

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 November 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor E.B. Palmer (Mayor).

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors R.A. Roberts and P.A. York.

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

70. COMMUNITIES FIRST – HOLYWELL

The Mayor welcomed David McKnight, the new Co-ordinator for Holywell Communities First who had requested to attend the meeting to introduce himself and advise Members of the current situation and future plans for Holywell Communities First.

Mr. McKnight referred to the previous relationship between the Town Council and Holywell Communities First and advised that his sole aim was to work with the Council. He circulated copies of the Objectives and Targets for 2007/8 which had been agreed with the Partnership Board and the Welsh Assembly and invited Members' queries etc. He reminded Members of the Communities First areas but stressed that his intention was to work across Holywell and did not wish to see boundaries within the Wards.

Councillor P.J. Curtis, as a representative of the Partnership Board, advised that lessons had been learnt from the past and there was now a good strong board and there was a positive feeling of wishing to move forward together.

Members asked several questions regarding the Communities First budget, access to funding, the setting up of a Tenants and Residents Association in Penymaes, the drop-in Centres etc. Mr. McKnight advised that the drop-ins were pilot schemes and were being monitored. The Communities First's objectives referred to the setting up of Tenants and Residents Associations in the Strand and Penymaes by the end of March 2008. Concern was expressed by Members regarding the difficulties the previous Communities First regime had caused for local Councillors but they were aware that there was a duty to forge partnerships.

The Mayor thanked Mr. McKnight for attending the meeting and looked forward to working together in the future.

71. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor referred to the Remembrance Day Services and thanked Members and all the local organisations who participated.

He advised that he had attended the Caerwys Civic Sunday and he hoped that Councillor P.J. Curtis had fully recovered from his recent injuries.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 23 October 2007 be approved as a correct record.

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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| 043865 | Erection of 2 No. flats – land side of Rayon Road, Greenfield
No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy. |
| 044049 | Demolition of existing Church Hall, erection of 3 blocks of 6 apartments (18 total) and extension to existing dwelling – The Old Church Hall/The Close, Well Street, Holywell
Deferred pending the receipt of further information. |
| 043578 | Listed Building Application – remove existing interview room, form new DDA compliant access, new entrance door, ramp, associated balustrade (internal), relocation of existing brick wall, new heater, external lighting (x 2 bulk heads) and 1 externally mounted CCTV camera – HSBC, 17 High Street, Holywell
Supported. |
| 043580 | Remove existing interview room, form new DDA compliant access, new entrance door, ramp, associated balustrade (internal), relocation of existing brick wall, new heater, external lighting (x 2 bulk heads) and 1 externally mounted CCTV camera – HSBC, 17 High Street, Holywell
Supported. |

- 043829 Reinstatement of two windows to the side of the property and change of windows to the front elevation (resubmission of application ref 043509 – former Town Hall, High Street, Holywell)
Supported provided the proposal complies with Conservation Area policies.
- 043855 Redevelopment of existing site with 7 No. 300m² starter units – land at Englefield Farm, Greenfield
No objections provided the development is contained within the existing site and the Highway Authority were happy with access and egress. Members expressed concern regarding highway danger.
- 044011 Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of single and two storey extension – 13 Bryn Teg, Penymaes, Holywell
No objections.
- 044046 Outline – erection of 3 dwellings – land adjacent to Ty Newydd, Bagillt Road, Greenfield
No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy.
- 044107 Construction of a sun lounge – 11 Llys Hedd, Coed y Fron, Holywell
No objections.
- 044123 Conversion to 2 flats with addition of door to side of building – Hughes Parry Partnership, Solicitors, County Court Place, Holywell
No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy and conservation area policies.
- 044156 Variation of condition No. 7 attached to planning permission Ref 040213 to allow reference to traffic light controlled junction as opposed to roundabout – land opposite Rockfield, Halkyn Road, Holywell
Supported.

74. ACCOUNTS

74.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

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4034	Hacker Young – External Audit Fee	646.25 [^]
4035	Cerry's Deli – Hire of Crockery	50.00 [^]
4036	Mold Town Concert Band – Street Entertainment	50.00 ^{*^^}
4037	Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 20/10/07	226.20 ^{***}
4038	Delyn Press – Christmas Lights – Printing	141.00 ^{^^}
4039	Holywell Autumn Club – Donation – Christmas Activities	250.00 ^{**}
4040	W. Bevan & Sons Ltd – Cleaning Materials	31.72 ^{****}
4041	Impact Communications – Town Centre Management	1,300.00 ^{**}
4042	Rotary Clun of Flint & Holywell - Advert – Christmas	100.00
4043	J.A. Jones – Salary – November	1,069.98 ^{***}
4044	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat. Ins. November	673.97 ^{***}
4045	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Wreaths	50.00 ^{**}
4046	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – November	<u>39.00</u> ^{***}
		4,628.12

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

74.2. External Audit

Members received copies of correspondence, from the External Auditor, which had been circulated with the agenda, advising of a clean report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

75. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER

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

The Town Centre Manager responded to Members' queries including CCTV in "Sommerfield Car Park".

76. GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CARE 2008-2011 – FLINTSHIRE'S HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

Members received copies of correspondence from the Partnerships Manager, Flintshire in Partnership containing forms for completion by Members individuals.

77. TRAFFIC ORDER – NEW SHOP PARADE

Councillor D.R. Wilkes advised that he was raising this issue on behalf of the traders in New Shop Parade, Greenfield as there was a problem with drivers abusing the parking provision allocated for shoppers. He indicated that there was a need for restrictions such as the imposition of a maximum twenty minutes waiting limit on the area in front of the shops. He added that the Traffic Warden would need to monitor parking. Councillor Wilkes requested that the council writes to Flintshire County Council supporting the restrictions, in principle, and requesting that a full consultation exercise be undertaken.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council supporting the implementation of waiting restrictions and requesting a full consultation exercise.

NB: Councillor Mrs. R. Dolphin declared an interest in this item and left the room during the discussion and voting.

78. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That in view of the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed, press and public be excluded for agenda items Nod. 11 and 12 – Quotations for the Erection and Dismantling of Christmas Lights and Applications for Financial Assistance.

79. QUOTATIONS FOR THE ERECTION AND DISMANTLING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that he had written to three contractors requesting quotations for the Erection and Dismantling of Christmas Lights but only one of those – Flintshire County Council – had been able to quote. In the circumstances and given the timescale, the Clerk reported that in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of the Town Centre Sub-Committee, the quotation from Flintshire County Council had been accepted and the works had commenced.

RESOLVED:

That the action of the Mayor, Chairman of the Town Centre Sub-Committee and the Clerk be approved.

80. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered the following requests for financial assistance:-

1. The Good Companions of Holywell Hospital towards the development of a garden for patients and visitors.
2. Greenfield Senior Citizens towards the provision of Christmas activities.

Members were concerned that any landscaping, including the development of a garden, should be part of the overall development of the hospital and not have to be funded by the Good Companions. It was suggested that further information be obtained regarding this provision.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a donation of £250 be made to the Greenfield Senior Citizens Club.
- (2) That further information be obtained from the Good Companions of Holywell Hospital and the application be considered at a future meeting.

NB: Councillor Mrs. E. Humphreys declared an interest in the application from the Good Companions of Holywell Hospital and left the room during the discussion and voting.

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Mayor