

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 21st November 2022.

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

Councillors: D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies, R. Davies, B. Goldsborough, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. L. Leigh, M. W. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley and I. B. Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk and Mrs. N. Thornton, Support Officer.

126. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

127. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

128. TOWN CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Town Clerk reported that following a request to ascertain if the Council could erect a Defibrillator to the exterior of the Town Hall, the Flintshire Heritage Officer confirmed we could, however, this would be to the rear of the building, adjacent to the disabled ramped access.

Councillors requested that the Town Clerk obtained information and quotations for a Defibrillator on the exterior Town Hall building.

The Town Clerk also reported that following a request to contact Aura Libraries regarding the progress of the Community Garden, which the Council had donated £500, the Library Service Manager responded to say unfortunately due to COVID and ensuing complications, they have had to go back out to tender for the works and the costs have doubled from the initial estimates and they are in the process of applying for additional funding.

Councillors suggested Aura could contact Flintshire County Council for the Town Funding that had recently been circulated and also, the probation service can help with volunteers.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will obtain information and quotations for a Defibrillator on the exterior of the Town Hall building and report back to the next Council Meeting and that the suggestions regarding the Community Garden are passed onto the Library Manager.

129. SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Town Clerk reported that Ysgol Gwynedd had a vacancy for a minor authority representative on the governing body and asked the council to nominate a representative.

The Council proposed Councillor D. Challenger for the position of minor authority representative.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will inform Ysgol Gwynedd that Councillor D. Challenger was nominated for the position of minor authority representative.

130. FLINT STREET MARKET

The Council considered an email from Flintshire Business Development Manager regarding Flint Street Market and the Town Councils previous recommendation to permanently close the market some years ago.

Councillor P. Cunningham said reinstating the market would not work and proposed that the Council noted the email and no further action.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will respond to the Flintshire Business Development Manager that the Council do not wish to reinstate the town market.

131. HANGING BASKETS

The Town Clerk reported that the Council has historically invoiced Flintshire County Council for the costs of the ten hanging baskets on the County Office building in Flint. Flintshire County Council have recently contacted the Town Council to say that they will not be paying this year's invoice as they cannot locate an agreement between the Councils to re charge for the hanging baskets. The town Clerk asked the Council if they wish to continue to display hanging baskets on the County Offices and absorb the costs.

Councillors agreed that they will no longer display hanging baskets on the Flint County Offices building.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will inform Flintshire County Council.

132. POLICE CA/ALM ENGAGEMENT MEETING

The Town Clerk reported but the Police will be holding a meeting within the first couple of weeks of December and have asked the Council to provide up to three issues that they may have in the town and also to nominate a Councillor to attend the meeting.

Councillors proposed that Councillor L. Leigh is the representative and will forward issues to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will inform the Police that for the next meeting, Councillor Mrs. L. Leigh will attend the meeting as a Council representative.

133. FLOODING

Councillor L. Leigh reported that there is a serious flooding issues outside the George and Dragon Public House and Boots the Chemist in Church Street and proposed that this is reported to Flintshire Streetscene.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will report the flooding issue Flintshire Streetscene.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 21 st November 2022
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