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 23rd October 2024 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Sprake (Chair).
Councillors: L. Corbett, I. Hodge, and B. Scragg.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Cllr P. Cooper. Cllrs S. Rush and D. Thomas were absent without apology.

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

DC7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

DC8. GREENFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Members received a presentation from Lesley Ann Jones and Stephen Clynes from the Clocktower, who were managing the project. The garden had been left to deteriorate and the intention was to develop and restore it as a community asset for the people of Greenfield. A CCTV camera unit could be considered should the project be completed. Support could be available from Keep Wales Tidy. The garden was currently owned by Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk follows up with the County Council to confirm the project and request permission for the development work to proceed.

DC9. GREENFIELD RAILWAY STATION

The Chair advised members of the latest developments that included the planned meeting with Ken Skates MS, with the need to highlight the funding shortfall for the completion of the WelTAG Study. Cllr I. Hodge informed the Committee of meetings held and planned by the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils and would remind the groups about the completed North Wales Transport Study that confirmed the need for the station.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk follows up direct with the office of Ken Skates MS to confirm the meeting date.

DC10. ACTIVE TRAVEL

The Chair provided a brief insight into discussions held with County Council representatives and Cllr I. Hodge informed members of a planned meeting with Lee Shone to discuss the requirement for Pen y Maes Road. Members recounted the original active travel proposal for linking the coastal path with the Greenfield Valley.

RESOLVED:

That members raise the active travel connectivity issues with Ken Skates MS at the scheduled meeting.

DC11. FLY TIPPING LETTER

Members noted as received a letter from Fly Tipping Action Wales that confirmed the free resources available to Councils to promote action against fly tipping.

RESOLVED:

That the Support Officer raises awareness through the Council's social media platforms and town centre notice boards.

DC12. PLAYGROUND COMMUNICATION BOARDS

The Council had three boards reserved. Fron Park had already been earmarked for a board and members discussed location options for the remaining boards, and the installation method.

RESOLVED:

1) That the Clerk follows up with the suppliers to confirm a collection date.
2) That the remaining two boards be installed at The Ridgeway and the park adjacent to Ysgol Maesglas.
3) That the boards be installed using a fixed post. Deputy Clerk to contact FCC Streetscene to arrange.

DC13. WALES IN BLOOM REPORT

Members reviewed this year's Judge's report and discussed further development opportunities for next year, which could be explored utilising the available budget allocation.

RESOLVED:

That the following measures be adopted for the 2025 season:

1) A town centre planter scheme to be considered at the next meeting of the Town Centre & Events Committee.
2) Barrier baskets to be placed on the overpass railings.
3) Greenfield Valley Trust to be allocated a page in the Wales in Bloom Portfolio.
4) The new Wellbeing Hub (St. James Church) to be included in the itinerary for the Judges Tour in 2025.

DC14. BICYCLE PUMP TRACK AND SHELTERED AREA

Members considered the viability, resource and funding implications for the above project and discussed some potential locations. A similar project was being progressed at Abergele subject to funding. Any installation would be of huge benefit to the community and be a major capital project that required careful consideration by the Council and other stakeholders.

RESOLVED:

That a Working Group be formed to consider this project in further detail. Cllrs L. Corbett and M. Sprake were nominated with the Clerk to seek expressions of interest from the remaining Committee members ahead of the first meeting.

DC15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.25am.

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Chair