

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 26th September 2017

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr R B Jones	Cllr C M Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr M P Teire
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr S Peers	Cllr J F Thornton
Cllr H D Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A G Williams
Cllr J S Jones	Cllr N Phillips	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Office Administrator
Mrs T J Reece – Office Administrator
Mr A White – Town Centre Manager & Technical Officer

16791- APOLOGIES

An apology for absence and reason was received and approved from Councillor N A Cropper (family commitments).

16792- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made in relation to this Agenda. It was –

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

16793- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25th July 2017, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

16794- BUCKLEY PCSO UPDATE

The Committee received and considered a covering email from North Wales Police, which enclosed an analysis of the type of incidents that had occurred in Buckley during the period from 14th July 2017 to 23rd July 2017.

During the ensuing debate the lack of information held within the report provided by North Wales Police was criticised as was the lack of further information from

23rd July 2017 onwards. The Committee acknowledged that the Clerk informed it that ongoing discussions were taking place with North Wales Police into potential future formats for the report. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Clerk be instructed to advise North Wales Police that no further information in report form had been received since 23rd July 2017, that North Wales Police be invited to comment on whether or not the figures provided may have been skewed by the incursion by Travellers onto Higher Common and that the Committee expressed its concerns that no details of locations were included in any of the statistics in relation to the report and that no information was provided with regard to the heading ‘Other News/PCSO Activities’. Finally, it was resolved that the Clerk should advise North Wales Police that the information provided in the report was less than used to be provided and a more comprehensive report would be welcomed following further meetings of the Working Group set up with North Wales Police to look at the matter of reporting.

16795- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager’s monthly report for September 2017. The Committee welcomed the fact that Home Bargains would be coming to the empty Budgens property in due course. It was -

Resolved – that the Town Centre Manager be thanked for his report and it be received, noted and approved.

16796- FLINTSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ROLE DESCRIPTION FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which enclosed an email and supporting documentation from Flintshire County Council in respect of the Flintshire Public Services Board. The supporting documentation provided a role description for Town and Community Councils. The communication from Flintshire County Council requested nominations to be forwarded to Flintshire County Council for a representative from Town and Community Councils to sit on the Flintshire Public Services Board. It was –

Resolved – that Councillor V E Blondek be nominated from this Town Council and Flintshire County Council be informed accordingly.

16797- FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL’S CCTV INCIDENT STATISTICS FOR BUCKLEY FOR THE PERIOD 1st OCTOBER 2016 TO 30th JUNE 2017

The Committee received and considered a spreadsheet identifying the incidents recorded through the fixed CCTV system in Buckley for the above period. The total number of incidents recorded was 242 of which 130 (53.72%) had been General Observations and Footage Reviews. Also enclosed with the spreadsheet was a bar chart graph showing the usage count by camera in Buckley for the same period. It was –

Resolved – that the information provided be received and noted.

**16798- JOINT MEETING OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a copy email from Flintshire County Council advising of the above meeting which was due to be held in Connah's Quay on 2nd October 2017. Members were also advised that the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales would be attending the meeting. It was –

Resolved – that the information from Flintshire County Council be received and noted and that Councillor E L Preece would be attending the above meeting and would report back.

16799- ITEM TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following item was tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. Flintshire Local Voluntary Council – VolFest'17.

Resolved – that the above item tabled for Members' perusal be received and noted.

CHAIR