

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.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 18 th March 2024
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