

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 20th February 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, E.B. Palmer, D.R. Wilkes, A.D. Williams and P.A. York.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors H.G. Roberts and R.A. Roberts.

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

111. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor wished Councillor H.G. Roberts a speedy recovery from his recent operation and suggested a suitable message of good wishes be sent to him from the Council.

She also wished Councillor D.R. Wilkes the best of luck for his forthcoming hospitalisation and treatment.

The Mayor reported that she had attended a meeting called by the Welsh Language Board and was pleased that Holywell Town Council had received good comments.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

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

Council Meeting held on 16 January 2007

Special Meeting held on 6 February 2007

Finance Meeting held on 6 February 2007 (subject to the addition of Cllr. D.R. Wilkes to the list of members present)

113. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

041985 Listed Building Consent – Installation of 1 no. Automated Teller Machine – Midland Bank plc, 17 High Street, Holywell

Objection on the grounds that the building is a major listed building and already has an ATM.

042510 Outline - Erection of two blocks of six apartments – Valley Lodge, Greenfield Road, Greenfield

No objections provided the proposal complies with planning policy. Future development, if any, must be in keeping with the Valley Lodge building. Members were concerned regarding overdevelopment of the site.

042623 Erection of gable signs and flagpoles – Lidl UK GmbH – Former Kwik Save Group plc, Coleshill Street, Holywell

Support signs but not flagpoles as it is considered that the signs are sufficient for advertising purposes.

042682 Extension of existing store room area to rear elevation to provide two mews houses – Peter Hughes Footwear, 38-40 High Street, Holywell

Supported provided the design is in keeping with the historic area.

042702 Outline – residential development – former Alpha Chapel, Greenfield Road, Greenfield

Supported provided sufficient off street parking is provided and the building materials are sympathetic to the adjacent listed building and Greenfield Valley Heritage Park.

042706 Erection of garden wall to front and side of property – land off Fron Park Road, Holywell

Supported.

042722 Erection of 3 No. detached dwelling houses and construction of retaining wall – land at Holway Cottage Farm, Holway Road, Holywell

Defer for further information regarding the settlement boundary.

042731 Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation and a porch to the main entrance – 14 Bryn Aber, Holywell

No objections.

042758 Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling – 7 Rhodfa Wenlo, Greenfield

No objection provided the proposal complies with planning policy.

042792 Outline – residential development – land west of Holway Court, Holway Road, Holywell

Strong objection to this application as the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary and therefore in the open countryside.

114. ACCOUNTS

114.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	£
3877 Refurbit Computers Ltd – Website Maintenance	260.00****
3878 St John Ambulance Brigade - Christmas Lights Attendance	50.00^^
3879 Hacker Young – External Audit Fee 2005/6	763.75^
3880 British Telecom – 711757	131.84****
3881 British Telecom – 710835	69.98****
3882 Impact Communications (Wales) Ltd – Holywell Business News	500.00**
3883 J. Blanchard – Crockery	50.00****
3884 J. Blanchard – Teapot	26.99****
3885 St. James Parish Church – Erection etc of hanging Baskets	440.00^^^
3886 Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 1/12/06	187.90***
3887 The Samaritans – Donation	50.00**
3888 The Holywell Band – Donation	1, 500.00**
3889 Holywell & District Twinning Association	100.00**
3890 2480 (Holywell) Squadron ATC	500.00**
3891 Delyn Women’s Aid – Donation	100.00**
3892 St. Kentigern’s Hospice – Donation	200.00**
3893 Perth y Terfyn Infants School – Donation	300.00**
3894 Gwyl Cadi Ha – Donation	500.00^^
3895 Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme – Donation	600.00**

3896	Impact Communications – Town Centre Management	1,300.00**
3897	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – February	39.00***
3898	J.A. Jones – Salary – February	1,040.53***
3899	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins – February	643.04***
3900	British Telecommunications – 3629 2204	123.33****
3901	J.A. Jones – Telephone	64.91****
3902	Flintshire County Council – CCTV Maintenance	<u>6,232.20</u>
		15,773.47

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.

