

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of the Development Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell, on Thursday 10th November 2022 at 11.00am.

PRESENT: Councillors B. Scragg (Chair).
Councillors: R. Dolphin, I. Hodge, and M. Sprake.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors P.A. Johnson, M. Lewis-Jones, and S. Rush. Councillors C. Argent and D. Thomas were absent without apology.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), M.G. Fearnley (Deputy Clerk), and C. Pickstock (Support Officer).

DC13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were reported.

DC14. GREENFIELD RAILWAY STATION

Cllr B. Scragg reported on the recent meeting held with Hannah Blythyn MS. The Council were awaiting official confirmation from the Welsh Government that the WelTag Stage 2 work had now been commissioned. A site meeting would be arranged with ministers to review the Council's preferred location for the station at the former Holywell Junction site accessed along Dock Road. Members stated it would not be feasible to access this site along Station Road.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk seeks to arrange a site meeting as soon as practical.
- 2) That the Deputy Clerk arranges a meeting with Kingspan and other businesses of the Holywell & Greenfield Area Railway Station Forum.

DC15. ACTIVE TRAVEL

The Chair provided an update from the latest meeting held with the County Council for active travel on 1st November 2022. Members were disappointed that the works remained incomplete. The Strand to Valley route was to be completed by the end of the financial year, but would need to comply with CADW guidelines which would affect the final surface. There were plans to undertake some work along Dock Road and these would be shared with the Council shortly.

Members agreed that the works have made a great difference to the Valley but not to active travel standard. There was a three year programme agreed 2018-2021 and a lack of consultation throughout. Cycle shelters and lighting had been included in the original specification but not yet installed.

Members stated there should be a guarantee of two way traffic along Dock Road before any further works were undertaken. Members felt regular (quarterly) meetings would prove beneficial to build up the partnership working, as had been started prior to the pandemic.

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Clerk contact Katie Wilby, Chief Officer, Streetscene Services, Flintshire County Council, to request the active travel meetings recommence as soon as practical. This forum could then be used to discuss and agree any operational matters.

DC16. WALES IN BLOOM REPORT – 2022 CAMPAIGN

The Council reviewed the Judge's report for this year's campaign. The town achieved a score of 76/100 and attained a Silver Gilt award, being nine points away from the Gold award. The Chair commended all those involved in the town's entry. Members discussed potential future enhancements that included allotments and community litter picks. Litter was identified generally as an area for attention and improvement.

RESOLVED:

That quarterly community litter picks be implemented in early 2023, in rotation around the four Holywell and Greenfield wards.

DC17. ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (RHS) GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Members discussed the two grant opportunities received from the RHS; the Connected Communities Grant and the Sustainable Futures Grant, both grants were for £2,500. The deadline date for submissions was Friday 18th November 2022.

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Clerk signpost the following organisations to the grant information to apply as required:

- Holway Hub House
- Transition Holywell & District
- Local Schools
- Holywell & Greenfield Churches

DC18. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR P.A. JOHNSON

RESOLVED:

That the members' items be deferred on to the next committee meeting.

DC19. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR D. THOMAS

RESOLVED:

That the members' items be deferred on to the next committee meeting.

DC20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.00pm.

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Chair