

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 23 October 2007.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors P.J. Curtis and Mrs. E. Humphreys.

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

58. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SKIP SITES

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Harvey Mitchell, Validations/Quality Officer, Environmental Services, Flintshire County Council who had been invited to the meeting to advise Members of the full range of waste collection services available to the Community following the withdrawal of the peripatetic skip service.

Mr. Mitchell advised of the history of the skip services and the problems which the County Council had encountered and in particular the need to man peripatetic skips. He referred to the current situation and the excellent facilities provided at the Greenfield recycling centre.

Members asked several questions and expressed concern regarding areas in and around the town, including the rear of Iceland and Somerfield, which were littered with refuse, cardboard boxes etc. Mr. Mitchell explained that this was fly tipping and not waste management and was administered by a different department but he indicated that the County Council were considering the possibility of the collection of cardboard. Mr. Mitchell indicated that in some circumstances skips would be provided to serve perhaps 5/6 houses and removed the same day. Concern was expressed regarding people tipping after a skip was taken away and tipping along the cob area in Greenfield/Bagillt. Reference was made to the useful community clean-ups that occasionally took place.

Members indicated that they would prefer to have some sort of peripatetic skip service and the Mayor thanked Mr. Mitchell for attending the meeting.

59. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor referred to his recent Civic Sunday and thanked Members for their support.

He sent his regards to Councillor P.J. Curtis following his hospitalisation and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Mayor reminded Members of the Remembrance Services which would be held in Holywell and Greenfield.

He welcomed Councillor R.A. Roberts back to the Council following his illness.

60. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendment of “popular” to “population” in minute No. 53, the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 18 September 2007 be approved as a correct record.

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

043859 Variation of condition No. 8 attached to planning permission ref 042634 – Gwenllys, 1 Penymaes Road, Holywell

Objection on the grounds of highway danger. Members expressed concern regarding the dangerous location of the access, particularly in view of the anticipated increase in traffic along the road, following the development of the Lidl and Tesco stores.

043865 Erection of 2 No. flats – land-side of Rayon Road, Greenfield

Deferred pending the receipt of further information.

NB Councillor P.A. York declared an interest in this application and left the room during the discussion and voting.

043877 Extension to existing chemical store – Unit 2, Greenfield Business Park 2Ba, Greenfield

Supported.

043899 Swap out of a 20m monopole with a 20m heavy duty monopole, addition of 2 No. 300m dishes and ground based equipment cabinets within existing demise – Hillside Farm, Penyball, Holywell

No objections.

043950 Erection of 8 No. one-bedroom apartments – land to rear of 53 High Street, Holywell

Objection to this application on the grounds of the lack of vehicular access, particularly for emergency vehicles and the lack of car parking space both on and off site which would add to the already intolerable lack of car parking space in the town which is affecting the viability of the town as a shopping centre. Additionally the proposal would have an unfavourable impact on the conservation area.

043998 Internal and external alterations – 8 High Street, Holywell

No objections.

044056 Erection of a two-storey and single storey extension – Allenby Villa, Mostyn Road, Greenfield

No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policies.

044058 Conversion of garage and erection of annexed extension – Bryn Haf, Old Chester Road, Holywell

No objections.

044078 Erection of a supported canopy to provide shelter for smokers to front elevation – Stamford Gate Hotel, Halkyn Road, Holywell

No objections.

044045 Residential development to provide 14 No. general needs apartments and 5 No. particular needs bungalows – site of former Greenfield CP School, School Lane, Greenfield

Supported but Members recommend that a Section 106 agreement be sought for play facilities in Greenfield. Although the size and type of

development does not support the provision of play facilities on site, Members considered that in lieu of this, Flintshire County Council seek a capital sum payment of not less than £733 per unit for the enhancement of recreation provision in the Community and that the capital sum payment should be paid upon 50% occupation of the development.

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.

043855 Erection of 10 No. industrial starter units and 2 No. industrial hybrid units – land at Englefield Farm, Greenfield

Supported but concern expressed regarding highway safety.

62. ACCOUNTS

62.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

Voucher

4018	Flintshire County Council – Donation to Air Cadets – Big Dee Day	300.00**
4019	Councillor E.B. Palmer – Hospitality Civic Sunday	160.00^
4020	Mr. G. Evans – Watering and Gardening	450.00*^^
4021	Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 15/09/07	183.20***
4022	North Wales Association of Town Councils - Subsistence	12.50*
4023	Ysgol Maesglas – Hire of School Hall etc.	145.70^
4024	Delyn Press – Leaflets – Civic Service	114.00^^
4025	Flintshire County Council – Summer Playschemes	3,831.60^^*
4026	Impact Communications – Town	1,300.00**

Centre Management		
4027	C.M. Scott Jewellers – Engraving Works	13.80^
4028	BT Payment Services Ltd – 710835	64.28****
4029	BT Payment Services Ltd – 711757	146.99****
4030	Impact Communications – Holywell Business News	500.00**
4031	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses October	39.00***
4032	J.A. Jones – Salary – October	1,069.76***
4033	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat. Ins. October	<u>662.09</u> ***
		8,992.92

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

62.2. Income Received

Members received the schedule of income circulated with the agenda.

63. 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 regarding several issues including the Lidl supermarket, the footfall survey, Holywell Chamber of Commerce, litter outside Somerfield etc.

The Town Centre Manager advised that he had spoken to the Manager of the Lidl store earlier that evening and he had confirmed that the rumours regarding the store closing were ridiculous as it was doing very well and was busier than most of their other stores.

He advised Members of the footfall count procedures and the timescale involved.

Concern was expressed regarding the empty shops and the Town Centre Manager advised of the current situation.

64. SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

Members received a report from the Leisure Services Manager, Flintshire County Council, circulated with the agenda, detailing the locations, attendances, activities etc for the schemes held in the Town Council's area.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

65. BED STOCK SURVEY

A letter from the Tourism Manager, Flintshire County Council, had been circulated with the agenda advising that Flintshire County Council would be undertaking an Accommodation Stock Survey.

RESOLVED:

That the letter be received.

66. TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECKS STUDY

Members considered a letter from the Economic Development Officer, Flintshire County Council circulated with the agenda, advising that health check studies were proposed for the main town centres in Flintshire. These checks were well regarded as a comprehensive and robust tool for measuring vitality and viability.

RESOLVED:

That the letter be received.

67. GREENFIELD VALLEY HERITAGE PARK – CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

A letter had been received from the County Legal and Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding a proposal to make an order under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 to designate Greenfield

Valley as a designated public place for the proposals of the Act in order to invoke certain restrictions relating to the consumption of alcohol.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be fully supported.

68. 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 item No. 11 – Applications for Financial Assistance.

69. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the Business Crime Co-ordinator Flintshire, North Wales Police and Holywell Autumn Club.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That further information be sought regarding contributions from local businesses and how other Town Councils were responding.
- (2) That a donation of £250 be made to the Holywell Autumn Club.

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Mayor