayor