

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 19th September 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. K. Davies (Mayor).
Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J. Griffiths,
B.P. Lambert, J. Neen, E.B. Palmer, H.G. Roberts, A.D. Williams and P.A. York.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Humphreys, P. Jones, G.I. Lloyd and R.A. Roberts.

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

49. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that she had attended various civic services and reminded Members that her Civic Service was being held on Sunday 24th September 2006 at St. James' Parish Church at 9.30am.

She had attended several other functions including the Greenfield Gardening Club Show, Holywell High School Presentation Evening and the Proclamation Ceremony for the National Eisteddfod.

The Mayor welcomed back Councillor H.G. Roberts following his recent operation and wished him well for the future.

She had attended a photo-call for the new Community Hospital for Holywell and welcomed the recent news which would see a start of the project in October 2006.

The Mayor referred to a recent press statement from Tesco and welcomed the news that a starting date would be announced soon. She had noted that works had started to clear the old Civic Offices site for the Lidl store and hoped that the planning application would be approved by Flintshire County Council on 27th September 2006.

She had been informed that Jonathan Pryce had been honoured for his services to the entertainment industry and it was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to him.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2006 be approved as a correct record.

51. PLANNING MATTERS

51.1. Planning Applications Determined by the Mayor and Clerk During the Recess Period

041736 Two Storey extension on rear elevation and erection of a detached garage to rear of property – 26 Cross Roads, Holywell

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

041780 Installation of a 15m flexicell column with 3 no. shrouded antennae. Erection of ground based equipment cabinets and associated development.

The Council wish to make the strongest possible objection to this application as the proposed location is totally unacceptable. It was noted that the Leisure Centre site was discounted, by the applicant, as an unsuitable location as it was in close proximity to residential properties yet the proposed site is even closer to housing and additionally would have an unacceptable impact on the conservation area. The developers indicate that there are no schools in the immediate vicinity yet there is a primary school and an infants' school within approximately 400 yards as the crow flies. Additionally most pupils at these schools and the nearby High School walk along this route to school many of them from the adjacent bus station.

041764 Erection of a bungalow – 62 Wood Lane, Penymaes, Holywell

Objection to this application as it is considered that it would lead to unacceptable tandem development and over-development of the site.

041652 Change of use from Retail to non-retail – 4-6 High Street, Holywell.

No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy S7 Retail Frontages within Town Centre Core Retail Areas.

- 041627 Outline – Erection of a detached dwelling with detached garage – Land adj. The Hetlands, Holway Road, Holywell.
Objection to this application as it is considered that it would lead to unacceptable tandem development and over-development of the site.
- 041688 Reserved Matters application for the erection of a dwelling – Land side of Dee View, Penyball, Holywell.
No objections provided there would be no detriment to the visual amenities of neighbouring properties.
- 041778 Demolition of a detached garage and erection of two storey extension – 35 West Drive, Holywell.
No objections.
- 041714 Continuation of the use of the premises as a private hire taxi office – Carmel Car Hire, 5 New Shop Parade, Greenfield Road, Holywell.
No objections provided the applicant complied with the conditions of the previous temporary permission.
- 041413 Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of existing garages – Marysvale Nursing Home: Land adjacent to:42 Well Street, Holywell.
No objections
- 041918 Single Storey extension to rear elevation and attic conversion – 20 Hillside Court, Holywell.
No objections
- 041955 Renewal of planning permission ref: 02/0276 – Variation of condition no. 1 attached to planning permission ref: 97/382 to extend the time period for commencement of development – Pennant, Whitford Street, Holywell.
No objections
- 041982 Erection of a portal framed bunded chemical store – Kingspan Ltd., Greenfield Business Park 2, Greenfield.
No objections
- 041690 Retrospective – erection of security fencing at Abbot's Walk, Holywell.
Objection to this application as it is considered that the fencing is totally unsuitable and is not what was asked for initially by the former county councillor and residents. Members understand that security has not been improved following the introduction of the fencing which is considered to be totally

unsuitable and also out of character with the area. In addition the fencing has led to unacceptable noise from the banging of the gate and the wind whistling through the fencing.

041924 Internal alterations, erection of side and rear extensions and formation of a new access to private accommodation and public house – The Abbots Arms, Penymaes Road, Holywell.
Supported.

042032 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 No new dwellings – Heathfield, Greenfield Road, Greenfield, Holywell.
No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy.

RESOLVED:

That the action of the Mayor and Clerk be approved.

51.2. Planning Applications

041864 Erection of 2 No. dwellings with new vehicular access – land off Holway Road, Holway, Holywell
Supported.

042048 Re-establishment of existing vehicular access, erection of a two-storey extension to provide additional bedroom with en-suite and lounge/conservatory on ground floor – Ashfield, Halkyn Road, Holywell
No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy as Members expressed concern regarding the scale of the development which appeared to be substantially more than 50%.

041786 Erection of 2 No. three-storey dwelling houses – land side of St. Winefride’s Court, Whitford Street, Holywell
No objections.

51.3. Holywell Conservation Area

Members welcomed a letter from the Chief Planning Services Officer, Flintshire County Council detailing the Article 4(2) Direction proposed for the Holywell Conservation Area. The letter advised that under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, local authorities had a duty to formulate proposals for their preservation and

environment. The County Council had formulated a Conservation Area Management Strategy and a further report had been approved – “The Holywell Townscape Heritage Initiative – Phase II – Progress Report”.

RESOLVED:

That the schemes be supported.

