

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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs. R. Dolphin, Mrs. E. Humphreys, D.W. Jones, B.P. Lambert, R.A. Roberts and D.R. Wilkes.

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

63. POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Neil Maxwell who was accompanied by a Community Beat Manager.

The Inspector responded to Members' queries and in particular the effectiveness of the CCTV scheme in Holywell, police presence, powers of PCSOs, health and safety issues in relation to illegal parking, Holywell Police Station, police response times and Police Community Consultative Meetings.

The Inspector referred to the CCTV system which he advised did detect a lot of offences, particularly public order offences. He added that there were problems of identification when offenders wore hoods.

He advised that there would be a new intake of PCSOs next year funded by central government and he indicated that the PCSOs would have powers to arrest and detain and give fixed penalties.

Inspector Maxwell was pleased that Flintshire County Council was looking seriously at decriminalisation of street parking and advised that parking tickets have been issued in Holywell. He advised that where traffic offences caused a health and safety issue then the Police would take action. Members referred in particular to the Whitford Street and Penyball Street areas.

The Inspector agreed that the problem a particular local trader was having with vandalism needed special attention from the Police.

He advised that he estimated Holywell Police Station would re-open in February 2007 and reported that there would be 4 Community Beat Managers

and 4/5 PCSOs plus 5 Special Constables based in Holywell. The station would be open between 9am and 5pm but a telephone system would be provided.

Inspector Maxwell did not have police response times with him but would send information to the Council for information.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Maxwell and the Community Beat Manager for attending the meeting and indicated that he would be invited on a regular basis.

64. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that her Civic Service had been very successful and thanked Members for their support.

She had represented the Council, with Councillor John Griffiths at the Flintshire Environmental Competition Awards when they had accepted a plaque, on the council's behalf, for gaining third place in the large town section.

The Mayor had attended Leeswood Civic Service and the sod cutting ceremony by Mr. Brian Gibbons, Health Minister, for the new community hospital for Holywell. She had been delighted that after a very long campaign the works on the hospital had now started and should be completed in 2007.

The Mayor advised Members that Lidl had now received planning permission and the site had been cleared ready for an early start on building works.

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the following meetings be approved as correct records:

Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Town Centre Sub-Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

042085          Installation of Klargester sewage system – The Coach House, Bagillt Road, Holywell

**No objections.**

042098 Outline – erection of 1 No. dwelling and demolition of existing extension – Dyfrdwy, Bagillt Road, Greenfield.

**Concern regarding sufficient on-site car parking and turning space for proposed and existing dwellings.**

042124 Erection of a two-storey extension to the side – 7 Rhodfa Wenlo, Greenfield

**Objection to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the building and the site. The building would be substantially over the 50% planning policy guidelines and the building would impact on the neighbouring properties.**

042170 Erection of a two-storey extension to front – 49 Wood Lane, Penymaes, Holywell

**No objections provided there would be no detriment to the visual amenities of neighbouring properties.**

042172 Erection of a single storey kitchen extension to rear of property – 43 Strand Walk, Holywell

**Supported.**

## 67. ACCOUNTS

### 67.1. Accounts for Payment

#### RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>£</u>
3818 Cllr. J. Griffiths – Travel, Subsistence & Attendance	178.58*
3819 Public Works Loan Board – Loan Instalment	2,607.70**^^
3820 Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 23/09/06	228.44***
3821 G.Evans – Watering of Floral Displays	400.00*^^^
3822 Delyn Press – Civic Service Leaflets	114.00^^
3823 North Wales Assoc. of Town Councils – Subsistence	30.00*
3824 Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – October	39.00***
3825 J.A. Jones – Salary – October	1,040.53***
3826 Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat. Ins. – October	654.70***
3827 Holywell Debonnairs Morris Dancing Troupe – Donation	200.00**
3828 Holywell Town Juniors Football Club – Donation	250.00**
3829 Impact Communications – Town Centre Manager’s Fee	<u>1,300.00**</u>
	7,042.95

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 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953
- ^^\*\* Local Government Act 1972 S174

67.2. Income

Members received the schedule of income circulated with the agenda.

68. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for September and he responded to Members' queries regarding several issues including the French Market, old Kwik Save Building, the former Job Centre etc.

Councillor P.J. Curtis advised of the slight hitch regarding the Tesco development and that they were very close to resolving the problem.

69. HIGHWAY ACT 1980 – SECTION 116 – PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF THE HIGHWAY ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE VICTORIA HOTEL, HOLYWELL

Members received a copy of a Notice of Flintshire County Council's intention to apply to the Magistrates Court for the above Order.

70. POLICE FUNDING AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Members considered an invitation to attend a presentation by North Wales Police to be held at the Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7.00pm.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors S.R. Baker, G.I. Lloyd and A.D. Williams be authorised to represent the Council at the meeting.

71. VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Members considered a request from the Village of Greenfield Residents' Association for the provision of notice boards and litter bins on land the organisation was leasing in Greenfield.

The Clerk reported that Flintshire County Council had indicated that they would be willing to provide one litter bin as they considered that this was sufficient. The County Council Officer had suggested that the Residents' Association could, when an event was held on the land, provide temporary litter bins and/or collect litter afterwards.

Members considered that 3 bins and 3 notice boards was too much and if any were provided they should have the Town Council's name and logo on them and not the Residents' Association.

There was concern that the land identified on the drawing application was not all included in the area of land leased.

Concern was expressed by several Members that the Residents' Association had not approached local Councillors with the report.

RESOLVED:

That the request be deferred to enable the Clerk to obtain further information regarding the actual area of land which the Residents' Association has leased.

72. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT RAISING AWARENESS WORKSHOP

An invitation had been received from the Sports Development Officer, Flintshire County Council, inviting the Council to attend a Community Chest Grant Raising Awareness Workshop to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 from 10am to 12 noon at County Hall, Mold.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor J. Griffiths be authorised to represent the Council at the workshop.

73. HOLWAY RECLAIM – SITING OF CONTAINER

Members considered a report from Councillor P.A. York for a letter of support for Holway Reclaim's proposal to site a container on the Holway Skip Site for storing timber and timber products for their project.

Councillor York, whilst supporting the principle, advised that the group had been refused permission to site the container on the skip site.

Members were sympathetic with the project but unsure as to why the siting had been refused or indeed whether or not it had been refused.

They considered that before supporting the project they should be sure that the proposal was in a suitable area and was safe.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to Holway Reclaim, requesting an update and whether they had obtained the views of local residents.

74. TOWN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members considered the recommendations of the Town Centre Sub-Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006, which had been circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Mayor, Chairman of the Town Centre Sub-Committee and the Clerk be authorised to pursue the provision of a contractor to erect and dismantle the Christmas lights and accept a suitable quotation.
- (2) That a donation of £100 be made from the Donations General Budget to the Village of Greenfield Residents' Association for the provision of Christmas lights in Greenfield in 2006.

75. WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

Members considered the draft Welsh Language Policy prepared by a working group consisting of Councillors D.W. Jones, E.B. Palmer, D.R. Wilkes and the Clerk, which had been circulated with the agenda.

As Councillor D.W. Jones was not present at the meeting and had been instrumental in raising the issue of a Welsh Language Policy, several Members considered that it would be appropriate to defer the matter to a future meeting in order to resolve queries etc.

RESOLVED:

That a Special Meeting be called to discuss the draft Welsh Language Policy.

76. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That in view of the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed, public and press be excluded for agenda item No. 13 – Applications for Financial Assistance.

77. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered applications for financial assistance from Greenfield Senior Citizens Club, Menden/Flintshire Youth Exchange Committee, Flintshire and District National Eisteddfod and Holywell Autumn Club.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the following donations be made:-

	£
Greenfield Senior Citizens Club	200
Menden/Flintshire Youth Funding Committee	100
Holywell Autumn Club	250

(2) That the application from Flintshire and District National Eisteddfod be deferred pending the receipt of further information.

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Mayor