



FLINT TOWN COUNCIL

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Mrs. Lesley Wood
Town Clerk

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April 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby requested to attend the Hybrid Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** on Monday 15th April 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to discuss the following agenda.

The physical venue will be the Town Hall, Flint, CH6 5NW. Should you wish to attend virtually via Zoom, please email or telephone the Town Clerk to request the meeting ID at least three working days prior to the meeting.

In accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the summons to attend a meeting will now be sent to members electronically. If a member wants to receive the summons in writing rather than electronically, you must give notice in writing to myself and specify the postal address to which the summons should be sent.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

Before the Committee Meetings commence the Town Mayor will ask his Chaplain to say prayers

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Public Enquiry Item

In accordance with the agreed criteria (copies will be available at the meeting) any member of the public present can ask a question or make comment on any agenda item

3. Declaration of Interest – Members Code of Conduct

4. Flint Railway Station

Ms. M. Lawton, Community Rail Strategy Lead and Mr. S. Jones Commercial Development Manager will attend to provide an update on the railway station improvements.



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5. To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024

6. Clerks update on matters arising from the previous meeting, if any

7. Flint Festival & Town Events

To receive updates.

8. Transport Briefing

To receive updates.

9. Christmas Illuminations in the Town

To consider the display for 2024 onwards.

10. Nature Link Project Letter of Support

Councillor N. Davies to report.

11. Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillor L. Leigh to report.

12. Rateable Values and Water Rates on Flintshire Properties

Councillor C. Griffiths to report.

13. Cornist Cemetery

Councillor C. Griffiths to report regarding No Parking Signage and pathway area.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 18th March, 2024.

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

Councillors: M. Buckley, D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, N. Davies, R. Davies, B. Goldsborough, C. Griffiths, E. Jones, M. Perfect, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor M. Moore.

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

229. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

230. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

231. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

232. FLINT FESTIVAL & TOWN EVENTS

Councillor M. Perfect updated the Council on the forthcoming town events and advised this item will be a standing item on the agenda to provide regular updates.

Councillor M. Perfect also reported that Willmott Dixon Construction Limited kindly donated all the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt which will be held on Easter Sunday at the Castle.

Councillor M. Buckley reported that the planning of the Pride Event, which will be held on 22nd June has made excellent progress and gave Councillors a brief overview of the days itinerary.

The Town Clerk advised on 6th June; Councils have been asked to fly a flag to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing. The Town Clerk shared an example of the flag and costings. Councillors agreed to the purchase of the flag.

The Town Clerk also reported that Flintshire County Council will now charge Town and Community Councils for road closures at any events. Each event will be assessed, and a cost will be advised.

RESOLVED: That all the information was noted and that a commemorative D-Day Landing Flag will be purchased and flown at the Town Hall.

233. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAYORS' INAUGURATION

The Council considered the arrangements and invitee list for the Mayor's Inauguration.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed updates for the Order of Ceremony.

Councillor J. Stonely proposed Maes Hyfryd is added to the invitee list along with the Town's High Schools.

Councillors agreed to both proposals.

RESOLVED: That the amendments and updates be made in preparation for this year's Mayor's Inauguration.

234. PLAYScheme RELOCATION

The Council considered an email from Mr. T. Collins, Flintshire Play Supervisor regarding re-locating the Dee Cottages playscheme to the front of the Castle walls. This is due to a drop in numbers which was due to a provision that Aura were delivering in front of the Castle entrance. By re-locating the scheme, it is believed it will gain a higher attendance, thus making it more of a sustainable service.

Councillor B. Goldsborough proposed Council agrees to the relocation of the playscheme as it will benefit more children. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to Mr. T. Collins, Flintshire Play Supervisor to advise the Council support the proposed move of the Dee Cottages Playscheme to the Castle Walls.

235. CCTV CAMERAS WITHIN THE TOWN

The Council considered a report from the Maintenance Contractor for the Town Council's CCTV Cameras which identified some issues, the required repairs and costings were shared with Councillors.

Councillor J. Stoneley proposed the repairs and costings were accepted as these CCTV Cameras benefit the Town and keep residents safe. Councillors agreed.

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will authorise the Maintenance Contractor to carry out the necessary repairs on the Town's CCTV Cameras.

236. LIGHTING UP THE BUILDING

The Council considered a request from a charity to light up the Town Hall to raise awareness on a specific day.

The Town Clerk advised we do receive a number of these requests, and as the Town Hall does not have their own lights, to do this, it would incur a cost to the Council. The Town Clerk also requested Council agree a procedure for dealing with future requests.

Councillor P. Cunningham proposed we consider obtaining a quotation to purchase our own lights, which we can change colour according to the event. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will obtain a quotation and report back to Council.

