The Minutes of the proceedings of a Special meeting of Flint Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

PRESENT:	The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P. (in the Chair). Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.
	Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Reverend B. Harvey, J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.
APOLOGIES:	Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, M. Evans, Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M.W. Moore.
IN ATTENDANCE:	J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk. Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

146.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

147.

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING THIS DAY.

The Town Mayor referred members to the presentation at the General Purposes committee by Mr Smith and the resolution of that committee and invited members to accept and endorse that resolution and upon being duly moved and seconded it was :-

Resolved:-

That the resolution of the General purposes Committee "to receive the presentation from Mr Smith , thank him for his continuing hard work in driving this project forward and to confirm the council's continuing support for the proposed regeneration of the foreshore as it moves to the next phase of investigation and refinement leading to the submission of the appropriate planning application be accepted and endorsed by this Special Town Council .

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

PRESENT:	The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P. (in the Chair). Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.
	Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Reverend B. Harvey, J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.
APOLOGIES:	Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, M. Evans, Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M.W. Moore.
IN ATTENDANCE:	J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk. Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

148.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

149.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on the 4th February, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

150.

TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT:

The Town Clerk reported that the project was moving towards completion and that the Heritage Lottery fund was closing the scheme which would enable and account to be struck which would determine the exact amount of the loan from the PWLB to ascertain. Meanwhile further detailed finishing including final painting would be undertaken and the certificate of practical completion would be issued in the coming weeks leaving only the snagging schedules to be agreed.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be received and welcomed and that as soon as work is completed arrangements be put in hand to deep clean the interior of the entire premises including the lift exterior

151.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Town Clerk reported that there were no such matters and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the position be noted

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Town Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.

Councillor J. Johnson, (in the Chair).

Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Reverend B. Harvey, Mrs. E. Jones, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, M. Evans, Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M.W. Moore.

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

152.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

153.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on the 4th February, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Councillor J. Johnson.

154.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. Plan No: 059511
   Proposal: Demolition of Conservatory – Proposed single storey extension And replacement retaining wall.
   Location: 8 Woodland Court, Flint.

2. Plan No: 059540
   Proposal: Conversion of existing double garage to provide accommodation ancillary to main dwelling house.
   Location: 56 Albert Avenue, Flint.

3. Plan No: 059551
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory – proposed single rear extension.
Location: 1 Bro Deg, Flint.

RESOLVED:

That there be no objections to the three above applications.

155.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Town Clerk reported that there were no such matters and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the position be noted

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect (in the Chair).

Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Reverend B. Harvey, J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, M. Evans, Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M.W. Moore.

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

156.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

157.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting held on Monday the 4th February, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect.

158.

PROGRESS WITH PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION OF THE CASTLE AND FORESHORE ARE – PRESENTATION Y MR. LAURENCE SMITH, HERITAGE REGENERATION MANAGER CADW:

The Chair, Councillor M. Perfect, welcomed Mr. Laurence Smith, heritage regeneration manager for CADW to the meeting and invited him to address the meeting. Mr Smith handed around a document (annexed to these minutes) summarising the presentation he was to give and confirmed that he would be happy to take questions after he had spoken. He then reminded members of the origins of the foreshore regeneration project and the determination of all involved to ensure community involvement in the process of developing in partnership with the RNLI and the Football and Rugby clubs Cadw and the County and Town Councils a new integrated community and visitor centre, the delivery of two elements of public art and finally improvements to the Castle with major floodlighting installation. He then praised the work of the partners on steering group and their investment of time and energy in the project .He was excited at the progress which had been made and the prospect of moving forward to the next phase of the plan which would involve ground investigation work and hopefully would lead to the submission of an outline panning application .He then outlined to members the main features of the proposed building design and the detailed work which was to be undertaken on developing a new governance model which would maximise the access.to external funding whilst protecting the occupants interests . The chair and a number of other members then praised Mr Smith and thanked him for his leadership of the programme. There was discussion of the exciting prospects before the Town council for Flint and the foreshore area and the Council's commitment to delivery was emphasised where upon it was:-

RESOLVED:-

To receive the presentation from Mr Smith, thank him for his continuing hard work in driving this project forward and to confirm the Council's continuing support for the proposed regeneration of the foreshore as it moves to the next phase of investigation and refinement leading to the submission of the appropriate planning application and to recommend accordingly to a Special Town Council meeting that this recommendation be endorsed and accepted.

