

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Town Centre and Events Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell, on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Thomas.

Councillors: L. Corbett, P. Corbett, P. Curtis, I. Hodge, E.B. Palmer, and M. Sprake.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr L. Hodge. Cllrs C. Blackwell and P. Cooper were absent without apology.

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

TC14. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

TC15. **EVENT REVIEW – WELL INN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Members reviewed the recent Well Inn Music Festival, held on Saturday 6th September. Feedback was generally positive but there were comments made about the lack of activities between Tower Gardens and the top of the High Street. Members also queried the publicity arrangements. The Council put up promotional banners, promoted the event on the website and social media, on the noticeboards, and also handed out flyers to businesses on the High Street. A small fair or carnival stalls could be used to enhance the event in future years. The stage manager of the Media Man stage had suggested mini music events could be held at different times of the year. There was a reduction in the lunch packs handed out due to the number of children that attended the event, although the children's stage received positive feedback. The number of stages and their position could be reviewed and the event potentially combined with other events.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk produces a list of suggestions for next year's event, that would be considered at the next committee meeting.

TC16. **SPEAKER – RECYCLING OFFICER, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Michelle Shaw, Recycling Officer, Flintshire County Council attended the meeting and briefed members on recycling operations in the town centre and wider County area. Recycling was completed weekly but the flats above shops were not recycling

their waste. The County Council do not hold any legal powers to force residents to recycle. The three weekly collection cycle has increased recycling figures to just under 70%. The dumping of black bags in litter bins was enforceable. Panton Place had been supplied with recycling equipment and items for Llwyn Aled were on order. Members requested the Recycling Team liaise with Pest Control to report rat infestation. The Recycling Team were visiting schools to educate children on recycling and waste management.

RESOLVED:

That the Recycling Officer visits local flats and complexes to review recycling and provide advice and guidance to residents. Clerk to compile and send a list of the locations.

Cllr E.B. Palmer left the meeting at this point.

TC17. REMAINING EVENTS PROGRAMME - 2025

Members discussed the Christmas Lights event and timetable, the Christmas Market and the provision of DJ/live music on the Saturdays leading up to Christmas. Members were against a headline act after the switch on, and discussed the positioning of another activity area, for the Holywell Band to perform. Members confirmed their involvement in the Christmas Market.

RESOLVED:

That the Christmas Lights Switch On takes place at 6.00pm. The local schools and a Christmas character show would precede the switch on. That the Deputy Clerk reviews the feasibility of an activity area by the Flintshire Connects building. That the Deputy Clerk sources live music to follow a DJ for the Saturdays in December leading up to the Christmas break.

TC18. REGENERATION WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK

The Deputy Clerk provided an update from the meeting held on 18th September. Notes to the meeting had been distributed to members with the meeting agenda. The proposed actions were noted and endorsed by members.

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Clerk be authorised to proceed with the relevant actions and invite attendees as required to the next meeting.

TC19. CHAIRS AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair raised the following matters with members.

Business Frontage Initiative. Businesses to be encouraged to weed and tidy up the area to the front of their properties. Council to supply wire brushes and other equipment as needed.

Town Centre Entrance Development. The area by the Cheeky Chicken to be made more inviting to shoppers and visitors to the town.

Pirate Event. Members confirmed the event did not proceed in the summer due to concerns around health and safety, welfare facilities and access to power. There were also budget restrictions and a lack of capacity in the staffing team, with the resources being allocated to delivering the VE Day, Party in the Park and Well Inn events.

RESOLVED:

That the Pirate Event be revisited at the next committee meeting, as part of the plans for the 2026 events. That the business frontages and the town centre entrance be discussed at the next Regeneration Working Group meeting.

TC20. OTHER TOWN CENTRE & EVENT RELATED MATTERS

Members considered the following matters.

Business Social Media Promotion. The Clerk suggested a business of the month, and features for new businesses.

Parasol Operation by Third Parties. The Council had received a request from the County Council's Regeneration Team to be trained to operate the parasols. The parasols were currently operated by the Council's approved contractor, as part of a wider Service Level Agreement. There were concerns raised about the insurance implications.

HTC Planter Adoption – Hwb Hapus. The Deputy Clerk had received a request for the Council's planter to be adopted by Hwb Hapus.

RESOLVED:

That the Support Officer implements the business social media enhancements. That the parasols continue to be maintained by the Council's appointed contractor. That Hwb Hapus adopt the planter. Council to select an alternative planter near the sculpture.

TC21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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