

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a virtual meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 19th October, 2020.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms. M. Buckley, Mrs. M. Perfect (in the Chair).

Councillors: D.L. Cox, J.P., Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, Councillor Rev. B. Harvey, Mrs. L. Jones, J.P., Ms R. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S.K. License, M.W. Moore, Miss. S. Moore and Mrs. V. Perfect.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: M. Evans, J. Johnson, I.B. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk and Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

263. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

264. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

265. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING THE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Town Clerk reported that Rotary Club have confirmed the Christmas float will tour the streets of the Town but will not remain static in any one place.

RESOLVED: Noted.

266. SPEED WARNING SIGN, A5119

Councillor P. Cunningham reported that both himself and Councillor Mrs. V. Perfect have received complaints from residents regarding speeding on the A5119. The area has previously had the speed reduced from 60 to 40 MPH but there are still issues with speeding on this road.

Councillor P. Cunningham had previously asked the Town Clerk to obtain information from Northop Hall Community Council regarding the details and cost of their Radar Speed sign, in 2018 a sign cost £2267.00.

Councillor P. Cunningham proposed the Council considers making budget provision in 2021/22 for the cost of two Radar Speed Signs. Councillors supported this.

RESOLVED: That the Council will include an amount in the 2021/22 budget to the purchase of the Radar Speed Signs.

267. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Councillor Mrs. R. Johnson updated the Council regarding the request for Welsh Government to consider a policy that dog owners must have a licence and insurance. A response has been received and a Policy will not be considered at this current time.

Councillor P. Cunningham thanked Councillor R. Johnson for all her hard work with this matter.

The Town Clerk reported that due to the departure of Inspector Cust, he was unable to attend a Council meeting, however once his replacement was in post, the invite could be extended again. Councillor S. K. License asked if the Council could prepare a statement of all Anti-Social behaviour issues in the town and send this to the Inspector. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That a letter is sent to the local Inspector to highlight the anti-social behaviour issues in the town.

268. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor M. Perfect suggested we light up the trees on Chester Road.

Councillor P. Cunningham also suggested we have an additional tree on the shop front opposite the Fire Station.

Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed to the additions to the Christmas illuminations.

269. ARTISAN MARKET

Councillor M. Perfect reported that she had received a request to hold an Artisan Market on Saturday 31st October, however after the Town Clerk consulted with Flintshire's Markets team, the market could only be held on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Friday. The Artisan Market organiser said these days did not suit.

Councillor M. Perfect was also approached by the proprietor of 'Rent of Shelf' in Flint regarding holding a Christmas Craft market in December. Councillor M. Perfect met with Streetscene Officers and it was agreed that no road closure was needed for a market as the Traders can set up in the parking bays on one side of the street and around the Church.

Councillors agreed this would be an excellent festive event for the Town and thanked Councillor M. Perfect for her work.

RESOLVED: That Councillor M. Perfect will update the Council at the next meeting.

270. ANNUAL MEETING AND DECEMBER MEETING

The Town Clerk reported after consultation with the Mayor and Leader, it was suggested that the Annual Meeting be held on Monday 16th November via zoom as the guidance stated we have to hold an Annual Meeting before 31st December, 2020.

The Town Clerk also reported, after consultation with the Mayor and Leader it was suggested that no meeting is held in December as the usual Mayor's Hospitality Reception could not be held due to Covid.

The Council agreed and gave the Town Clerk powers to act in the month of December.

RESOLVED: That the Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 16th November, that the Council will not hold a meeting in December and that the Town Clerk be given powers to act.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 19 th October, 2020
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