159.

TOWN TRAIL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Town Clerk reported that there was the possibility that with Cadw funding Town Trail noticeboards could be obtained and he suggested that maybe 3 or 4 such boards could serve as public notice noticeboards , Council noticeboards and serve as a link between the foreshore and the Town . He reminded members that they had previously considered a Town Noticeboard as an aspiration but he also noted that the obvious points around the Town Hall for the Boards would involve planning permission within the conservation area and listed building consent if the Fabric of the Town Hall would be affected by attaching a board to the premises. There followed a number of comments from members concerning the difficulties of managing the content on the boards and time and energy that may be involved .the planning and other logistical difficulties were also canvassed and as a result it was :-

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted and that this matter be deferred to a future meeting when the Town Clerk can present details of the likely costs involved, the detailed planning implications and the experiences of other councils in managing such sites

160.

FLINT FESTIVAL – 2019:

The Chair Councillor M. Perfect briefed members on the progress that was being made in the arrangements for the Festival .She provided details of the main events proposed over the festival period and emphasised the linkage of all events over the period from the Town Council schools all performers and the RNLI with their annual dog show . It was confirmed that the appropriate action was being taken to ensure that the necessary licences and consents were put in place. Following a general discussion it was;-

RESOLVED:-

That the report be received and welcomed and that the Chair be thanked for her planning and commitment to the Festival and wishing her every success .

161.

PROPOSALS FOR FLINT FESTIVE FAIR:

The Chair Councillor M. Perfect advised members of discussions she had had with the Leader of the Council and proposed that she should be authorised to plan for A festive fair in the Town as a feature of the annual lights switch She anticipated no problem in securing sufficient interest from markets and other stall holders to ensure a successful event for the entire family. She confirmed that there would still be room for the traditional Round table school and charities events as usual on the street. A number of members spoke in support of these ideas and congratulated the chair upon her initiative and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the proposals of the Chair be approved and accepted and that the Town clerk be authorised to act in Consultation with the Chair of this committee to give effect to the proposals.

162.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Town Clerk reported that there were no such matters and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the position be noted

163.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Town Clerk reported that there were no such matters and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the position be noted

BRIEFING FOR FLINT TOWN COUNCIL ON THE FLINT FORESHORE REGENEREATION PROGRAMME - 4th MARCH 2019

Purpose: To bring members up to speed on current progress of project and key next steps

Background: Following the final sign off of the MoU and establishment of Steering Group structure in October there are currently three main strands to the project (aims and outline outputs noted in annex):
- New integrated community and visitor centre
- Public art research, consultation and delivery
- Castle improvements – Flood lighting, some interpretation

