

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a virtual meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 17th October, 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. V. Perfect (in the Chair).

Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley, D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies, R. Davies B. Goldsborough, M. W. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, I. B. Roberts, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk

85. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

86. MINUTES

Councillor P. Cunningham asked that thanks is given to the Town Council staff for ensuring the necessary protocol was followed after the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

RESOLVED: That the thanks to the Town Hall staff is noted and that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th July, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

87. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Councillor M. Moore said that the last time Flint held the National Eisteddfod was 1969 and proposed we add our name to the list to host the event again, he is aware of logistical issues, but it would be wonderful to see this event back in Flint.

The Councillors agreed it would be economically beneficial for the town of Flint and the Welsh Language should be celebrated, however it could bring logistical problems.

Councillor R. Davies proposed we ask for information regarding the costs and revenues of previous events which could perhaps help us with estimations of the net financial cost or benefit of holding a future event in Flint and we could discuss further at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to the National Eisteddfod organisers to request information regarding the costs and revenues of previous events and place on a future agenda for further discussions.

88. BRIDGE OVER PANDY STREAM (NEAR THE YACHT PUBLIC HOUSE)

Councillor M. Moore reported the footpath over the bridge needs to be widened and railings erected, to prevent people from falling into the brook.

Councillor Ms. M. Buckley said she had also been approached by residents who had fallen in the brook and informed the Council that this area is a potential site for a pedestrian crossing. As County Councillor, Councillor Ms. M. Buckley will report the issue to Flintshire Highways.

RESOLVED: That, Councillor Ms. M. Buckley will report the issue to Flintshire Highways.

89. DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor M. Moore reported the town's locations for defibrillators are the train station and the library and proposed as the Town Hall is having an increased number of events, the Town Hall should also have a defibrillator.

Councillor P. Cunningham said there also defibrillators near the Yacht Public House and Fire Station, Another at the Town Hall would be beneficial although it would be best located on the outside of the Building, however, advice would need to be sought from the Flintshire Heritage Officer as the Town Hall is a listed building.

Councillors suggested adding the locations of the Town's defibrillators on the Town Council website.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact the Flintshire Heritage Officer and look to put the locations of the Defibrillators on the Town Council website.

90. TRAIN CANCELLATIONS

Councillor B. Goldsborough reported concerns about the number of train cancellations we have faced and how our services have been cut even further by Avanti. Councillor B. Goldsborough had surveyed circa 55 residents from the town and surroundings villages

Councillor Mrs. N. Davies attended a recent North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils North, Coast Transport Liaison Committee held on 7th October 2022. Issues were raised around the services between Holyhead and London being reduced to one a day, trains not running on time and being cancelled. Mr. N. Smith, Regional Growth Manager will take the comments back to his management. Issues with disabled access between platforms and toilet facilities were also discussed.

Councillor M. W. Moore confirmed the booking office is being modernised and a temporary booking office will in place for approximately 3 months and he is aware of plans for a new improved bridge but has not been informed of a timescale for works.

Councillors proposed we write to Avanti Trains to ask for an explanation for the terrible service Flint are receiving.

RESOLVED: That the report is noted.

91. WARM HUB

Councillor Mrs. N. Davies reported that since she had requested this item to be placed on the agenda, Flintshire County Council have looked into locations for warm hubs. However, suggested the Town Hall could be included a warm hub.

The Town Clerk said the Town Hall is used by many groups and we may not have the space to offer.

Councillor P. Cunningham said he had a meeting with the Rector, and he is happy to open up the church for a local warm hub in the Town.

RESOLVED: That the report is noted.

92. COMMUNITY GARDEN

Councillor Mrs. N. Davies reported a Bagillt resident had contacted her regarding a Community Garden and the possibility to develop in the Flint Area. The Community Garden grows fruit and vegetables which local residents can have at no charge.

Councillor P. Cunningham reminded Councillors that some months ago the library were looking to start a Community Garden and asked the Council for a financial donation, can we contact the Library to ascertain where this project is at.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to Aura Leisure and Libraries to enquire about the Community Garden project.

93. NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Councillor Mrs. N. Davies attended a recent meeting and circulated a report to all Councillors for information. Councillor Mrs. N. Davies also reported that the Town Hall was hosting the next meeting on Friday 21st October and that the Mayor was attending to welcome guests.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

94. DOG RUN

Councillor Ms. M. Buckley reported that a local resident had asked if the Town Council would consider locations for a dog run, a safe place for dogs to be off the lead and exercise.

Councillor Ms. M. Buckley proposed that she will contact Flintshire County Council to ascertain if any available land and costings etc to set up a dog run then report back to Council. Council agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ms. M. Buckley will contact Flintshire County Council and report back to Council.

95. FLINT FESTIVE FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect reported that the Annual Light Switch on and Festive Fair will take place on Thursday 24th November and detailed the plan, in addition to the usual

activities, 100 lite up HGV trucks will drive through the town raising money for charity and both Giddo's Gifts and North Wales Superkids will benefit from monies raised.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect said due to the current energy crisis, this year the lights will be switched off at 9pm. We still need joy in the town but have to be mindful of the current situation we are facing.

Councillor P. Cunningham proposed thanks to the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect for all her continued hard work with this excellent town event.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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