

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 Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillors B. Scragg (Chair).
Councillors I. Hodge, S. Rush, and D. Thomas.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors L.A. Carter, R. Dolphin, P.A. Johnson, M. Lewis-Jones, and M. Sprake.

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

DC1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR - MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24**

RESOLVED:

That Cllr B. Scragg be appointed Chair for the 2023/24 municipal year.

DC2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24**

RESOLVED:

That Cllr D. Thomas be appointed Vice Chair for the 2023/24 municipal year.

DC3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

DC4. **SPEAKER – WENDY JONES, KEEP WALES TIDY**

Members received an update from Wendy about the work of Keep Wales Tidy in the community. KWTs responsibilities included Eco Schools, Green Flag parks and beaches, administering the Local Places for Nature grants, and looking at local issues such as litter free zones, litter hubs, and dog fouling.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town Council investigates becoming a litter hub for the local area.

- 2) That Wendy Jones meets with Cllr D. Thomas to discuss an allotment project in the Strand Estate. Several location options had been identified with support offered on the application to the County Council.

DC5. UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Lluesty Woodland - Members received an update from the Deputy Clerk following the working group meeting held with members and a subsequent site visit by Groundwork. Members discussed the current covenant restrictions, grant opportunities, and the ongoing maintenance obligations.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk continues to explore opportunities for partnership working with external organisations and report back to working group.
- 2) That the Clerk obtains the latest legal advice from the Council's Solicitors on the Covenant.
- 3) That Cllr D. Thomas be added to the Lluesty Woodland working group.

North Flintshire Transport Study/Transport Commission Draft Report Working Group - Members received an update from Cllr B. Scragg and Deputy Clerk following on from the Working Group Meeting held. A case for a station at Greenfield was made clear in the Transport Study. No further work was planned by Welsh Government for the time being, despite the WelTAG Stage 2 report being 75% completed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk requests a copy of the WelTAG Stage 2 report (75% completed), and queries when the remaining 25% of the report would be completed.
- 2) That the Deputy Clerk determine the timescales involved for the draft Transport Commission report i.e., once approved how long will this become government policy?
- 3) That a letter be drafted by Cllrs B. Scragg and I. Hodge and submitted to the local press, which sets out the current position on the Greenfield Station project.

DC6. DOG BAG DISPENSER UNITS

Members received a report from the Deputy Clerk that confirmed the current locations. A further four units had been ordered with residual grant money. Members also considered the ongoing financial implications of managing the units and the bag refills. Keys and bag stocks were available from the office for those members willing to volunteer to refill the units. One of the units on the High Street was deemed surplus to requirements.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the five dispensers (four new plus one relocated from the High Street) be installed in the following locations:

- Pen y Maes Shops.
- Entrance to Greenfield Valley.
- Coast Road, Greenfield.
- Top shop in the Strand.
- Holway Community Centre

NB. The final decision will be confirmed by the Full Council as part of the Deputy Clerk's Monthly Report.

DC7. MEMBERS ITEMS

Members received a report from Cllr D. Thomas on the proposed Allotment (already reported and resolved under minute DC4), and the Strand Book Repository (Free Outdoor Library). This was a trust based facility that could be expanded into other areas. The item would require adding to the Council's asset register and insurance policy if adopted by the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk contacts FCC Streetscene to confirm permission and installation costs for the Book Repository. This would then be reported on the Deputy Clerk's monthly report to Full Council for a final decision on the unit's installation and adoption by the Council.

DC8. ADDITIONAL ITEM – GREENFIELD PLAYING FIELD BOUNDARY

The Chair had given permission for this extra item. Members received a report from Cllr I. Hodge regarding safety concerns in relation to the bottom playing field in Greenfield and the need for safety fencing to be installed. The playing field was currently open and exposed to the A548 Coast Road.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to Katie Wilby, Chief Officer Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council expressing the Council's concerns and requesting fencing be installed along the playing field boundary.

DC9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.50am.

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