

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 Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 10.00am.

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

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

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

DC21. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None reported.

DC22. **REPORT FROM TRANSPORT MEETING WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORT FOR WALES**

Members received an update from the Chair and Deputy Clerk related to the following matters.

- Greenfield Station. A site meeting was to be requested. Further funding was required for the next stage of the project. A copy of the North Flintshire Transport Study was to be forwarded to Transport for Wales, which highlighted the Dock Road site as the preferred location option.
- Active Travel. The County Council was to provide details of the outstanding schemes and completion dates.
- Circular Bus Route and Fflecsi Service. Bus companies were to be invited to attend a meeting.
- SPF Funding Bids. The Town Council had been advised to contact project sponsors to include its project priorities.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk contacts Transport for Wales and requests the interim report completion date.

- 2) That the Deputy Clerk follow up with the County Council their responses to the actions noted at the meeting.
- 3) That the Deputy Clerk request copies of the SPF bids submitted to the County Council.
- 4) That the Deputy Clerk arrange meetings with local bus and taxi companies to progress the pilot circular bus route scheme.

DC23. NOTICEBOARD UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on costings and proposed locations. The noticeboards and installation would cost in the region of £6-7k. Location options were Old Chester Road, Holway Bus Stop, and Pen-y-Maes Shops.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be deferred to the next committee meeting. That the Deputy Clerk provide details of costings and proposed locations to members prior to the next meeting.

DC24. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR P.A. JOHNSON

North Flintshire Transport Study, and Wales Coastal Path / Coastal Park.

RESOLVED:

That the items be deferred to the next committee meeting.

DC25. LLUESTY WOODLAND AND GREENFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Clerk provided members with an update from Councillor R. Dolphin on the garden, which had been earmarked for social housing development by the County Council. The Council's solicitors had been contacted to provide the covenant information on the woodland.

DC26. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR D. THOMAS

Holywell Youth Centre, Strand Allotment, and Book Repository.

RESOLVED:

That the items be deferred to the next committee meeting.

DC27. QUARTERLY LITTER PICKS

Members considered this matter, and it was suggested a quarterly litter pick be held in each ward that involved members, staff, and the community. A suggested timetable would be April, June, August, and October. Litter picking activities would support the environment and the Wales in Bloom campaign.

RESOLVED:

That the first litter pick be arranged for April in the Greenfield Valley. Deputy Clerk to speak to the Countryside Ranger and confirm a date.

DC28. PUBLIC MEETING

Members discussed dates, venues, themes, and the format for the meeting. Several ideas for the format were discussed by members that included a world café style. Members determined that an introduction that highlighted the work/remit of the Town Council, followed by an informal coffee and chat session would be the best way forward. Residents could then speak to members on a one to one basis to discuss their concerns.

RESOLVED:

That a public meeting be held in St Peter's Church at 6.00pm. The meeting would be promoted and arranged for the end of April / beginning of May.

DC29. WALES IN BLOOM – BASKET PROVISION

Members considered additional baskets to other areas of the town centre that included the Tak Bo shop parade. Members noted that additional baskets would increase the monthly maintenance costs. Members also wished to focus on last year's judging report to identify strengths and weaknesses. A review would be undertaken at the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

That no additional baskets be ordered at this time.

DC30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.30am. The next meeting would be arranged for mid-April 2023.

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Chair