MAIN DEVELOPMENTS - OCTOBER 17 – APRIL 2018

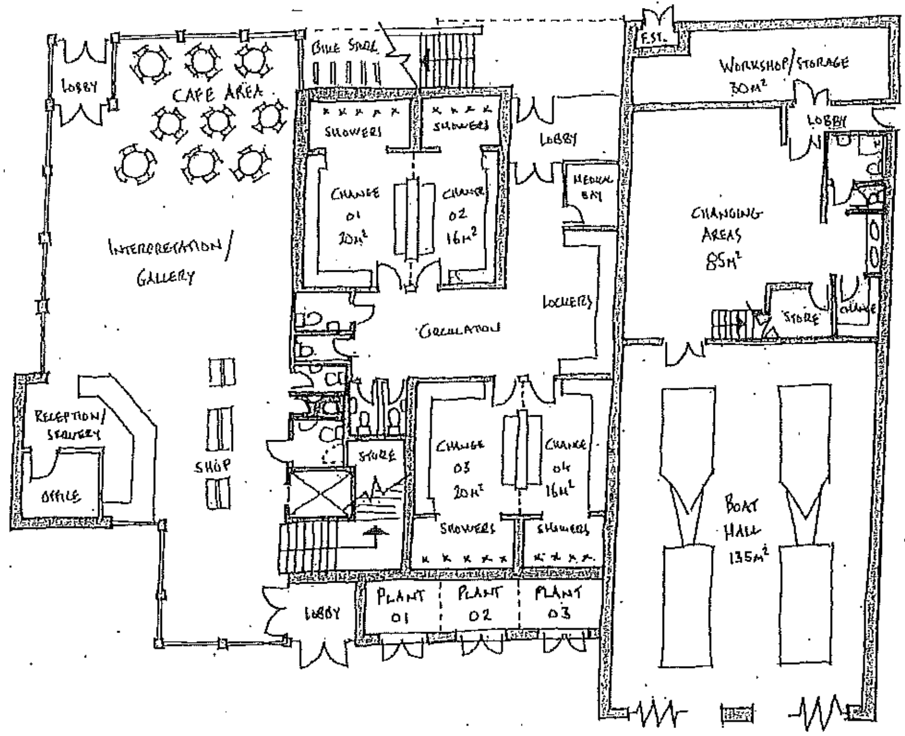
Centre	Public Art	Castle and related Improvements
• Appointment of new consultants to progress design, governance and funding • Several meetings with stakeholders to fully test and discuss evolving proposals • Final report estimating a £6m total project cost, new centre management company being established and small shortfall proposed in 5yr profit and loss projections • Initial discussions with WG colleagues for possible capital funds	• Grant offer of £48,5k agreed to FCC to explore views and attitudes to foreshore, town and public art • Appointment of public arts commission team • Two week story shop in Flint Town Centre - over 750 participants, AV resource with local schools prepares • Completion of final report with Public art themes and recommendations, commissioning of three story bench sculptures	• SMC and planning approval secured for flood light installation

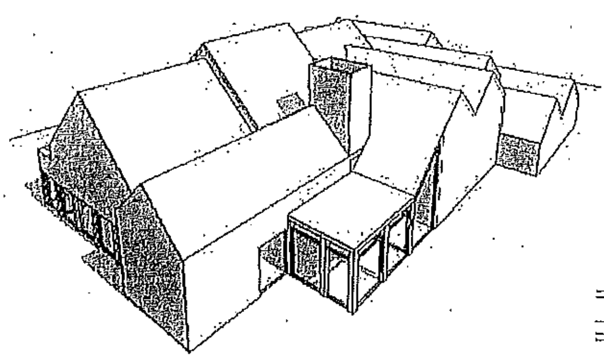
In May, Minister noted progress and proposals to move forward with indicative £200k spend for 19/20

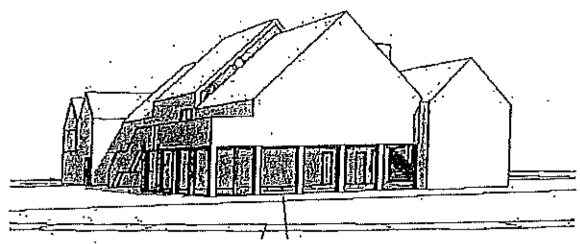
MAIN DEVELOPMENTS - MAY 2018 – February 2019

Centre	Public Art	Castle and related Improvements
• Tendering process for third development phase completed in September • Site visit to Llandudno RNLI station • Commission is phased with Value Engineering and viability exercise prioritized • Revised concept design, governance and funding model presented in December Steering Group now with greater focus on visitor experience with HE and NE • All partners provide letters of intent to proceed in-principle with the next phase of project • Further phased part of commission to de-risk project – Outline planning app, ground investigation work, environmental screening, finance and business case development work	• Installation of story benches (Sep –Nov) • Grant offer of £115k agreed to FCC for next phase of consultation, prep and installation of public art • Tendering process for art trail and main public art agreed • Art trail artist appointed • Main art work - four artists short listed to undertake outline public art proposals – public consultation to take place in Flint Library latter part of the month	• ASB incidences result in establishing security patrol for closure of site • Key keeper relinquishes key keeping duties - role currently being advertised for second time • Commissioning of contractors and installation • Several theft incidents resulting in cancelling launch and issues with re-engaging with contractor • Contractor currently on – site with completion

