

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF TREFFYNNON

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Holywell Town Council held in the Function Room, Holywell Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

-----

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Humphreys, D.W. 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 he had attended during his term of office and thanked everyone who had supported him, particularly the Mayoress Mrs Jean Butler. He had met the Duchess of Gloucester and Cardinal O'Connor at functions at St. Winefride's Holy Well and he had been present in several events in town including the French and Euro markets, Gwyl Cadi Ha Festival and the switch-on of the Christmas lights.

Although the Mayor expressed disappointment regarding the support for his Charity Concert he was pleased that he had been able to donate £100 to The Holywell Band, £100 to St. James' Parish Church, Holywell and £100 to the Good Companions of Holywell Hospital. The Mayor thanked the Holywell Band and Carly J. Kelly for their outstanding performances at the concert and thanked the Vicar of St. James Parish Church, Rev. John Lomas, for allowing the use of the church.

He expressed disappointment that a start had not been made on the new Community Hospital but hoped that this, together with the new Tesco and Lidl stores and the redevelopment of the Textile Mill shop would be well on the way to completion or better still completed, during the new Mayor's term of office.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2006/7

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs. K. Davies be appointed Mayor for 2006/7.

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 Mrs. K. Davies took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayoress, Mrs. Samantha Davies Abbot, received the Chain of Office from the retiring Mayoress and they exchanged bouquets. The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor, Councillor G.I. Lloyd with a Council plaque to mark his term of office and also presented him with a gift referring to the excellent service he 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 he had been an excellent ambassador and had worked extremely hard to promote the town at every opportunity.

4. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor thanked her daughter Samantha Davies Abbot and her husband Ken for agreeing to be Mayoress and Consort respectively during her term of office. She was pleased to be the first Holywell Town Councillor to be honoured four times as Mayor.

The Mayor was looking forward to her role and in particular to a start on the new Community Hospital, thanking the Good Companions of Holywell Hospital for their involvement and reminding Members of their fundraising concert to be held at the Pilgrim's Hall, Pantasaph on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006. She was also looking forward to the new Tesco and Lidl development which would give people a better choice of shopping and which, hopefully, would attract additional shoppers to the High Street. The Mayor stressed that she would like to see the Town Council working with the business community to promote Holywell and Greenfield. She added that she would like to see people promoting Holywell rather than talking Holywell down, which was not helping the town at all.

The Mayor thanked Members for their trust in honouring her again.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E.B. Palmer be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2006/7.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E.B. Palmer be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2006/7.

7. REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be elected to serve on the various bodies listed.

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

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 E.B. Palmer  
Councillor R.A. Roberts  
Councillor A.D. Williams

**Town Centre Sub-Committee**

Councillor G.I. Lloyd  
Councillor P.J. Curtis  
Councillor E.B. Palmer  
Councillor R.A. Roberts  
Councillor D.R. Wilkes  
Councillor B.P. Lambert

**Wales in Bloom Sub-Committee**

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

**Holywell & Greenfield Development Committee**

Councillor P.J. Curtis  
Councillor Mrs. E. Humphreys  
Councillor P. Jones  
Councillor R.A. Roberts  
Councillor J. Neen  
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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006 be approved as a correct record.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

041049 Provision of sole vehicular access – land at Greenhill Farm, Bryn Celyn, Holywell

**Strong objections to this application as the access, which would be through a cul-de-sac would have an unacceptable impact on residents living in the cul-de-sac, particularly when used by heavy vehicles and farm vehicles. Members considered it would be used as a short cut and a rat run and would be a highway danger. Additionally, the Welsh Office Inspector has advised in the past that no further development should take place in Bryn Celyn.**

**Members understood that a similar application was refused previously and believed that there had been no changed circumstances since then.**

041123 Retrospective application to regularise amendments made to previously approved details – land south of 1 The Woodlands, Bryn Celyn, Holywell

**Defer to a future meeting but in the meantime put in a holding objection.**

041191 Construction of a new Church and Church Hall – St. Peter's Church and Cemetery, Rose Hill, Holywell

**No objections provided the proposal complied with planning policy and there would be no detriment to neighbouring properties.**

