

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present:- Keith R Roberts (Chairman), Alan Williams, Keith Thomas, Vaughan Williams, Hywel Williams, Jennifer Saboor, Richard Parry, W J Chorlton, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Ken Tatlock, Raymond Jones and Adrienne Edwards

In attendance: Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott Clerk/Typist

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and wished everyone a "Happy New Year" - the first meeting of 2020.

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 Ann Kennedy, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, Glyn Haynes and Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

Councillor Alan Williams in correspondence item (c) of the Agenda Letter of thanks from Alun Roberts Chairman of the St David's Day Parade following a donation from the Holyhead Town Council as Councillor Alan Williams sits on the Committee. The personal interest was not prejudicial and Councillor Alan Williams did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in all Planning Applications as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee. The personal interest is not prejudicial and he did not leave the Council Chamber when the Planning applications were being discussed and voted upon.

4. To welcome Mr Freddie Jones of Conygar to the meeting:

Mr Jones did not attend.

The Chairman deferred item 5 and item 6 was next on the Agenda.

6. To receive Minutes of various Sub-Committees:-

Staffing Committee held on the 13 November 2019 and Finance/Property Committee meeting held on 9 December 2019

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

Minute no. 5521/2020

Councillor Keith Thomas Chairman of the Staffing/Audit Committee reported to members of the recent Staffing Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 January 2020 when it was recommended that the Laser Quazar equipment be sold as seen as it was not cost effective

to the Town Council at the present time. It was also *resolved*, proposed and seconded that this be brought to the next Finance/Property Sub-Committee meeting for their consideration.

Minute no. 5522/2020

Councillor Thomas also reported that the Town Clerk's Probationary 6 months period had ended and that he was appointed as from the 9 January 2020 as the Council's Town Clerk/Financial Officer. Congratulations were extended to the Town Clerk.

Councillor Keith Thomas also reported that Ms Debbie Parry had now been offered the role of Community Services Manager on a 6 months' probationary basis with effect from the 9th January 2020. **Minute page no 835/2020**

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Councillor W J Chorlton voiced his disappointment that matters such as the Laser Quazar equipment should have been firstly discussed and resolved upon at the Communities and Leisure Sub-Committee in the first instance and not at the Staffing/Audit Committee.

Councillor Alan Williams chaired the meeting at this stage.

Minute no. 5523/2020

5. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KEITH R ROBERTS:

"As a Council I believe we should be taking the lead in encouraging business development and moving the town centre forward as well as ensuring that local business maintain their respective properties to a good standard".

A general discussion ensued and it was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to set the wheels in motion to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Anglesey County Council, Môn Communities Forward and members of the Communities and Leisure Sub-Committee to try and encourage business development within the town centre on a rolling programme basis.

Minute no. 5524/2020

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to move into Full Council for item 7 of the Agenda.

Minute no. 5525/2020

7. The Mayor, Councillor Alan Williams continued chairing the meeting for item 7 of the Agenda.

To consider and approve the finance to purchase the Empire complex building:

(Report prepared by the Town Clerk attached)

A general discussion ensued and it was *resolved*, proposed and seconded that a borrowing term of 18 years should be adopted as this would be more cost effective to the Town Council. The Town Clerk would, subsequently, process the application on behalf of the Town Council to the PWLB (Public Works Loan Board) upon receiving lending approval from the Welsh Government.

Minute no. 5526/2020

The Town Clerk confirmed that he would contact Llangefni Town Council re: the Five Towns financial contribution towards the CCTV system.

8. The meeting then reverted back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting and Councillor Keith R Roberts chaired the meeting. (6.50 p.m.)

Minute no. 5527/2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS – months of August, September and October 2019:

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to approve all Receipts and Payments made.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Letter dated 13 November 2019 from Rt Hon Michael Gove re: Effects of “No Deal” BREXIT

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to receive the letter for information.

Minute no. 5529/2020

B) Letter dated 17 December 2019 from Huw Percy Head of Service – Highways, Waste and Property – Tour De Môn Event 22 & 23 August 2020

Proposed temporary road closure at Newry Beach Holyhead

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

Minute no. 5530/2020

C) Letter dated 6 December 2019 from Alun Roberts on behalf of Holyhead St David's Day Group – letter of thanks for donation from the Holyhead Town Council
It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter.
Minute no. 5531/2020

D) Letter dated 19 December 2019 from Jackie Blackwell Ynys Môn Citizens' Advice Bureau : Letter of thanks for the donation from the Holyhead Town Council
It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter.
Minute no. 5532/2020

E) Mr D H Cave on behalf of the Blue Funnel Line :P Request for donation : Reunion in the summer of 2020
It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to make a donation of £100.00
Minute no. 5533/2020
Councillor W J Chorlton abstained from voting on this item of the Agenda.

F) Letter dated January 2020 from Councillor Mrs Beryl Warner BEM : Letter of thanks – Children's Fun Run held on Sunday 1st December 2019
It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter.
Minute no. 5534/2020

10. PLANNING APPLICATION(S):

Planning Appl FPL/2019/341 : Full application for the erection of 26 dwellings (3 affordable), alterations to existing vehicular access together with associated works at site of former Llaingoch Primary School Holyhead
Members wished clarification on whether the properties were Council houses or not and voiced their concerns over the effect the development would have on highways infrastructure, sewerage and pointed out the lack of health services and possible overcrowding of schools.
Minute no. 5535/2020

Planning appl ADV/201916:
Application for the siting of an illuminated sign at Unit 1 and 2 Penrhos Business Park Holyhead (new ALDI store)
It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to make no objection.
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Planning portal reference PP-08385173 : Planning appl DEM/2019/21:

Full application for the demolition of a steel framed shed at Stena Line Ports Ltd Holyhead

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

Minute no. 5537/2020

The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.

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