52. ACCOUNTS

52.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

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3784 Welsh College of Horticulture - Provision of Floral Displays	2,051.02*^^^
3785 British Telecom – 710835	132.50****
3786 British Telecom – 711757	157.92****
3787 W. Bevan & Sons – Plants	31.34*^^^
3788 Impact Communications – Holywell Business News	500.00**
3789 Cllr. G.I. Lloyd – Travel	16.76*
3790 Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 22/07/06	189.92***
3791 G. Evans – Watering of Floral Displays	400.00*^^^
3792 British Telecom – 05600 494898	131.24****
3793 Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – August	39.00***
3794 J.A. Jones – Salary – August	1,040.63***
3795 Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins – August	643.82***
3796 Viking Direct – Stationery	102.79^
3797 Delyn Locksmiths – Keys – Council Offices	18.00****
3798 Medwyn Roberts – Expenses re 999 Day	116.55*^^^
3799 Holywell High School – Street Entertainment	50.00*^^^
3800 Ysbyty Glan Clwyd – Street Entertainment	100.00*^^^
3801 Flintshire Local Voluntary Council – Printing and Framing	6.00^
3802 Mrs. M. Edwards – wages to 19/8/06	180.96****

3803	G. Evans – watering of floral displays	400.00 ^{^^^}
3804	British Telecom – 3629 2204	123.33 ^{****}
3805	Flintshire County Council – Non-Domestic rates	1,879.20 ^{****}
3806	Impact Communications – Town Centre Manager’s Fee	1,300.00 ^{**}
3807	Chubb Electronic Security Ltd – Alarm Maintenance	613.70 ^{****}
3808	Siemens Financial Services Ltd – Rental of Photocopier	105.96 ^{****}
3809	JDH Business Services – Internal Audit Fees 2005/06	225.65 [^]
3810	W. Bevan & Sons Ltd – Cleaning Materials	32.76 ^{****}
3811	British Gas Trading Ltd – Gas Supplies – Council Offices	66.27 ^{****}
3812	Impact Communications – Town Centre Management	1,300.00 ^{**}
3813	Fron Park Bowling Club – Donation	250.00 ^{**}
3814	J.A. Jones – Purchase of battery – Watering machine	53.09 ^{****}
3815	J.A. Jones – Salary – September	1,040.75 ^{***}
3816	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins. September	641.60 ^{***}
3817	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – September	<u>39.00^{***}</u>
		<u>13,979.76</u>

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
- ^^** Local Government Act 1972 S174

52.2. Audit of Accounts 2005/06

Members received the report of the Council's Internal Auditor and were advised that the external audit was currently underway.

Members noted the Internal Auditor's comments and the Clerk advised on action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That the Internal Auditor's report be accepted and recommendations identified be addressed as soon as possible.

53. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – JULY/AUGUST

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for July and August and the Town Centre Manager responded to Members' queries including the 999 Day, Police Responses and CCTV.

RESOLVED:

That Inspector Neil Maxwell be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

54. WALES IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2006

The Mayor congratulated Councillor J. Griffiths, Chairman of the Wales in Bloom Sub-Committee on the Council's success in Holywell gaining a Silver Medal (Merit) Award in the Small Towns Category of the Wales in Bloom Competition 2006.

Councillor Griffiths thanked all who had been involved in the arrangements and particularly thanked his Sub-Committee, Flintshire County Council staff at Fron Park, Mr. Geoff Evans (watering of displays), St. James Parish Church (erection of displays) etc.

He advised that he had attended the presentation ceremony at Criccieth on Friday 15th September 2006.

55. FLINTSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITION 2006

Members were informed that Holywell had been placed equal third in the Flintshire Environmental Competition 2006 and the presentation ceremony would be held at County Hall, Mold on Friday 22nd September at 7pm.

RESOLVED:

That the Mayor and Councillor J. Griffiths represent the Council at the presentation ceremony.

56. FLINTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Members considered an invitation to the Good Neighbourhood Conference and Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held at Deeside College of Education on Monday 30th October 2006 at 9.45 am.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor B.P. Lambert be authorised to represent the Council at the Conference and Annual General Meeting.

57. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

Members noted the list of documents received, which had been circulated with the agenda and which were available for perusal.

58. FLINTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Members received a report from the Senior Neighbourhood Warden detailing the incidents dealt with and patrols undertaken in the Town Council area during the last quarter. Members were pleased to note the low number of incidents.

RESOLVED:

That a congratulatory letter be sent to the Senior Neighbourhood Warden.

59. RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR FLINTSHIRE – CONSULTATION EVENT

An invitation had been received from the Chief Regeneration Officer, Flintshire County Council to a 'Consultation Event' to be held at the Welsh College of Horticulture, Northop on Wednesday 27th September 2006.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor S.R. Baker be authorised to represent the Council at the event.

60. BUS RE-REGULATION – GOVERNMENT FOR WALES

Members considered a letter from Connah's Quay Town Council requesting the Town Council's support for the re-regulation of bus services as they considered that this would give some measure of control over the services provided.

61. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That in view of the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed, the press and public be excluded for agenda item No. 9 – Applications for Financial Assistance.

62. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered applications for financial assistance from Holywell Debonnairs Morris Dancing Troupe and Holywell Town Juniors Football Club.

RESOLVED:

That the following donations be made:-

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Holywell Debonnairs Morris Dancing Troupe	200.00	
Holywell Town Juniors Football Club	250.00	

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Mayor