041088 Redevelopment to provide 6 No. retail and 5 No. residential units – 30-34 High Street, Holywell

**Supported.**

041234 Reserved matters application for the erection of a dwelling – land adjacent to 18 Penymaes Road, Holywell

**Supported provided the materials used were in keeping with the existing and neighbouring buildings.**

041321 Outline – change of use from coach parking to residential development of two dwellings – land to rear of Westcote, Brynford Street, Holywell

**Objection on the grounds of highway danger. Members considered that the proposed access and egress onto this very busy road appeared to be in unsuitable positions and access onto the road would be particularly dangerous and visibility when exiting was very poor.**

040882 Erection of a two storey extension to side – 1 St. Edmunds Terrace, Bryn Celyn (Amended Application).

**Objection to this application as the proposed extension appeared to be over the 50% guideline referred to in planning policy and would constitute overdevelopment of the site.**

## 12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

### RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	£
3722 Association of Larger Local Councils – Annual Subscription	825.00 <sup>^^^</sup>
3723 North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils – Annual Subscription	35.00 <sup>^^^</sup>

3724	Flintshire County Council – Non-Domestic Rates	1,879.20****
3725	Colwyn Town Council – Postage	12.68^
3726	British Telecommunications – 710835	59.98****
3727	British Telecommunications – 711757	140.23****
3728	British Telecommunications – 711202	113.07****
3729	North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils – Subsistence	30.00*
3730	Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 15.04.06	180.96***
3731	British Telecommunications – 05600 494898	74.29****
3732	Bryn Celyn Residents Association – Donation	150.00**
3733	Impact Communications – Town Centre Manager’s Fee	1,300.00**
3734	Infotone – Stationery	274.95^
3735	Portfolio Display Ltd – New Flags	185.06^
3736	Flintshire County Council – Garage Rental	176.50****
3737	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – May	39.00***
3738	J.A. Jones – Salary – May	1,040.53***
3739	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat. Ins. – May	640.62***
3740	Mayor’s Allowance Account – Mayor’s Allowance 2006/7	1,075.00*^^*
		<hr/> 7,372.07 <hr/>

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 (Misc. Provisions) Act 1953

13. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – APRIL

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

14. FLINTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Members received a copy of the Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens' report since the beginning of the scheme and noted that the wards were mixed up.

15. PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BINS IN BRYN CELYN

Councillor D.R. Wilkes advised that the Bryn Celyn Residents Association had requested the Council's support for the erection of dog waste bins at the entrance to the Greenfield Valley Heritage Park. The Bryn Celyn Residents Association had identified the site following a consultation exercise. He requested the Council to support the residents and he would pursue it with Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Council support the request.

16. HOLYWELL HIGH STREET

Members considered a letter from Mr. R. Anning of Pets' Pantry requesting the Town Council to consider the re-opening of the High Street in Holywell to one-way traffic with short stay parking bays and traffic calming measures.

Members referred to the original Traffic Order which allowed one-way traffic through the High Street for disabled drivers and for loading and unloading but following strong objections by local residents and shoppers who wanted cars out of the street the Order was changed to the present one.

Additionally, the cost of making any changes estimated at over one million pounds, would be prohibitive.

There was no support for Mr. Anning's request.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to Mr. Anning advising him that this was not the Town Council's responsibility and he should write to Flintshire County Council.

17. THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (PRINCIPAL AREAS AND PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES)(AMENDMENT)(ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006

Members received a copy of a letter from the Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council advising of the introduction of The Local Elections (Principal Areas and Parishes and Communities)(Amendment)(England and Wales) Rules 2006. The letter detailed the key changes to take effect as a result of the new regulations.

18. POLICE REFORM WALES

Members considered a letter from the Clerk to the North Wales Police Authority inviting the Council to attend focus group meetings conducted by external consultants to be held at various venues.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors P.J. Curtis and B.P. Lambert represent the Town Council at the focus group meetings to be held at Theatr Clwyd, Mold on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.

19. EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU – PROCLAMATION CEREMONY

Members considered a letter from the Assistant Organiser, National Eisteddfod inviting the Council to nominate two representatives to participate in the Civic Procession on the occasion of the Proclamation of the 2007 National Eisteddfod of Wales to be held in Flint on Saturday 1 July 2006.

RESOLVED:

That the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. K. Davies and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor E.B. Lambert be authorised to represent the Council at the Proclamation Ceremony.

.....  
Mayor