

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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006.

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

Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Humphreys, B.P. Lambert, G.I. Lloyd, H.G. Roberts, D.R. Wilkes and P.A. York.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors D.W. Jones, J. Neen, E.B. Palmer, R.A. Roberts and A.D. Williams.

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

78. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WALES

The Mayor welcomed Mr. John Anthony Jones of the Environment Agency Wales who had requested the opportunity to advise Members of the recently introduced new tidal flood warning service for the Community.

Mr. Jones advised that residents and businesses at risk had been informed of publicity events which were being held in various areas.

The response to the event held at Holywell Library had been disappointing but this appeared to be the result of poor publicity and efforts would be made to hold further publicity events in more appropriate locations.

Mr. Jones indicated that warnings would be received and people and businesses at risk informed of this. In extremely bad circumstances the County Council's Major Incident Plan would be triggered.

He responded to several questions from Members and advised that a further event would be held at a more suitable venue and the Greenfield Members be informed directly.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation and whilst it was hoped that such incidents would never happen, it was pleasing to know that appropriate measures were in place.

79. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that she had opened the new extension/conservatory at Coed Duon Nursing Home.

She thanked Members for supporting the Remembrance Day Service and was pleased that the church was full.

80. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006 be approved as a correct record.

81. PLANNING MATTERS

81.1 Planning Applications

041191 Amended Application – Construction of a new church and church hall – St. Peter's Church and Cemetery, Rose Hill, Holywell.

**Fully supported.**

041984 Installation of 1 No. automated teller machine (ATM) re-submission ref: 041745) – Midland Bank plc, 17 High Street, Holywell

**Welcomed provided the proposal did not contravene conservation area policies.**

042121 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 No. semi-detached and 1 No. detached dwellings – Greenfield Valley Service Station, Greenfield Road, Greenfield.

**Deferred to December meeting.**

042171 Outline – demolition of existing workshop and erection of 1 No. three bedroomed dwelling – workshop at Spring Gardens, Holywell.

**Objection on highway grounds as the access is off the Holywell Ring Road, insufficient car parking and access required to the rear of High Street business premises. Possible detrimental impact on the Conservation Area.**

042202 Change of use from retail to licensed premises – 9 Whitford Street, Holywell

**Supported.**

042227 Modification of Section 106 Agreement under Ref No. 94/0543 – land at Hollybank, Fron Park Road, Holywell.

**Objection as the area has been designated as a play area/open space in accordance with planning policies and there could be a detrimental impact on wildlife.**

042274 Use of land for storage of materials – land adj. Fron Deg, Bryn Celyn, Holywell

**Defer to December meeting.**

042275 Reserved Matters Application for the erection of a dwelling – land adjacent 18 Penymaes Road, Holywell

**Defer to December meeting.**

042285 Erection of a single storey conservatory to side – 83 Penymaes Road, Holywell

**Members were advised that this application had been refused.**

81.2. Flintshire Unitary Development Plan – Pre-Inquiry Proposed Changes Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability, Appraisal and Screening Regarding Appropriate Assessment

Members were advised that the proposed changes to the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan had been received and also responses to the Town Council's observations were attached to the agenda.

Members noted the responses and were particularly pleased to support the three new green spaces in Greenfield. They were also pleased to note the removal of the proposed allocation of land for 50 houses at Tan y Felin, Greenfield and the retention of the football field adjacent to Arquest as a green space.

Members were disappointed that policy 57 Retail Frontages etc had not been amended and also land for proposed housing development east of Halkyn Road had not been deleted.

There was concern regarding the proposal to re-allocate land at Strand Park from CF6 New Community Centre to a more general community facility under Policy CF2.

81.3. Recording and Minuting of Consultation of Planning Applications

Members considered a letter from the Chief Planning Services Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding press reports on

Town/Community Council observations on planning applications. He indicated that on occasions the press reported that Town Councils had approved or refused applications which led to confusion and misinformation to the public.

