

**MINUTES of a MEETING**  
**of the**  
**BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**held in the**  
**Council Chamber, BUCKLEY**  
**on**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**PRESENT**

Councillor H D Hutchinson (Town Mayor) - in the Chair

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

**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

**16763- APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

**16764- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

*Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.*

**16765- PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Clerk reported that no questions had been received. It was –

*Resolved – that the Clerk's report be received and noted.*

**16766- THE LATE COUNCILLOR R G HAMPSON**

The Mayor advised the Council that any Members wishing to pay tribute to the late Councillor Ron Hampson would be allowed to do so. The Mayor led the tributes, by firstly reading out a card of thanks to the Town Council from Rita, Ron's widow and his family. The tributes from all those Members who spoke were heartfelt and sincere. The Clerk also paid tribute to the late Councillor R Hampson on behalf of the Staff.

## 16767- MINUTES

*Resolved - that the minutes of the Meeting of the Buckley Town Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted and signed as a correct record.*

## 16768- MAYORAL AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Mayor announced that the pilot scheme approved by the Finance and Economic Development Committee at its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (minute 16236) was an outstanding success again this year when each Friday of the Summer Playschemes every child at each Playscheme was supplied with a lunch, which consisted of a sandwich, crisps, a cake, fruit and a bottle of water. The Mayor particularly thanked Macro who most generously financially supported the provision of the food and drink, the ladies of Emmanuel Bistre Parish Church who prepared the lunches on every occasion and the Mayoress for procuring the food and drink because of the Mayor's unavoidable absence. The total cost incurred by the Town Council in providing the lunches was approximately £660.00.
2. The Mayor advised that in August he and the Deputy Mayor had attended the Buckley Boxing Club which was presented with the National Positive Mental Health Award Certificate.
3. On 13<sup>th</sup> August the Mayor had opened the PAYF CAFÉ, which was located upstairs in the Council Offices.
4. On 18<sup>th</sup> August the Mayor and Mayoress had attended the Burntwood and Drury Summer Bible Club 2017 Celebration/Coffee Evening.
5. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress had attended the Mayor of Holywell Town Council's Civic Service on the Mayor's behalf.
6. On 5<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor and Mayoress had attended Drury CP School's Opening of the Eco Cabin.
7. On 15<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor and Mayoress had attended the funeral of Mr Jim Tunney held at Our Lady of the Rosary, Catholic Church, Buckley.
8. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September the Mayor and Mayoress attended the Nant Mawr Court Senior Citizens Residence for a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses.
9. On 24<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor and Mayoress had attended the Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council's Civic Service held at St Mark's Church, Connah's Quay.
10. On 24<sup>th</sup> September the Mayor and Mayoress had attended the Chairman of the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council's Civic Service held at The English Methodist Church, Leeswood.

11. The Mayor advised of some dates for Members' diaries – his Charity Ball and Dinner was to be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at The Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton and a Charity Concert of 'Celebration and Remembrance' was to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Matthew's Church. The Mayor requested raffle prizes for both events.

**16769- MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr J F Thornton  
Seconded by Cllr N Phillips and it was –

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Economic Development Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16770- MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr M J Peers  
Seconded by Cllr A Woolley and it was –

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16771- MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr A Woolley  
Seconded by Cllr D Ellis and it was –

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16772- MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr D Ellis  
Seconded by Cllr C M Preece and it was -

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16773- CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR FOR BISTRE WEST WARD OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

The Council received a report from the Clerk, which advised that the Notice of a Casual Vacancy for a Councillor for the Bistre West Ward had been posted on the Town Council's Notice Boards, Website and Facebook Page on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The closing date for ten electors of the Ward to request an election was 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The Clerk verbally also advised Members that ten names had been received by the Returning Officer and therefore an election would be called. The Notice of an Intended Election would be posted on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017. It was –

*Resolved – that the Clerk’s report and verbal update be received and noted.*

Prior to the Mayor closing the Council Meeting, a request was made from the floor for the order of Committees to be changed to allow for the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held first. This was in order that debates could be held on certain planning matters for which a number of interested members of the public had attended the meeting. The matter on being voted upon was approved.

Congratulations were given upon the Mayor and Mayoress achieving their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**CHAIR**