

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 20th November, 2023.

Before the opening of the meeting the Mayor invited Rev. R. Hainsworth, Chaplain to lead all present in prayer.

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

Councillors: M. Buckley, D. Challenger, N. Davies, B. Goldsborough, C. Griffiths, E. Jones, L. Leigh, M. Moore, M. Perfect, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: P. Cunningham, R. Davies and I. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Wood, Town Clerk, N. Thornton, Support Officer, Mr. T. Roberts, Network Rail Communication Manager, Mr. T. Smith, Network Rail Lead Portfolio Manager, Will Lawson, Network Sponsor, Mr. D. Malkin, Senior Project Manager at AmcoGiffen and Mr. N. Smith, Avanti West Coast - Regional Growth Manager.

137. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

138. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

139. FLINT RAILWAY STATION

The Chair welcomed representatives from Network Rail and Avanti West Coast to give a presentation and update regarding the introduction of the new trains on the North Wales - London Euston route and an update on the Flint Railway Station improvements.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions, which the representatives answered and/or will reply formally in writing.

The Chair thanked both Network Rail and Avanti West Coast for attending and providing Council with a very informative presentation.

RESOLVED: That the Report was noted.

140. NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS RAIL REPORT AND SURVEY

Councillor N. Davies gave a brief overview of the report and survey, namely reporting that the main issues received via the survey were the overcrowding on peak time trains, no seats for passengers and issues with accessing toilet facilities at peak times. Also, the issue with cancellations affecting work travel, which is causing less passengers to use trains for business travel.

Councillor N. Davies proposed that a 'Transport briefing' item is added to the agenda as a standing item. Councillors agreed.

Councillor M. Whittaker thanked Councillor N. Davies for all her hard work relating to this matter and representing the Council on this organisation.

RESOLVED: That the report was noted and that a 'Transport briefing' item is added to the agenda as a standing item.

141. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

142. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL PLAQUE

Councillor M. Buckley proposed the Council invite Lance Corporal Terry Jones of Flint to a Council meeting and present him with a Council Plaque in recognition of his service and success at the Invictus Games.

Lance Corporal Jones was horrendously injured whilst on active duty in Afghanistan and in September he competed in the Invictus Games and won two bronze medals.

Councillor M. Perfect thanks Councillor M. Buckley for proposing this and agreed that Lance Corporal Jones should be honoured by the Town Council.

Councillor B. Goldsborough added as Mayor of the Council, it would be his honour to present this plaque alongside the Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to Lance Corporal Jones to invite him to attend the next meeting.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 20 th November 2023
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