Current design iterations Dec 2018







Next steps:

Centre	Public Art	Castle and related Improvements
- Developing finance business case and new governance model - Completing ground investigation work and environmental screening - Securing outline planning approval with new design during spring 2019 - Refining designs - Continued discussions with possible funders - capital funding package for proposed (value engineered) build cost	- Ensuring local buy –in engagement on art trail project - Raising awareness to shortlisted outline proposals to secure good community engagement - Addressing media focus on public art proposals -	- Completion of Flood light project and possible launch event

Appendix - Draft Strategic context

The vision:
∘ To create a new vision for Flint foreshore and the setting of the castle, placing Flint on the national 'map' of historic and cultural attractions to visit
The mission:
∘ To provide a new building which offers both visitor and community facilities to improve the setting of the castle and surrounding area
∘ To encourage the development of high quality working, retail, commercial and leisure accommodation and facilities
Strategic Objectives
∘ Develop and support the regeneration of heritage, cultural, landscape and sporting assets as key economic drivers.
∘ Promote sensitive and complimentary development within the historic setting of the castle.
∘ Work with partner organisations, the local community and volunteers to develop a stronger combined offer and sense of civic pride in the Foreshore and its history
Outline outputs
- New community and visitor facility
- Capital investment delivered within Flint at c£3m
- New premises of over 1,000m
- Induced £100,000 of revenue funds (HLF and FCC)
- Three new Public Art interventions
- Over 1,000 people participating and engaging on related project initiatives
- Increase visitor numbers of 10,000 pa in yr 3
- 5% increase in sport participation
- Volunteer hrs (TBC).

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 4th February, 2019.

PRESENT:	The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P. (in the Chair). Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.
	Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Reverend B. Harvey, J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.
APOLOGIES:	Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, M. Evans, Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M.W. Moore.
IN ATTENDANCE:	J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk. Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

164.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

165.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on The 4th February, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, the Town Mayor Councillor D.L. Cox.

166.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

To consider the schedule of Accounts, Standing Orders and Direct Debit Payments.

RESOLVED:

That the schedule of accounts in the sum of **£5,348.41p.** be approved for payment.

167.

INTERIM AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2018-2019:

The Town Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Internal auditor who had raised a number of queries and had not yet completed her report .It was anticipated that this would be available for the next Town Council Meeting . As a part of the audit he had been reminded of the need to approve the

Councils policies and procedures in each year the principal documents were the Standing orders , Financial regulations , risk assessment and asset register .whist these formed the core they were of course underpinned by Health and safety , disciplinary , business recovery , dispute resolution and other policies . None of these documents were more than 5 years old and all had been reviewed by both internal and external audit. He therefore invited members to confirm them en bloc for this financial year and to select a number for review in detail in the next financial year.

RESOLVED :-

That all of the Councils existing policies and procedures including But not limited to the Standing orders, financial regulations, Risk Assessment and Asset Register be approved and adopted until further review in the next financial year

168.

CITY OF SANCTUARY:

The Town Mayor (and chair of this committee) reported that he had attended the launch of this initiative to support refugees and asylum seekers relocated to the area. He commended the initiative to members as worthwhile and for the benefit of the Town. He was making a donation from his allowance but he sought authority from the Council to display a sticker supporting City of Sanctuary in the Foyer of the Town Hall.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be received, the Town Mayors actions and comments be noted and the initiative be welcomed and supported and the display of the sticker be authorised.

169.

NORTH WALES WALLED TOWN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE VISIT TO IRELAND 26TH – 28TH MARCH, 2019:

The Town Clerk referred to a copy email that he had circulated detailing this proposed trip. He had only just received this detail and emphasised that the itinerary attached was the only information available. Flint had not been involved in this body in the past but had now been included as it was a "previously walled "Town. If any members were interested and more importantly available given the short notice he would be happy to make further enquiries.

