

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 18th September, 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Challenger (in the Chair).

Councillors: R. Davies, N. Davies, B. Goldsborough, C. Griffiths, L. Leigh, M. Moore, M. Perfect, V. Perfect, I. Roberts, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: P. Cunningham and E. Jones.

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

84. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

85. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

86. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

87. SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

Councillor M. Perfect asked Council for support to hold another Spooktacular event at the Town's Cinema. Last year the event was extremely well attended and was wonderful for the children as well as supporting a local business. There will be no cost to the Town Council to hold this event.

RESOLVED: That the Council supported Councillor M. Perfect in holding this event.

88. FESTIVE FAIR 2023

Councillor M. Perfect informed Council the Annual Light Switch on will be on Thursday 30th November, all the usual events will take place including a market throughout the day. There will be no cost to the Town Council to hold this event.

In addition to the annual switch on, Councillor M. Perfect asked for Councils support to hold an additional three events:

15th December, in conjunction with the Rotary Club and supporting St. Kentigern's charity, hold a sing along around the Church Christmas tree and residents can write a loved ones name on a wooden star, supplied by the Rotary Club and hang on the tree.

16th December, following the success from last year, hold the Festival of Lights, where truck drivers pay a fee to form a convoy of decorated and light up trucks who will travel from Deeside, Flint, Bagillt and back to the Flint Castle area. Half of the money raised will be donated to the Mayor's Charity fund.

Flint United have agreed to provide food for the drivers.

17th December, in conjunction with the Coastal Ranger, hold a Santa dash around the Coastal path. It will be a 3 km run for Santa's, Children and Dogs, all participants will supply their own suits and any money raised will go to their own charities.

Councillor M. Perfect said there will be no cost to the Town Council to hold these events.

Councillors agreed to support the events and thanked Councillor M. Perfect for making the arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the Council supported Councillor M. Perfect in holding all the Festive events.

89. FLINT FESTIVAL 2024

Councillor M. Perfect asked for the Council's approval to plan the Flint Festival 2024. It will be the same format as previous years but with the return of the Flint's got Talent. It will start on the 5th July and end with Rock the Castle on the weekend of 13th and 14th July.

Councillor M. Perfect played a short film of the Festival 2023, which a local resident kindly filmed and produced.

RESOLVED: That the Council supported Councillor M. Perfect in arranging the Flint Festival 2024.

90. POP UP RESTAURANTS AT THE TOWN HALL

Councillor M. Perfect reported she was approached by Just Dine Catering regarding holding a pop-up restaurant at the Town Hall on Sunday 22nd October, following the success of the pop-up restaurant within Festival week. They hope this could become a regular event.

Councillor M. Perfect said she will keep Councillors informed and hoped they may wish to attend.

RESOLVED: That the Council supported the Pop-Up Restaurants being held at the Town Hall.

91. WINTER PLANTING

The Town Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for Winter Planting around the Town Hall. The quotation was shared with Council.

Councillor M. Perfect said although the winter planting was pleasing for the Town, with budget constraints in mind, she proposed we did not have winter planting this year. Councillors agreed.

92. PUBLIC BENCH OUTSIDE LIBRARY

Councillor L. Leigh proposed that herself and members of the public painted the benches from the Library to the George and Dragon public house and make them into friendship benches, the idea to help combat mental health, give residents a place to sit and talk to others. We could include a Welsh speaking bench to help promote the Welsh language. There would be no cost to the Council.

Councillors supported the idea an excellent way of raising awareness of both mental health and to the Welsh language, however said as the benches were the property of Flintshire County Council, we would need to write to Streetscene services to ask for permission.

Councillor N. Davies proposed we also ask Flintshire Streetscene to tidy the garden area around the benches.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to Flintshire Streetscene to seek permission to paint the benches from the Library to the George and Dragon public house and also request the garden area is tided.

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