

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY, AT 6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; H Fleet; D Howcroft; C Hughes; M A Jones; A Kealey; A Khan; A Mason; H Meredith; A Pearson; J Pearson; M Pickard; P Richards; S Williams

**OFFICER:** Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Cllr: C Carlisle

**149/19 Appointment of Temporary Chairman:**

The Immediate Past Chairman, Cllr S Williams, opened the meeting and called upon members to nominate a temporary Chairman of the meeting, in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

*Resolved to appoint Cllr S Williams as Chairman of the meeting.*

**150/19 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Cllr N Bastow, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs M Jones and from Cllrs: D Bradley, C Brockley, G Campbell, A Khan, K Swindon, M Tasker, M Worth, plus County Cllr B Cossey.

**151/19 Announcements:**

The Clerk made two brief verbal announcements, on behalf of the Mayor:

- a. An invitation had been received from St Johns for the Mayor and Members to attend a 'Save a Life September' event at St Joseph's Community Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. A copy will be sent by e-mail and members are requested to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend.
- b. The Council has received an unqualified (clean) audit report back from the external auditor. This will be published on the website and noticeboard by 30<sup>th</sup> September, in line with Audit Regulations.

**152/19 Declarations of Interest:**

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

**153/19 Visitors to the Council:**

- a. The Chairman welcomed County Councillor C Carlisle to the meeting and invited both her and Cllr C Hughes to give any reports/updates on County Council / Central Area matters.



Cllr Carlisle informed members that Conwy CBC had begun to look at its potential budget deficit for 2020/21, currently estimated at some £13m. Westminster Gov't had recently announced there would be additional funding for education and it was hoped that all of this would be passed on to local authorities (by the Welsh Government), giving a potential funding boost of up to £5m. Cllr C Hughes added that Officers will, over the coming months, be looking for further ways to reduce the potential deficit/ increase in Council Tax. It was noted that the Welsh Government is not likely to receive notice of its settlement from Westminster until November (usually September), which means Conwy CBC will not receive its indicative settlement until 10<sup>th</sup> December. In the meantime, the Leader, in conjunction with other North Wales Leaders, has written to the Welsh Government and the WLGA to request an early confirmation that all additional funding allocated by Westminster will be passed directly on to local authorities without top-slicing.

A brief question and answer session followed, with a question concerning the potential impact on the Town Council's timetable for submitting its precept request (not expected to change) and concerns expressed about disabled residents being asked to pay significantly more to access County Council leisure facilities. Cllr C Carlisle agreed to pass on a request for Cllr Frank Bradfield (Cabinet Member) or Cllr James Lusted attend a future meeting to respond to these concerns.

Cllr Carlisle was thanked for attending by the Chairman and she retired from the meeting.

#### **154/19 Minutes:**

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.*
- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:*
  - i. *The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019.*
  - ii. *The Policy & Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 (Draft).*
  - iii. *The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (Draft)*
  - iv. *Resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (and since inactive).*

#### **155/19 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:**

##### **a. Min. 102/19 – Traffic Management Training:**

It was noted that the course has been arranged for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and seven will be attending from the Town Council (staff, members and volunteers).

##### **b. Min. 104/19(b) – Replacement LDP:**

- i. Members noted that James Harland (CCBC) will be attending a Special meeting of the Council on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm to give a presentation on the RLPD and respond to questions from members, prior to the Town Council submitting

its response.

***Resolved to request that, providing there is sufficient time, the Clerk sends a press brief release to the local press (including the Daily Post) to inform members of the public about the Special meeting of the Council..***

- ii. The Clerk asked Members if they would like to consider delegating authority to the GP&P Committee to submit a response to the consultation on the preferred strategy.

***Resolved that the full Council considers and agrees its response at the Special meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September.***

**c. Min. 108/19 - Colwyn BID:**

Members noted that a nomination had been submitted for Cllr D Howcroft to join the BID Board.

