

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2021 6.00 p.m. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Councillors present: Keith R Roberts (Chairing), Hywel Williams, Alan Williams, Jennifer Saboor, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, Richard Parry, W J Chorlton, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Raymond Jones, Adrienne Edwards, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE

In attendance: Robert Henderson, Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)
Eira Fôn Parry (Translator)

As the Chairman was not present, nor the Vice-Chairperson at the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk asked members to elect a Chairperson for the meeting and Councillor Keith R Roberts was elected to chair the meeting.

1. Keith R Roberts welcomed all present to the meeting.

To ask the question – Is any Councillor or Officer making a recording of this meeting?

No – one was recording the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Glyn Haynes, Keith Thomas, Mrs Ann Kennedy and Ken Tatlock

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

No declarations were made

4. To welcome Revd. Robert Wardle to the meeting.

Unfortunately, Revd. Wardle was not able to attend the meeting as he had apologised.

5. To welcome Efan Milner from the Anglesey County Council to the meeting.

(Holy Island Landscape Partnership)

Mr Milner stated that he was working alongside Bethan Morgan of the Anglesey County Council and that funding had been secured from the National Lottery and the European Gateway fund for a Landscaping project to cover the whole of Ynys Cybi up until 2025. There would be a programme of activities to manage and enhance the key features of the Island's natural heritage, to conserve and manage key features of the Island's character, appearance and built heritage, to increase local understanding and pride in Ynys Cybi's unique heritage and to develop the capacity to main it sustainably and to develop and promote Holy Island as an iconic international visitor gateway to Wales.

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Local volunteers would be involved in the projects and a steering Committee would be set up to involve all local organisations, such as Môn CF, Holyhead Maritime Museum, Menter Môn, Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi, Holyhead Town Council, Rhoscolyn Community Council and Trearddur Community Council, as well as Valley Community Council which was on the other side of the boundary of Holy Island. Also the Gwynedd Archeological Trust, Natural Wildlife Trust, the RSPB and Natural Resources Wales would play a part.

The working groups would develop projects and initiatives and the progress of the achievements would be monitored. Volunteers would be able to learn skills such as dry-stone walling as well as other landscaping skills.

Areas such as Holyhead Mountain, hut circles on Mynydd Twr, Penrhosfeilw and other identified areas would benefit from the landscaping project and an office had been secured at the Market Hall Holyhead from which the designated officers would work from. Guided walks would be arranged informing the public of the history behind the areas that they were visiting.

The Town Councillors welcomed the setting up of the Holy Island Landscaping project and emphasised that more than one representative from the Holyhead Town Council should sit on the Committee and that they be informed of when any future meetings would be held as they felt that they could provide a good input into any projects or matters being discussed. Councillors made the point that if everyone worked together the projects would prove to be a success and would enhance the natural heritage of Holy Island as a whole.

Mr Milner was thanked for attending the meeting and he consequently left the Council Chamber.

6. *It was resolved*, proposed and seconded that the meeting revert to a FULL COUNCIL meeting and the Mayor, Councillor Richard Parry chaired the meeting at this point.

Minute no. 5677/2021

7. Public lighting at Llwyn Briscoe, off Newry Street, Holyhead

To request a contribution from the Holyhead Town Council towards the cost.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded, after a discussion and vote that the Holyhead Town Council would not be able to contribute anything financially towards this cost (£907 + VAT).

Although the Council felt that they were in agreement with the residents of that area that additional street lighting may be required, that should the Town Council contribute to this cost then it would mean that further requests for a financial contribution from the Holyhead Town Council could subsequently be made by the Anglesey County Council and also there are no funds in the Town Council's budget set aside to allow for this expenditure as "Street Lighting" costs are the responsibility and always have been, met by the Anglesey County Council.

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8. TO REVERT BACK TO A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING:

Councillor Keith R Roberts resumed to chair the meeting.

Minute no. 5679/2021

9. To receive for information Minutes of various Sub-Committees:-

Finance & Property 27 July 2021 2.00 p.m.

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

Minute no. 5680/2021

Staffing/Audit Sub-Committee 27 July 2021 3.00 p.m.

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

Minute no. 5681/2021

Communities/Leisure 28 July 2021 10.00 a.m.

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

Minute no. 5682/2021

Events/Public Relations 28 July 2021 2.00 p.m.

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

Minute no. 5683/2021

10. RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS: Month of July 2021:

The Town Clerk informed members present that as these Receipts and Payments had not as yet been put before the members of the Finance/Property Sub-Committee for information/clarification that they would be put before the Council at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, as well as the Receipts and Payments for the months of May and June 2021.

Minute no. 5684/2021

11. CORRESPONDENCE;

a) Standards Committee Newsletter (Anglesey County Council)

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

Minute no. 5685/2021

b) Macmillan Cancer Research : Request for donation

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to make a donation of £50.00.

Minute no. 5686/2021

The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.