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Date of Council Meeting	Monday 18 th March 2024
..... Chair	

Agenda Item 9 - Christmas Illuminations in the Town

This item has been brought to Council following a number of issues raised with the current Christmas Lights in the Town, that is, faults identified, and repairs required.

We are awaiting costs from Mega Electrical regarding the repair costs to re-install the current lights this year.

After consultation with the Leader, Cllr. M. Perfect, we have sought to obtain three quotations as per Financial Regulations for a new display. This has proved difficult as there not many companies that offer the service.

We had two sites visits, one with Blachere Illumination UK Ltd and one with LITE. However, Blachere Illuminations confirmed they were unable to provide a quotation due to the budget constraints. Therefore, we have only had a one quotation from LITE. Information to be emailed to all Councillors.

Please note this costing is to rent the lights over 5 years, then we have the option to keep the lights, at no extra charge (however, we then become responsible for all the potential repair costs) or we can choose to change to a new scheme of lights.

LITE has provided a quote for two different schemes, Option A and Option B. Also included in the quotation, is a colour changing Light on the Balcony, which Council suggested at the previous meeting, so we can change the colour of the building according to the Charity / Event. Information to be emailed to Councillors.

Mega Electrical has also provided a quotation for the install, electrical testing etc if we opt for a new scheme of lights. Information to be emailed to all Councillors.

Attached are figures for the new scheme, Options A & B.

If hard copies of any of the emails are required, please ask the Town Hall Office.



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Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Please note requests must be submitted by the Monday prior to the meeting date.

Name of Councillor	Lynda Leigh
Title of Proposal	<i>Please provide a title that can be used on the agenda to describe your proposal.</i> Anti Social Behaviour - Roskell Square
Purpose and details of the Proposal	<i>Please provide as much detail as possible to your proposal so that Councillors are fully informed ahead of the meeting of what is to be considered.</i> I know we have discussed this before and I have meetings with NWP but still nothing has changed and it is all associated with one address. The videos tenants are sending me are absolutely horrendous proof of the disgusting behaviour which occurs on a regular basis & still Nwp & Clywd Alyn do nothing. I am going to invite both agencies to a meeting with residents where they can explain to them why nothing is being done.
Financial Implications	<i>If there are financial implications – please provide as accurate as possible how much this proposal will cost the Council.</i>
Date submitted	3.4.24

****Please note that this proposal will be included with the emailed agenda sent to Councillors.**



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Name of Councillor	Carol Griffiths
Title of Proposal	<i>Please provide a title that can be used on the agenda to describe your proposal.</i> Anti Rateable Value and Water Rates on Flintshire Properties
Purpose and details of the Proposal	<i>Please provide as much detail as possible to your proposal so that Councillors are fully informed ahead of the meeting of what is to be considered.</i> <i>Propose that the Council writes to Flintshire County Council to ask for the ratable values on properties to be reviewed as the water rates are based on this information.</i> <i>Residents have informed Councillor Griffiths that those living in Band D Properties are paying more water rates than those living in E properties.</i>
Financial Implications	<i>If there are financial implications – please provide as accurate as possible how much this proposal will cost the Council.</i>
Date submitted	27.3.24

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New Scheme of Christmas Lights Quotation

Mega Electrical Annual Costs (contractor for installing & storage of xmas lights)	£16,732.00	Mega One off 2024 Costs (this is for one off cost for accomodating a new scheme)	£2,544.00
LITE Annual Costs (contractor for rental of xmas lights) Option A - 5 year agreement	£23,636.00	<i>* FTC will own the lights after the 5 year period</i>	
Option B - 5 year agreement	£19,986.00		

2024 Costs	
Mega & LITE Option A	£42,912.00
Mega & LITE Option B	£39,262.00

Current Christmas Illuminations & Events Budget allocated for 2024/25	£25,000.00
Shortfall required from General Reserves 2024 for Option A	£19,525.00
Shortfall required from General Reserves 2024 Option B	£15,875.00

2025 - 2028 Costs	
Mega & LITE Option A	£40,368.00
Mega & LITE Option B	£36,718.00

Increase Required in Budget from 2025 onwards	
Increased Budget required for 2025 - 2028 for Option A	£16,981.00
Increased Budget required for 2025 - 2028 for Option B	£13,331.00

2023 Christmas Events Costs		
Buckley Band	Light Switch on	£150.00
Medical cover	Light Switch on	£156.00
PA System Light	Light Switch on	£200.00
Fireworks	Light Switch on	£1,500.00
Medical cover	Santa Dash	£82.00

Buckley Band	Light up a Life Event	£150.00
Star Install & Remove	Light up a Life Event	£195.00
Food for Truckers	Festival of Light	£300.00
Total Expenditure		£2,733.00
Income Received		£1,120.00
Total Events Expenditure 2023/24		£1,613.00

** This expenditure also comes from the current £25,000 Christmas Illuminations & Events budget*