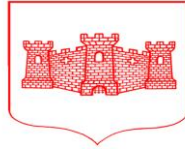


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Draft Minutes of Council Meeting 19th June 2023

1. Mayor's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Mayor Councillor Anne Roberts opened the meeting and Issued a call for volunteers for the Carnival that starts the festival week and would be grateful for support Apologies had been received from Councillors Mike Van der Eijk, Ian Lewney and Peter Daniels who hoped to join via Zoom

2. Declarations of Interest – Disclosures of personal and pecuniary interest in items of Business listed below Delarations of Interest made by Councillors Gavin Harris and Jabez Redfern Oakes regarding the Alcohol Premises Licence and from Councillor Heather Williams regarding the Tennis Club Application.

3. Mayor's Report – To note the Mayor's report on recent activities

The Mayor's report was accepted

4. Members' Reports – To note Members' Reports – The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their reports

5. Ruthin County Councillors' Report – To note the Ruthin County Councillors' Report - No report had been received

6. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting – To receive and confirm as correct the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 May 2023 The Minutes were accepted subject to a correction on the attendees list

RESOLVED to Accept the minutes

7. Matters Arising – It was noted that 2 matters discussed in the Police report the previous month were still ongoing

8. Minutes of the Amenities Committee – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2023. With regard to the star park bins it was felt that there needs to be a bin inside the park , the clerk would further liaise with dcc streetscene – The Mayor reported a successful opening of star park

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT THE Minutes

9. Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee – To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 June 2023. Councillor Heather Williams was thanked for her work on the SLCC Toolkit which has informed the process now ongoing on policies

REDOLVED TO ACCEPT THE MNUTES

10. To approve the Terms of reference for the General Purposes, Planning and Finance Committee

RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS DRAFTED

11. The Old Courthouse Manager's report, To discuss further the Report of the Old Courthouse Manager regarding the Alcohol Premises Licence Also report from Councillor Gavin Harris regarding completing the Old Courthouse project.

Old courthouse manager's report both Councillors Gavin Harris and Jabez Redfen Oakes left room and a discussion followed Councillor Christoine Ellis stated from documents it was clear there was no evidence of a need to obtain a licence and Councillor Stephen Beach stated that there was a great responsibility of being a licensee but it was not needed, It was proposed and passed not to pursue an application for a premises licence. In his document Councillor Gavin Harris proposed an opening event during Ruthin future week 16th September – the event is to bring the project to a close and celebrate progress on the building so sponsors could see a final result of their funding

12. To discuss and confirm the timings for future Committee meetings

The clerk outlined options for committee timings that had been discussed but not finalised at previous meeting. Councillor Gavin Harris stated he wanted 7 – 7.45 for first committee. Discussion came to the fact that the General Purpose, Planning and Finance Committee was more likely to overrun so should be 2nd meeting of the evening. The proposal from Councillor Gavin Harris was that Amenities Committee would be 7pm with Gernale Purposes, planning and finance to follow at 7:45 was accepted

13. To receive an update from Councillor Gavin Harris regarding the Urban Rooms event

In his proposal Gavin Harris discussed the urban rooms event in September he explained that civic society and Friends of the Earth were involved and destination Denbighshire would like to hold event during he week. in another aspect of the week there were efforts to arrange a run from the town centre and the old courthouse was being considered as a starting venue.

14. To receive an update regarding the Town Council Vacancy from the Clerk

The clerk updated the councillors that following publication of the vacancy DCC had confirmed that no election had been demanded by residents so a co-option process would be conducted. There are statutory qualifications to standing for office but so as not to deter applicants an approach was adopted to use a basic application form to capture the basic details as well as the qualifications and to ask each applicant to answer 3 questions. Resolved to commence co-option giving deadline of 10th July to allow for applications to be discussed at next meeting. UPDATE On advice from/One Voice Wales the clerk posted an advertisement for the Vacancy asking interested candidates to apply by letter answering the three questions as discussed.

15. To discuss an Application for funding from the Tennis Club circulated to members previously

An application had been submitted to the previous clerk. Councillors noted the amounts of money held by the club but clerk reminded councillors that they were saving for large scale maintenance and resurfacing of the courts. It was noted that according to the Financial Assistance rules that money was for projects not maintenance which this was they had undertaken projects associated with the application but not included it in the bid. Cllrs are looking into updating the scheme but we will still be governed by fixed rules so decided that we will clarify position with potential applicants resolved to decline this application and apologise for the length of time taken to determine but that it wouldn't have changed the outcome as application didn't meet the criteria applicants would be encouraged to reapply if they had a project to support.

16 Financial Statements – To Receive and Approve the financial statement for the period ending 31 May 2023

The Clerk explained the statement stating that budgeted sums will need changing to allow for 4 audits to be paid for in next 12 months, also mayors allowances which hadn't been paid in previous financial year. Questions were asked about floodlighting budget at st peters and pendre chapel and also of the credit union account is costing charges but no interest has been paid again in the recently passed Financial Year. These are items which will be considered by finance committee.

17. Accounts for Payment -To approve payment of the items listed separately

Clerk explained the payments due from the council accounts

18. Date of Next Meeting – To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council will be the Ordinary Meeting on the 17 July 2023