

**HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019 6.00 p.m.**

**Councillors present:** Richard Parry (Chairman), Keith R Roberts, Hywel Williams, Alan Williams, Adrienne Edwards, Jennifer Saboor, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, T Lloyd Hughes MBE, Vaughan Williams, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, K Tatlock and Raymond Jones,

**In attendance:** Robert Henderson, Community Services Manager  
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)

1. To ask the question, is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting?

No one was recording the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received by Councillor Keith Thomas, Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy, Councillor W J Chorlton, Councillor Glyn Haynes and the Deputy Clerk, Richard W Jones.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:**

Councillor T Lloyd Hughes in all Planning applications as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee and in relation to Dark Skies presentation as they would be applying for planning permission in the future. He did not take part in the comments made re: the planning applications and he did not leave the Council Chamber.

4. **TO RECEIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION FROM STEWART HAYTER : St Cybi's Restoration Scheme:**

The Hayter stated that St Cybi's Church was a grade 1 listed building, that Eglwys-y-Bedd (first Schoolroom in the town) was a grade II listed building and the bottom half of the Churchyard at Victoria Road was grade II listed.

Following a routine inspection held in 2016 it was anticipated that works needed to be carried out to see if there had been any water penetration to the stonework of the Church and this would need to be carried out by a specialised Contractor.

The proposed restoration scheme would be carried out in two phases, firstly by erecting a glazed porch at the entrance of the Church to ensure that the carvings in the porch are preserved.

Phase 2 would comprise of works inside the Church, an extension to provide a coffee shop, improved heating and new floodlighting for the building. Also, works outside of the building to improve access for the disabled. Archaeological excavations within the walls of the Church would also be carried out overseen by the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust.

A small team that had been set up of representatives from the Church would be applying for Lottery Heritage funding and it was hopeful that this would be successfully met. Following these works, it was hoped that the Parish Church would play a prominent role in attracting and improving tourism as the Anglesey Heritage trail commenced from the Church and the building which included the Roman wall was of great historical importance due to its age.

In the future, it was proposed to train more Stewards who could inform visitors of the Church's history, to improve visitor experience and to take on new staff to run the coffee shop once up and running.

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A small team of representatives from the Ucheldre Centre, the Maritime Museum, South Stack Lighthouse and the RSPB had already met under the umbrella of "Holy Island Attractions" and were actively assisting tourists when they visited these places.

Mr Hayter stated that he was hopeful that the cost of the proposed works would be met by grant funding and he had given this Presentation tonight so that Councillors would be made aware of what would be happening in the future.

Mr Hayter was thanked for his presentation and left the Council Chamber at 6.20 p.m.

**5. TO RECEIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION FROM DANI ROBERTSON, SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY OFFICER : Dark Skies/Conservation**

Dani stated that she had been in post for only a short time and that only two per cent of the population receive a dark sky – that is a clear sky with the stars clearly visible. She then went on to show a light pollution map and she stated that large businesses were now being encouraged to turn off their lit signage at night. She said that light pollution had a negative effect on the human body which affected sleep, hormonal levels and high blood pressure. She said that more and more people were now interested in looking at the night sky and taking photographs of what they saw as well as an interest in observing nocturnal wild-life. In fact, tourism to the Northumberland area during the month of January had resulted in a large increase to the tourism revenue in that area. Plans were afoot to educate people to learn about the night sky and a mobile planetarium had been used in visitor attractions such as the National Eisteddfod and workshops were held across Wales. There was an Astronomy Club at Bangor and it was hoped that local B&B business in the future could be involved in encouraging visitors so that "Star gazing"/meteor showers weekends could be arranged when visitors were informed of what to look for in the night sky. There had been a recent event held at the Breakwater Country Park by another organisation but due to lack of proper advertising had not attracted a large number of people. Dani stated that she could be contacted via her E mail address and Councillors were encouraged to contact her, if they so wished. Rob Henderson stated that he would include "Dark Skies" events in the future on the Town Council website.

Dani was thanked for attending the meeting and for her informative Presentation and she left the Council Chamber at 6.45 p.m..

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) One Voice Wales : Invoice/membership form to retain membership

*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to renew the One Voice Wales membership fee at the cost of £1,827.00 for 2019/2020.

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(b) Aled Siôn, Director of the Eisteddfod, Urdd Eisteddfod : Request for donation – Urdd National Eisteddfod 2019 in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan 2019

*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to make a donation of £100.00.

Minute no. 5376/19

(c) Ella Baxendale, Anglesey Area Fundraiser, St David’s Hospice, Llandudno : Request for donation  
*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to invite Ella Baxendale to a meeting of the Town Council in the near future so that she can give an up-date on the Hospice’s fund-raising campaign and then the Town Council would be able to decide on whether it is able to make a financial donation in the future, and if so, how much that would be.

Minute no. 5377/19

(d) Siwan Jones, Legal Assistant, Anglesey County Council : Temporary Prohibition of through traffic (Ucheldre Avenue and Thomas Street Holyhead Order 2019 : Order to come into effect as from the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to note the information re: the Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Order 2019 as indicated above.

Minute no. 5378/19

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Planning portal no PP-07581259 : Proposed extension at 1 Trehwfa Crescent Holyhead**

*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to make no objection.

Minute no. 5379/19

**Planning portal no PP-07622413 : Proposed extension to existing dwelling at 7 Plashyfyrd Terrace Holyhead**

*It was resolved,* proposed and seconded to make no objection.

Minute no. 5380/19

The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.

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