114.2. Income Received

Members received the schedule of income circulated with the agenda.

114.3. External Audit 2005/6

Members received the clean audit report circulated with the agenda and noted the need to review and approve the risk assessment annually.

The Clerk advised Members that the risk assessment would be considered later in the agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the External Auditor's report be received.

115. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT - JANUARY

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for January which had been circulated with the agenda.

116. RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered the Risk Management report circulated with the agenda and the Clerk responded on queries. The Risk Assessment identified the Risk, Level of Risk and controls in place.

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Assessment be accepted and approved.

117. ONE VOICE WALES

Members received information from One Voice Wales which had been circulated with the agenda.

118. NORTH WALES POLICE

Members received a copy of a letter from the Chief Constable, North Wales Police which had been circulated with the agenda and which was in response to a question asked at a meeting about the use of Police Officers in non-operational roles.

119. FLINTSHIRE SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2007

A letter had been received from the Director of Education, Children's Services and Recreation, Flintshire County Council requesting the Council to consider supporting the delivery of the Summer Playscheme Programme in Greenfield and Holywell. It was noted that the cost to the Town Council would be £3831.60 and the Clerk advised Members that sufficient funding had been included in the estimates for 2007/08.

Members were concerned to ensure that the scheme continued to give value for money and that it was well used and run properly.

120. BIG DEE-DAY (CYMRU) 07

Correspondence had been received from Flintshire Countryside Service requesting the Council's support for a Big Dee-Day (Cymru) 07 scheduled to be held on 14/15 September 2007. The aim of the event was to have sections of the Estuary coastline adopted by organised groups and cleared of light litter. Additionally, it was hoped that the profile of the Dee

Estuary would be raised within the wider Flintshire Community and the local community to support conservation and recreation projects in the short and longer term.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council fully support the event and the organiser be requested to attend a future Council meeting.
- (2) That Members serving on school governing bodies encourage schools to participate.

121. GOVERNING BODY – YSGOL-Y-FRON

Members were advised that the term of office of Councillor P.A. York as a governor on Ysgol y Fron had now expired and the Council needed to appoint a minor authority representative.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E.B. Palmer be appointed to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol y Fron.

122. BUS SHELTERS – HOLYWELL

The Clerk reported that new bus shelters had been ordered from Flintshire County Council for siting at the junction of Moor Lane/Meadowbank and Bryn-y-Gwynt, Penymaes (replacement) and it was hoped that these would be installed before the end of March.

123. LOCAL SERVICE BOARDS/LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS – CONSULTATION PAPER

Deferred to the March meeting of the Council.

124. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME

Members considered correspondence from the Interim Director of Housing, Flintshire County Council advising that a team of independent specialists had been commissioned to undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of its Sheltered Housing Service.

RESOLVED:

That a group comprising of Councillor P.J. Curtis, Mrs. K. Davies and D.R. Wilkes and the Clerk formulate a response on behalf of the Council following the Town Centre Sub-Committee scheduled to be held

on Monday 26 February 2007 which was scheduled to start at 11.00am.

125. HOLWAY RECLAIM

Members received a response from the Senior Housing Officer, Flintshire County Council advising that, in view of concerns received from both private and Council occupants, it was not possible for Flintshire County Council to support the proposed site for a container.

RESOLVED:

That the letter be received.

126. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN AND AROUND HOLYWELL TOWN CENTRE

Councillor P.J. Curtis gave a detailed report on traffic problems in and around the High Street/Ring Road areas and advised that he had arranged a meeting with Flintshire County Council's Officers and appropriate Chairman/Executive members.

Councillor Curtis referred to the problems at the top end of Holywell particularly between 8 and 9am, 2.30 to 3.30pm and 5.00pm. He expressed concern regarding a recent incident when an ambulance was unable to gain access into Holywell High Street. Several other Members referred to traffic problems and considered that the current bollards system was a waste of time.

Concern was expressed that many people were not aware of the traffic restrictions in the High Street and perhaps more publicity should be given to this.

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Mayor