RESOLVED :-

That any interested member do contact the Town Clerk and that he be given Powers to act to make the necessary arrangements .

170.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – C.A.B.:

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request from the CAB f for the council to consider granting them financial assistance. He would ordinarily have responded seeking details and supporting evidence of the body's accounts for this committee to then consider but the request also sought an opportunity to address the committee upon the details of its work. He therefore sought member's instructions. A number of members then spoke about the history of the Town Councils association with the CAB which had involved significant financial support whilst they were based in Flint. Upon the closure of the CAB in Flint that support had ceased. There was a view that anything more than a nominal donation should be subject to a commitment to reopen in Flint. After further discussion it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the Town Clerk do relay the councils comments to the CAB and that if in light of that they wish to make a presentation that the appropriate arrangements be made .

171.

HANGING BASKETS.

The Town Clerk reported that the Councils long term supplier of Hanging Baskets had ceased training and that he had therefore sought tenders for the supply of hanging baskets from three providers two commercial companies and one social enterprise. The lowest tender had come from the Social enterprise and they appeared to be capable of carrying out the work of supplying the filled baskets . Those baskets would be collected and installed by the same contractor that had undertaken this work for years to the council's satisfaction. In response to questions from members the Town Clerk gave details of the differences between the quotes obtained and the confirmation that none of the tenderers were Flint Based. After Further discussion it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the tender from the Social enterprise be accepted for one year and that the performance be reviewed for the following year .

172.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Town Clerk reported that there were no such matters and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

That the position be noted

Before the meeting opened the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor the Reverend Brian Harvey, led those present in prayer:

FLINT TOWN COUNCIL

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Flint Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 25th March, 2019.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P. (in the Chair). Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.

Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, Reverend B. Harvey, Mrs. E. Jones, J. Johnson, S. License, M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B. Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: M. Evans, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., M/s R. Johnson, M.W. Moore.

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk. Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

173.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

174.
MINUTES:

RESOLVED:
That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Flint Town Council Meeting, held on Monday thee 18th February, 2019, and the Special Flint Town Council Meeting, held on Monday the 4th March, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.

175.
MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

The Minutes of the following Committees were submitted for approval and adoption.

1. Town Hall Management Committee:

   Meeting held on Monday the 4th March, 2019.
2. Town Planning Committee:

   Meeting held on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

3. General Purposes Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

4. Finance and Policy Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th March, 2019.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of each of the above Committees, held On the 4th March, 2019, be approved and adopted.

176.

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

The Town Clerk reported that a preliminary visit had been undertaken to discuss the County Council options for traffic and parking controls around the Town hall and the immediate area. At that meeting the Leader of the Council received details of the preferred proposals prepared by the County Council and drew the officer's attention to the previous comments of the Town Council about the traffic flow patterns and the difficulties involved with parking. As a result of those comments and guided by the observations on site the officers agreed to reconsider their preferred proposal. Whilst it had been hope that there would be sufficient time for that reconsideration to enable a presentation to be made to members tonight the town clerk had today ascertained that the officers were still considering viable alternatives and that they would therefore be unable to make a meaningful presentation at the present time but would do so at the earliest opportunity when they had formulated detailed proposals upon which to consult. After some discussion about the issues themselves and the history of the problems and previous presentations it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk's report be received and noted and that the officers attendance be excused and that the presentation take place at a future meeting .

177.

