

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present: Keith R Roberts (Chairman), Keith Thomas, Hywel Williams, Alan Williams, Richard Parry, Jennifer Saboor, Mrs B Warner BEM, Glyn Haynes, W J Chorlton, T Lloyd Hughes MBE, Raymond Jones, Adrienne Edwards and Vaughan Williams

In attendance:

Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)
Eira Fôn Parry Translator
Gareth Williams from the Holyhead & Anglesey Mail

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. To ask the question – “Is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting”?

No one was making a recording of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence were received by Councillors Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Ann Kennedy and Ken Tatlock

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in correspondence item (A) Holyhead Marina Re-build Strategy Environmental Scoping Report as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee. The interest is not prejudicial and Councillor Hughes did not leave the Council Chamber. He did not take part in the discussion or vote.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR VAUGHAN WILLIAMS:

“We as a Town Council express our grave concern at the very real danger regarding the consequences of a “No Deal” Brexit here in Holyhead. We urge the UK Government to act in the Interests of Holyhead and other Ports in avoiding a “No deal Brexit”.

Following a lengthy discussion when several Councillors voiced their views stating that they were hopeful that if a “No Deal Brexit” was to occur that this would not mean any additional problems, hold ups of freight or job losses in the Port. Councillor Parry stated that as the Holyhead route was the shortest route to Ireland he could not see hauliers changing their travel plans in the future.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that the Holyhead Town Council write to the UK Government voicing the Council’s concerns as the Port of Holyhead is one of the biggest employers in the town.

Minute no. 5457/19

Also that the Town Council invites the MP, Albert Owen and the AM Rhun ap Iorwerth to a meeting of the Town Council in the near future.

Minute no. 5458/19

5. To receive Reports of various Sub-Committee Meetings:-

Staffing Sub-Committee held on 24 July 2019

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to receive the Minutes as a true record.

The Town Clerk reminded members of the Staffing Sub-Committee that the next meeting of this Sub-Committee would be held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

Minute no. 5459/19

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Finance/Property Sub-Committee meeting 29 July 2019:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the Minutes that this meeting was postponed due to a shortage of members in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed members that the re-scheduled meeting was due to be held on Monday 9th September 2019 at 9.30 a.m. Two members stated that they could not attend the meeting on that date and the Town Clerk informed them that he would send out an E mail with new proposed dates tomorrow.

Minute no. 5460/19

Events Sub-Committee Meeting 30 July 2019 (To include PR and Website:

Councillor Vaughan Williams thanked the members of the Sub-Committee for his election of Chair of this Committee in his absence. He suggested that there should be more Welsh on the website and noted that the welcoming message in the Empire Cinema was bi-lingual. He stated that the "Fun Days" recently held was a good idea to give something back to the community. The Town Clerk stated that this year's Switching on of the Christmas Lights would be held at the Swift Square car park as in the past so many people were gathered in the Town Centre and this had proved a health and safety concern.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that the Minutes be received as a true record of the meeting.

Minute no. 5461/19

Communities/Leisure Sub-Committee 31 July 2019:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting held.

Minute no. 5462/19

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

(A) Holyhead Marina Re-build Strategy Environmental Scoping Report (large document).

Members were informed that if they wished to read the full document that it was available in the Clerk's office.

Minute no. 5463/19

(B) Shereen Williams, Chief Executive, Boundary Commission for Wales : Review of the Electoral arrangements for the County of the Isle of Anglesey (Consultation period to close on 10 October 2019)

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information in the correspondence and that if any Councillor had any comments to make, that they should do so individually.

Minute no. 5464/19

(C) Siwan Jones, Legal Assistant, Council Business Dept, Anglesey County Council : Temporary Prohibition of through traffic (Part of Market Street, Holyhead) Order 2019. Order to come into effect as from 12 September 2019.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter and attached plan.

The Town Clerk reminded members of the up-coming site meeting with representatives of Orthios scheduled for next Friday morning and he would contact Orthios with the number of Councillors attending the site visit in due course.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.