

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 7th July 2022 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillors B. Scragg (Chair – see minute DC1).
Councillors: I. Hodge, M. Sprake, M. Lewis-Jones, and S. Rush.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors R. Dolphin, and P.A. Johnson. Councillor C. Argent was absent without apology.

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

DC1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

RESOLVED:

That Cllr B. Scragg be elected as Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

DC2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

RESOLVED:

That Cllr R. Dolphin be elected as Vice Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

DC3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were reported.

DC4. **GREENFIELD RAILWAY STATION**

Cllr B. Scragg provided members with a brief background and update regarding the history of the station project. A general discussion then took place with members.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Clerk circulate a copy of the North Flintshire Transport Study to all members of the Development Committee to review.
- 2) Working group be set up comprising of the Deputy Clerk, Cllrs B. Scragg, I. Hodge and M. Sprake to compile a letter to be sent to Rob Roberts MP, Hannah Blythyn MS, Transport for Wales, and Flintshire CC outlining the case and need for the preferred option, Option 2, referring to the scoring method and highlighting the community and social benefits. Letter to be endorsed by Full Council prior to circulation.

DC5. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members discussed the latest correspondence received from Flintshire CC regarding the MAC Consultation Document. Members agreed that the document was too large to respond in more detail.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to Flintshire CC highlighting and reinforcing the need for sympathetic development in Holywell and Greenfield.

DC6. ACTIVE TRAVEL WORKS

Cllrs B. Scragg and I. Hodge, provided a brief background of the project and highlighted some issues and concerns, lack of communication, and some outstanding works yet to be completed.

RESOLVED:

That the County Councillors be approached to seek a response from Flintshire County Council.

DC7. CIRCULAR BUS ROUTE

The Deputy Clerk provided a brief background to members of the work carried out to date supported by Cllrs B. Scragg and I. Hodge.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr I. Hodge send out the proposed circular bus route document for members of the committee to review and to discuss at the next meeting.

DC8. WELSH WATER WORKS

Cllr B. Scragg provided members with a brief outline of the issues and concerns facing residents in Woodland Drive, Greenfield, highlighting mains water supply and the use of lead piping. Cllr I. Hodge suggested that contact be made with Resources Wales.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk sends a further letter to Welsh Water highlighting the issues. If no positive response received, then contact should be made with National Resources Wales.

DC9. WALES IN BLOOM - GREENFIELD ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk provided members with an update on the hanging baskets in Greenfield which were not being watered. The Clerk requested that Holywell Garden Centre be commissioned for the remainder of the season to carry out the works.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Cllr I. Hodge contact Father Dominic as part of a wider search to recruit volunteers to carry out the watering etc in the future.
- 2) That Holywell Garden Centre be appointed to water the Greenfield baskets for the remainder of the season.

DC10. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR P.A. JOHNSON

As Cllr P.A Johnson was unable to attend meeting, the Deputy Clerk read out an email received from Cllr Johnson for members to consider 3 suggestions as part of their work plan.

RESOLVED:

- 1) The North Flintshire Transport Study.
To be circulated to members of the Committee for them to look at the document in more detail, make the best of the report, it's analysis and all its recommendations.
- 2) Flintshire Coastal Park.
Flintshire County Council be approached to supply more information regarding the proposed development of a Coastal Park from Saltney to the Point of Ayr and asking them how we can work together to take full advantage of the proposals and include in our Council business plan.
- 3) Llesty Woodlands.
The Clerk to provide members with the legal background for them to determine next steps.

DC11. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLOR D. THOMAS

Cllr D. Thomas provided members with a brief background for the following ideas: Holywell Youth Club, Strand Allotment, and Public Bins/Litter Collector.

RESOLVED:

- 1) Cllr D. Thomas to provide members with an outline business plan for the Youth Club for discussion by members at a future meeting.
- 2) Cllr D Thomas to provide drawings and a plan highlighting the proposed locations i.e., Bryn y Felin and Bron Haul for discussion by members at a future meeting. Six names would be required for the County Council to consider further.

- 3) The idea of a Caretaker role, which was in the previous business plan to be considered by members when the budget meeting takes place in January. That Flintshire County Council be contacted regarding their current level of service provision.

DC12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.40am.

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Chair