The Clerk advised that Holywell Town Council had never used the terminology approved or refused in respect of planning applications and Members were well aware that they were allowed to make observations only. They had no control on how reporters present at the meetings wrote their reports.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk write to the Chief Planning Services Officer, Flintshire County Council advising him that the Town Council had never recorded planning applications as being approved or refused and indicating that it was reporters who attended the meeting who wrongly reported the observations made by the Council.
- (2) That the Chief Planning Services Officer be advised that he should write to the Town Council who was identified in the press, rather than all Councils.

81.4. Planning Site Visits

Members noted the contents of a letter from the County Legal & Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding procedures at site visits.

82. ACCOUNTS

82.1. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

<u>Voucher</u>	£
3830 Village of Greenfield Residents Association – Donation	100.00**
3831 Rotary Club of Flint & Holywell – Advertisement	100.00^^
3832 Mrs. M. Edwards – Wages to 28/10/06	242.10***

3833	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Wreaths	50.00**
3834	British Telecom – 711757	143.99****
3835	British Telecom – 710835	69.98****
3836	British Telecom – 05600 494898	32.59****
3837	British Telecom – 3629 2204	123.33****
3838	Delyn Press – Letterheads	64.63^^
3839	Mrs. M. Reed – Secretarial Expenses – November	39.00***
3840	J.A. Jones – Salary – November	1,040.53***
3841	Inland Revenue – PAYE/Nat Ins – November	658.44***
3842	Flintshire County Council – Summer Holiday Playschemes	3,720.00^^^*
3843	Menden/Flintshire Youth Exchange Committee – Donation	100.00**
3844	Greenfield Senior Citizens Club – Donation	200.00**
3845	Holywell Autumn Club – Donation	250.00**
3846	Impact Communications – Holywell Business News	500.00**
3847	Impact Communications – Town Centre Manager’s Fee	1,300.00**

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.

82.2. Income Received

Members received the schedule of income circulated with the agenda.

83. TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER

Members received the Town Centre Manager's report for October and the Town Centre Manager responded to queries regarding the Association of Town Centre Managers.

Councillor P.J. Curtis referred to a letter he had received from visitors to the town indicating how impressed they were with the town.

84. SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

Members received correspondence circulated with the agenda, from the Leisure Manager, Flintshire County Council regarding attendances and activities at the Summer Playschemes in 2006.

85. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – CROSS STREET AND HIGH STREET, HOLYWELL

Members received notification of a temporary Road Closure – Cross Street and High Street, Holywell which was necessary for the Christmas lights switch-on.

86. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FLINTSHIRE

Correspondence had been circulated with the agenda from the Acting Director of Environment and Regeneration, Flintshire County Council advising that it was necessary to prepare a Rights of Way Improvement Plan and inviting people to become involved in the exercise by attending focus groups.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be received.

87. SEWAGE FLOODING – CROSS ROADS, HOLYWELL

Members considered a letter from a resident of Cross Roads, Holywell advising of the longstanding sewage problems in the footpath between 14 and 16 Cross Roads. Despite the resident reporting that on many occasions during the past 34 years there had been no improvement.

Members were advised that the Town Council had addressed this problem and taken it up with the appropriate authorities three years ago but it appeared that very little had been done to improve the situation despite promises made at that time.

Members expressed extreme concern regarding this problem and were keen to ensure that it was resolved.

Councillor P.J. Curtis indicated that he would pursue this issue.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to the appropriate authorities and Sandy Mewies AM requesting urgent action.

89. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – RING ROAD, HALKYN STREET

Councillor P.J. Curtis referred to the traffic problems on the Ring Road, particularly at the Penymaes Road, Coleshill Street, Halkyn Road and Brynford Street junctions and was particularly concerned that whilst he fully supported the Lidl and Tesco developments, the situation would worsen when they were operational. He requested supported for a meeting with County Council Highway officials.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a meeting, including a site meeting, be requested with officials of Flintshire County Council Highways in the New Year.
- (2) That the Town Council be represented by the Mayor, the Central Ward Members and Councillor S.R. Baker and report back to full Council.

90. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That public and press be excluded for agenda item No. 11 in view of the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed

91. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered an application for financial assistance from the Holway Junior Youth Club towards Christmas activities for the Youth Club.

RESOLVED:

That a donation of £100 be made to the Holway Junior Youth Club.

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Mayor