

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on Monday the 16th September, 2024.

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

PRESENT: Councillor N. Davies (in the Chair).

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor I. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Wood, Town Clerk, N. Thornton, Support Officer, Mr. T. Woodhall, Flintshire Service Manager, Access & Natural Environment and Ms. I. Smith, Flintshire Connecting Countryside and Coast Development Officer and Members of the Public.

84. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

85. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interests made.

86. FLINTSHIRE COAST PARK

Mr. T. Woodhall, Flintshire Service Manager, Access & Natural Environment and Ms. I. Smith, Flintshire Connecting Countryside and Coast Development Officer were in attendance to provide an overview and update on the Flintshire Coast Park.

Councillor P. Cunningham raised the importance of considering accessibility issues and the need for inclusive pathways that accommodate all community members. Mr. T. Woodall acknowledged the concerns, he stated that it is an aspiration to ensure that walkways are accessible to everyone and will continue to collaborate with landowners and stakeholders to achieve improved accessibility in future developments.

Councillor M. Perfect expressed thanks to the Officers for their outstanding work and paid special tribute to Mr. M. Taylor, Flintshire Coastal Ranger, for his excellent contributions.

Councillor M. Perfect shared her goal to introduce a Park Run at the coastal park, inspired by the success of the recent Santa Dash event and previously there was a trial mountain bike course, which was very well attended.

Councillor M. Perfect reported that the sculptures on the coastal path need significant repair, however noted Mr. M. Taylor does try to maintain them and also suggested that the bench by the Soldier sculpture be replaced with a more durable material than wood.

Councillor Perfect expressed interest in the volunteer and working days and continuing to work in collaboration with the Coastal Rangers.

Members thanked the Officers and Mr. T. Woodall said they will continue to work and engage with the Town Council and keep them informed on the progress.

RESOLVED: That the report is noted.

87. MINUTES

Councillor M. Buckley proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th July, 2024 be approved, which was seconded by Councillor J. Stoneley.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th July, 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

88. FLINT FESTIVAL & TOWN EVENTS

Councillor M. Perfect requested Council approval to begin planning for the Flint Festival 2025 as planning needs to commence.

Councillor M. Perfect presented the Flint Festival Figures for 2024, indicating an overspend. She assured the Council that adjustments will be made for the 2025 festival and that some activities will be removed from the schedule, but these changes will not be detrimental to the overall enjoyment of the festival. A local Flint-based business has offered financial support for the festival, which means that next year's budget will not need to be increased.

Councillor M. Perfect also discussed other upcoming events, the "Spooktacular" event, which will incur no costs and the Christmas Festive Fair, again certain items will be removed from the event schedule, but it will still retain its appeal and enjoyment.

Councillors thanked Councillor M. Perfect for her hard work and dedication in organising the town's events.

Councillor E. Jones proposed that the Council agreed to holding all the above events and to give authority for planning to commence and for any necessary payments related to these events to be made. This was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That Flint Festival 2025, Spooktacular and Festive Fair planning will commence, and any necessary payments will be made.

89. TRANSPORT BRIEFING

Councillor N. Davies reported the next Transport Meeting is on 20th September and will report back to Council following the meeting.

RESOLVED: Noted.

90. BANKING IN THE TOWN - LINK

Following the previous resolution, that the Town Clerk write to LINK regarding the closure of the TSB Bank, a response was circulated to Councillors.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed that the Council request additional information regarding the

organisation Cash Access UK. She emphasised the need to understand how they plan to advertise and inform residents about their services.

Councillor M. Buckley seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to LINK to request further information on Cash Access UK.

91. SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Town Clerk reported that Cornist Park Primary School had a vacancy for a minor authority representative on the governing body and asked the council to nominate a representative.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed Councillor N. Davies and this was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will inform Cornist Park Primary School that Councillor N. Davies was nominated for the position of minor authority representative.

92. FCC INFORMATION SIGNPOST NEAR RAILWAY BRIDGE

Councillor Moore expressed concerns regarding the information signpost by the railway bridge, stating that it contains incorrect information, specifically regarding the weekly market and the opening times of the town hall. He proposed relocating the signpost to a more prominent position within the town.

Councillor M. Buckley added that there are an additional two information signposts in the town, near the Library and at the RNLI Lifeboat station and seconded Councillor M. Moore's proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact Flintshire County Council regarding the information boards, including the accuracy of the information and their locations in the town.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 16 th September, 2024
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