

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a virtual meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 19th April, 2021.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: M.W. Moore and Miss. S. Moore.

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

88. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no Members of the Public present.

89. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

90. CHIEF INSPECTOR S. ROBERTS, FLINTSHIRE NORTH

The Chief Inspector S. Roberts, Flintshire North was due to be in attendance, however, gave his apologies.

91. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th March, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

92. PUBLIC TOILETS

Councillor J. Johnson reported he had been approached by residents on numerous occasions that Flint has no public toilets. They have all been demolished. It has been reported that areas of the Town are being used as a public toilet.

Councillor J. Johnson said he is aware that the Pavilion has a public toilet, but this has been closed for many months due to the pandemic and it is also out of the Town Centre. Other Towns have public toilets.

Councillor P. Cunningham said he is not aware of the surrounding Town's having Public Toilets as Flintshire County Council stopped maintaining these some years ago.

Councillor M. Evans said the Flintshire website has a Local Toilet Strategy which explains

they only maintain four toilets in Flintshire: Talacre, Holywell and two in Mold.

Councillors said they believe the Connects Centre and the Library apparently have toilets which the Public can use but these locations need to be confirmed and if public can use the toilets, they need to publicise this.

Councillor Mrs. V. Perfect proposed the Council write to Flintshire County Council to ask for clarification where the public toilets are in Flint and ask, why they are not replacing the toilets that have been demolished.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council to ask for clarification where the public toilets are in Flint and ask, why they are not replacing the toilets that have been demolished.

93. RE-SITING OF CCTV CAMERA

The Clerk reported that following the decision to move the Fern Close CCTV Camera to Dee Cottages / Henry Taylor Street Bridge, she shared a quotation from Flintshire County Council to have the camera installed, Council agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact Flintshire County Council to ask the CCTV Camera is installed at Dee Cottages / Henry Taylor Street Bridge.

94. CENOTAPH GRANT

Councillor Mrs. E. Jones reported that she had spoken to the Vice Chair of the Royal British Legion to ask if any works were required at the Town's Cenotaphs. The Vice Chair said both would benefit from a clean and some of the surrounding flagstones were damaged / uneven.

Councillors agreed to apply for the grant, however, the grant application cut-off date may have passed, if so, we will apply at the next application stage.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will apply for the grant if available.

95. TOWN MAYOR 2021/22

Councillor P. Cunningham proposed that at the Annual Meeting 2021, the incoming Mayor should be elected as Mayor for two years as opposed to the usual one-year term due to on-going covid restrictions.

Councillor S. License said this could prove difficult due to the 2022 Elections.

Councillors said the incoming Mayor could hold the Inauguration Ceremony either via Zoom, with the Mayor, Deputy and Town Clerk present in the Town Hall Council Chamber, socially distanced or an outdoor event at the Castle. The Dinner could be held at a later date in the year when restrictions ease.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will consider the options and arrange accordingly in consultation with Mayor, Deputy, Leader and Deputy Leader.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 19th April, 2021
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