TO CONSIDER THE INTERIM AUDIT 2018-2019:

The Town Clerk referred to the detailed interim audit report for the financial year 2018/19 received from the council's internal auditors copies of which had been circulated to all members for consideration..He pointed out that the report was both cumulative and comprehensive in that it rehearsed all of the previous reports and therefore recorded the council's receipt of and reaction to all of the matters raised therein .It was pleasing to note that the Council was recoded as having responded to all previous recommendations by implementing them .It was not surprising therefore that the issues raised in this report for action /follow up at year end were the previously noted ones of VAT relating to the Town Hall project and the council's website . In relation to the VAT the Town Clerk reported that when the project was concluded a detailed claim would be made for HMRC to consider and their response would have wider implications upon the reclaim of other VAT and the Council's finances in general. The project was almost at an end and accounts were being struck between the Town Council, the County Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund which would go some way towards the providing the detail for the report but until the final accounts for the project had been signed off the report could not be completed .With regard to the website the Town Clerk had been advised by the Website managers of a way forward in an email copies of which were circulated the relevant parts of which are reproduced below :-

" In relation to the Town Council website, the author of the theme for your website has announced that they are only now releasing security updates and that they will no longer be supporting this version (although they have not given a date for this.

That being the case my recommendation would be to upgrade the website to a new theme, which will continue to be supported with security updates. Without this it will not be possible to secure your website properly, and I will be unable to provide support for this particular aspect if you choose to renew your support in April.

That being the case I understand that you have removed the content from your site with a view of freshening it up, this would actually provide a perfect opportunity to carry out this work, as the cost of transferring the content will be minimal which will reduce the costs involved."

In addition the domain name of Flint Town Council .gov.uk was available to the council which would filter out some spam email and reinforce the stature of the website and the Town Clerk suggested that both these matters should be pursued to have the new website up and running as soon as possible in the next municipal year .

There followed a general discussion in which the proposals for the website were supported and the position of the VAT noted as it had been on previous occasions in the chamber when raised by the clerk. Members noted that in all other respects there was a clean bill of health from the internal Audit for which the Town Clerk was thanked and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report of the internal Auditors be received and noted and that the Town Clerks proposals for response to the matters raised be approved and implemented that in particular the .gov.uk domain be acquired and the Website be refreshed ,repopulated and relaunched as soon as possible in the next municipal year .

178.
TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT:

The Town Clerk was pleased to report that the physical work on the building was now almost complete and that there remained only a detailed snagging list to attend to before entering the retention period of the works. The snagging items of most importance related to the steps and handrail at the front of the building, the rear doors and the Balcony works both internal and external. With the advent of better weather it was hoped that all these works could be accommodated in two or three visits as the Linseed oil based paint required arm dry weather to dry. The projects finances were however more complicated and in particular the balancing between Town And county Councils had produced problems which pointed to to a significant shortfall in what the Town Council would receive. County Officers were trying to identify the scale of this but in Town Clerk's view the impact on the Town Councils finances which were already, as previously reported, stretched would be significant as that money had been earmarked to sustain the council until the first instalment of the precept was received. In the Town Clerk's view it would be prudent to consider securing overdraft facilities to prevent financial embarrassment as until the amounts had been ascertained it would not be possible to progress the borrowing approval application previously discussed . Members raised a number of issues concerning the amounts involved and the delay in county officers providing information to reconcile the accounts .It was however noted that with year-end procedures intervening those delays could be considerable .It was also considered prudent to ensure that any facility sought should extend until approval of the borrowing approval and receipt of finances from the PWLB and it was therefore:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the position be noted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to act in consultation with the town Mayor and the leader of the Council to secure overdraft facilities from the Council' s bankers in such sums as are appropriate and necessary to the discharge of the Councils obligations falling due before receipt of the PWLB loan subject to a report back upon the exercise of the power .

179.

TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS IN APRIL AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Town Clerk reported that the Annual General meeting had been arranged for the 17th May 2019 with the Civic Dinner to follow at the Mountain Park Hotel Flint subject to member's approval. It was customary for there not to be meetings in April to allow for the closure of accounts however members had expressed a wish to invite a number of speakers to the Town council and if one of those could be secured then perhaps a Town Council meeting towards the End of April may be appropriate .

RESOLVED:

That the AGM be fixed for 17th May @ 6.15 pm and Civic Dinner at 8.00pm At the Mountain Park Hotel Flint and that the Town Clerk do depart from the normal practice of the council that there should be no meetings in April so as to arrange a meeting in April only if one of the previously invited speakers is available .