**d. Resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Committees, as detailed in the following Minutes:**

***(i) Min. 128/19(d) - Model Financial Regulations (Wales) 2019: To adopt the new model Financial Regulations, with recommended revisions, with immediate effect (see Sch B to the minutes).***

***(ii) Min. 131/19 – IRPW: To authorise publication of the 2018/19 Payments to Members return (Sch C).***

***(iii) Min. 135/19(a)- Andrew Fraser Memorial Clock: To endorse the submission of grant applications towards the cost of a replica town clock.***

***(iv) Min. 147/19(d) – Conwy RLDP Preferred Strategy Consultation: To invite representative(s) from OCRA to address the Council at the Special meeting on 11/9/19.***

**e. Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committees, as detailed in the Minutes.**

**f. Assets & Services Working Group:**

***Resolved to approve the updated Terms of Reference and to endorse the actions recommended by the Working Group.***

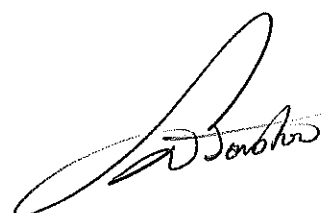
**156/19 Conwy CBC:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following correspondence:

**a. Douglas Road Site:**

The Clerk submitted a written report on Douglas Road site visit held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, which she had attended along with Delyth Jones, CCBC, and Cllr P Richards. A site plan was supplied by CCBC, for information.

***Resolved to receive and note the report and recommendations.***



**b. IMAGINE Project**

- i.* The Clerk gave a verbal report following an informal meeting with Helen Jackson and Rob Dix, held in August, and members considered a draft outline for a piece of community led identity/ branding work, to be funded by the IMAGINE project.

*Resolved to note the report and support the community-led approach.*

- ii.* It was noted that it had been recommended that a meeting is arranged with Gwen Thirsk, GWIL re: the Town Council's community plan project and the community engagement work that has already been undertaken and will be undertaken in Glyn ward (community development workers being employed).
- iii.* An update from Paul Sampson on the 'State of Independents' Prom shelter art project was received and noted.
- iv.* It was noted that both RD and HJ would be willing/able to provide background information for a potential community plan, from pieces of engagement and consultation work and desk based studies undertaken in the Colwyn Bay area under various projects in recent years.

**c. Town and Community Council Forum:**

Minutes of the Town and Community Council Forum meeting, held on 25 June were noted by members.

**d. Town and Community Council Survey:**

*Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to complete and return the survey of town and community councils activities and services, after discussion with the Assets and Services Working Group.*

**e. Green Flag People's Choice Award:**

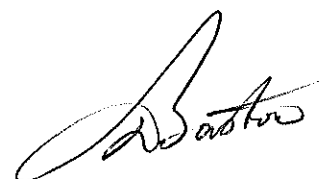
*Resolved that members encourage the public to vote for green flag parks/open spaces located within their wards.*

**157/19 Corporate Plan:**

Members received and noted the updated Action Plan for 2019/20.

**158/19 Mayor's Chain of Office:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report and submitted a quotation for repairs to the Mayoral Chain/badge of office from Vaughtons, to include both a 'quick fix' solution (items 1 and 2 only, initially), or a more comprehensive repair and refurbishment of the chain and badge. It was noted that the Chain and Badge had to be sent in for detailed evaluation, prior to the quotation being received, and it had not therefore been possible to obtain more than one quotation. The Clerk advised



Members that the Town Council is custodian of the Mayoral Chain of Office, which is on loan CCBC, and is therefore duty bound to keep it in a good state of repair, however, the repairs were unexpected and have not, therefore, been budgeted for. It was agreed that a new velvet collar and case insert was not necessary/required.

***Resolved to authorise the repairs to both the chain and jewel (badge), at a total cost of £575, which it was noted will have to come from the Council's general reserves.***

**159/19 Volunteer Awards:**

The Clerk submitted information about the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service and the High Sherriff Awards 2020.

***Resolved to:***

***a) Delegate authority to the Volunteer Awards Committee to consider and submit any nomination(s) for the Queen's Awards (for groups).***

***b) Defer consideration of the High Sherriff Awards 2020 to the next meeting of the Council.***

**160/19 DR Congo:**

The Clerk submitted an update from Norbert MBU-MPUTU and tabled correspondence from Chief Thomas Bikebi about a potential visit by children from DR Congo to take part in a Cricket Festival from 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September.

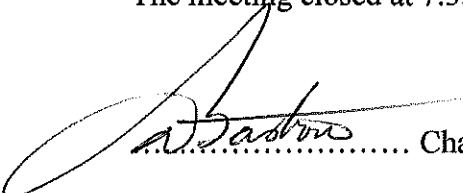
***Resolved to note the correspondence and, if time permits, request that the Mayor invites the children to visit the Town Hall, with refreshments to be provided from the Mayor's allowance.***

**161/19 Statement of Resignation:**

Cllr A Kealey addressed the Council to announce his resignation as a town councillor. Cllr Kealey said it had been an enormous pleasure to serve on the Council for two years, but felt it only right to resign as he was moving out of the area.

***Resolved to give Cllr Kealey a Vote of Thanks for his service and wish him good luck for the future.***

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

  
..... Chairman