

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 22nd October 2025 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Sprake (Chair).
Councillors: D. Smith, and D. Thomas.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Cllr I. Hodge.
Cllrs C. Blackwell, P. Cooper, E.B. Palmer, and S. Rush were absent without apology.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), and M.G. Fearnley (Deputy Clerk).

DC10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

DC11. **TOURISM STUDY ACTIONS UPDATE**

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the post card discount scheme. Several visits have been made and post cards handed out. Fifteen local businesses had now taken part in the scheme. Members requested a list of the tourism and other establishments where post cards had been dropped.

The Deputy Clerk relayed cost details to members of the tourism video. One day's filming and editing, for a 90-120 second video, would cost £1,350. A £1,500 contribution from Flintshire County Council had been agreed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk sources a second quote for the video and works towards a Spring 2026 release date.
- 2) That the Deputy Clerk circulates the post card drop list to members. Members to consider any further drop locations and advise the Deputy Clerk.

DC12. SNOOKER HALL / ACADEMY PROJECT

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the survey had reached the threshold as to be statistically relevant. The survey was positive in terms of the demand for a local venue. The next stage would be to seek funding to undertake a feasibility study for the project. Some locations had been considered.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Cllr D. Smith works with the Deputy Clerk on a press release and bullet points to support an outline for the feasibility study.
- 2) That the Clerk checks on the legal implications of the Council's input into this project.

DC13. CCTV - MOBILE CAMERA MOVEMENT

The Deputy Clerk provided an update. There had been a delay while a suitable contractor with the appropriate qualifications had been appointed, and also on receiving advice from the County Council. The cost would be in the region of £400-£500. The full Council had already approved the relocation to the Strand.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk expedites the relocation of the camera.
- 2) That annual reviews of the mobile cameras commence from early 2026, at the next meeting. That the Police be invited to the next meeting to provide operational feedback and inform the review.

DC14. COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk provided an update. The working group had met with the appointed consultant. Support was to be requested from Flintshire County Council/Ysgol Treffynnon before the feasibility study could be finalised.

RESOLVED:

That the current position be noted.

DC15. BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on completed projects so far on the Council's business plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Clerk produces a list of completed projects for the next meeting.

DC16. WALES IN BLOOM

The Chair was pleased to announce the town were awarded a silver gilt at the awards. The Chair thanked Simon Bonfield for his work on the portfolio. The Council could review the report detail once it was received at the next meeting. The planters in town were to be reviewed.

The Clerk asked members to consider winter bedding in the barrier baskets above the underpass on Rue St. Gregoire. The cost could be contained within the existing base budget and added to the SLA with the Service Provider.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Clerk proceeds with the winter bedding for the barrier baskets.
- 2) That the Deputy Clerk produces a map showing the planter positions on the High Street and their condition. Planters would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

DC17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

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