

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 17th April 2007.

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

Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Humphreys, P. Jones, B.P. Lambert, 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 D.W. Jones, R.A. Roberts and D.R. Wilkes.

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

141. THE BIG DEE-DAY (CYMRU) 07

The Mayor introduced Mr Mike Taylor, Senior Ranger, Flintshire Countryside Services who had agreed to attend the meeting to advise Members of the Big Dee-Day (Cymru) 07 which was being held on 14th and 15th September 2007.

Mr. Taylor informed Members of his background as Senior Ranger now based at Wepre Park, previously at Greenfield Valley Heritage Park.

He indicated that he was keen to improve coastal access from Gronant to Deeside and was pursuing grant aid which would also provide two years funding for Coastal Rangers. Mr. Taylor advised that the organisers of the All Wales Coastal Path and Cycle Paths needed support as there were problems with the RSPB.

He considered that Greenfield Docks had great potential and he was keen to develop the area which, he considered, had great potential but indicated that there was a problem relating to land ownership. Mr. Taylor added that he was also attempting to obtain funding for the docks through the Coastal Access Fund.

He was keen to ensure that as many organisations as possible participated in the Big Dee-Day which involved litter picking along the coast from Prestatyn to Chester. Mr. Taylor's aim was for organisations to adopt a section to litter pick and several organisations had already committed themselves including Kingspan, Scouts, Girl Guides, Army Cadets, ATC, Ramblers Association etc. He requested support from the Town Council to sponsor equipment for the Army Cadets and the ATC at a cost of £200-£300. Mr. Taylor added that David Bellamy would be attending on both days

looking at school groups on the Friday and Community groups on the Saturday.

Mr. Taylor responded to the many questions raised by Members who also offered the project their support. Several issues were raised including the tree management in Greenfield Valley Heritage Park, footpath alongside Arquest (Breger Gibson), right of way from Victoria Bridge. Motor bikers, quad bikers and persons with high powered rifles on Greenfield Cob.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Taylor for his informative talk and answering Members' questions.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk write to the Countryside Service as the Environment Agency offering their support and appreciation for improvements to Greenfield Docks etc.
- (2) That the Clerk investigate the possibility of whether the equipment purchased would be kept by the ATC and Air Cadets and report back to a future meeting for possible grant aid funding.

142. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that former Councillor Mrs. Gwenyth Thomas had recently passed away and Members held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Mayor informed Members that Lidl invited all Members to the opening of the new store in Holywell at 8am on Thursday 19th April 2007. The Mayor advised that Lidl appreciated the support of the Town Council.

She referred to a recent holiday to Llandudno organised by Derryn Blanchard, for members of the Holywell Autumn Club. Unfortunately the press who had been invited to the departure point in Holywell had not turned up. The Mayor advised of the fantastic job that Mrs. Blanchard did with the club and as did organisers of the Holywell Darby & Joan Club and Greenfield Citizen Club.

The Mayor reminded Members that her Charity Concert would be held at St. Winefride's Primary School on Friday 27th April from 7pm.

143. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 20th March 2007 be approved as a correct record.

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

042866 Erection of a conservatory to side and part rear – Llwyni, Penyball Hill, Holywell

Members were advised that this application had already been approved.

042992 Demolition of detached garage and erection of two storey and single storey extensions – 13 Bryn Teg, Penymaes, Holywell

Members expressed concern regarding the scale of the proposal which appeared to be considerably over the 50% guideline in relation to the original building.

042998 Outline – erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling – Grange Farm, Grange Lane, Holywell

No objections provided that the independent assessor was satisfied that the agricultural questionnaire proved to be satisfactory.

043012 Advertising Consent – siting of a double-sided free-standing display unit – Greenfield Valley Service Station, Greenfield Road, Greenfield

Objection to this application as it is not considered to be in keeping with the existing and proposed development and could also be a distraction to motorists on this very busy road.

145. ACCOUNTS

145.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	£
3916 Redbooks (Estate Publications) Ltd – Copyright Licence	68.26#
3917 Dwr Cymru Cyf – Water Charges – Council Offices	159.31****
3918 Flintshire County Council – Notice Boards	955.00#
3919 Holywell Town Football Club – Donation	500.00**
3920 Mrs. M. Edwards – wages - 24/03/07	180.96****
3921 Impact Communications – Town Centre Management	1,300.00**
3922 Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – April	39.00***
3923 J.A. Jones – Salary – April	1,069.68***
3924 Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins – April	661.21***
3925 Impact Communications (Wales) Ltd – Holywell Business News	500.00^^
3926 J.A. Jones – Computer Monitor	179.99^
3927 Flintshire County Council – Non- Domestic Rates	1,948.80****
3928 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – Donation	2,000.00**
3929 Wales in Bloom Foundation – Donation	30.00*^^^
	<u>9,592.21</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.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

145.2. Income Received

Members received the schedule of income circulated with the agenda.

146. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – MARCH

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for March and he responded to Members' queries regarding the Tesco development starting date, traffic entering the High Street illegally, lack of positive action by the Chamber of Commerce, the need for a more effective business association.

Members were concerned that the Chamber of Commerce did not appear to be working and wished it to be known that the Town Council would work with anyone to improve the town and would take any positive ideas on board.

147. DRAFT TOURISM STRATEGY FOR FLINTSHIRE (2007-2013)

Councillor P.J. Curtis gave an informative report on the Draft Tourism Strategy for Flintshire (2007-2013).

Members were requested to contact the Clerk with any comments but issues were raised including a budget to pursue the strategy, the Welsh language which could be promoted through signage and events, the promotion of St. Winefride's Well, Greenfield Valley Heritage Park, Halkyn Mountain etc.

148. COMMUNITY RECREATION OUTREACH PROGRAMME (CROP)

Members considered an invitation from the Sports Development Officer, Flintshire County Council to attend a meeting to discuss the provision and continuation of a physical activity programme (CROP) aimed at pre-school and infant children.

149. NORTH WALES POLICE

Members considered an invitation from Inspector Maxwell, North Wales Police to the next meeting of the Joint Council to be held at Flint Town Hall on Thursday 26th April 2007 at 7pm.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors P.J. Curtis and B.P. Lambert be authorised to represent the Council at the meeting.

150. A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING PEOPLE’S LIVES – A POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

Members received the above document which had been circulated with the agenda.

151. PERIPATETIC SKIP SERVICE

Members considered a letter from the Validation/Quality Officer, Environmental Services, Flintshire County Council advising that he had been asked to contact Community Councils affected to explore ways in which the County could provide alternatives to the peripatetic skip service which had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED:

That the Validation/Quality Officer be invited to the June or July meeting.

152. TRAFFIC WARDEN

Further to previous discussions at the Town Centre Sub-Committee and the full Council, Members were requested to consider a start date for a Traffic Warden scheme.

Whilst there was considerable discussion on the scheme, Members considered that further information was required.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk contact North Wales Police to carry out negotiations with them to ascertain the availability of a Traffic Warden , costings and the number of hours which could be utilised by the Town Council and secure the available hours and starting date.

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