

**MINUTES of a MEETING  
of the  
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the  
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY  
on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**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

**16802- APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors N A Cropper (illness), J S Jones (family commitments), W A Lewis (family commitments) and E L Preece (work commitments).

**16803- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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

**16804- PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

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

**16805- MEETING WITH THE LANDLORD AND AGENT FOR THE  
BUCKLEY SHOPPING CENTRE**

The Mayor advised the Council that the Clerk had been contacted by Mason Owen (the Agents for the Buckley Shopping Centre) on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to apologise

that the owner of the Buckley Shopping Centre could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances, however, the owner was very keen to meet with the Town Council. It was therefore –

*Resolved – that the owner of Buckley Shopping Centre and the Agent be invited to a Special Council Meeting, which should be held in camera, the Clerk to arrange the meeting.*

#### **16806- MINUTES**

*Resolved - that the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Buckley Town Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the minutes of the Meeting of the Buckley Town Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted and signed as a correct record.*

#### **16807- MAYORAL AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Mayor advised that on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November his Mayor's Charity Ball would be held at the Beaufort Park Hotel. The Mayor requested prizes for the raffle and that they be brought to the Town Council Offices by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
2. The Mayor advised that on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October he and the Mayoress had attended Emmanuel Bistre Church for a special Eucharist to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Dedication followed by a celebration lunch.
3. The Mayor was delighted to announce that the Charity Concert due to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November was virtually sold out.
4. The Mayor stated that he had been in discussions with the Clerk in relation to the feasibility of purchasing and placing a memorial bench in memory of Councillor Ron Hampson. The Mayor advised that the Clerk was in discussions with Flintshire County Council on the matter and a report would go to the Finance and Economic Development Committee at its November meeting.

#### **16808- MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr M J Peers

Seconded by Cllr J F Thornton and it was –

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

#### **16809- 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16810- MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr M J Peers  
Seconded by Cllr D Ellis and it was -

*Resolved – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16811- 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

**16812- MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cllr C A Ellis  
Seconded by Cllr D Ellis and it was -

*Resolved – that the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as now submitted, be approved and adopted.*

During the approving of the above minute, a question was asked in relation to the funding of free parking in Flintshire County Council car parks in Buckley for December 2017. The Clerk advised the Council that it had Budgeted for the cost, however, it was noted that a request should be made first to Flintshire County Council to provide the parking free without claiming a recharge from the Town Council.

**16813- CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP OR A MONTHLY AGENDA ITEM IN RELATION TO REGENERATION**

The Council received and considered a report from the Clerk, which advised that at the Special Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 it had been resolved that "... at the Council Meeting due to be held in October 2017 the membership of a Regeneration Sub-Committee should be decided", however, at the Special Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 it had been resolved that Regeneration be a "... matter to be made a permanent Agenda for each Committee Meeting". The Clerk advised the Council that the two resolutions were in contradiction to each other and therefore sought the Council's decision on whether to have a Regeneration Sub-Committee created or a permanent Agenda item in the General Purposes Committee. The Clerk recommended the former.

During the ensuing debate it was agreed that the proposed meeting with the owner and Agent of the Buckley Shopping Centre and a meeting with the Traders should be held before any Sub-Committee Meeting was held. The meeting of the Sub-Committee, if created, was therefore agreed to be held in the early part of next year. The Clerk was also requested to

write to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), to enquire as to whether or not there was any review available into the current valuations for the town centre. It was –

*Resolved – that a Regeneration Sub-Committee be formed, its Members to be the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Councillors V E Blondak, C M Preece, E L Preece, E J Hutchinson and M P Teire. Councillor R B Jones was also included in the Sub-Committee as a representative of the Traders in Buckley. It was also resolved that should a Member of the Sub-Committee be unable to attend a particular meeting, it was their responsibility to arrange a substitute and not the responsibility of the Town Council Staff.*

## CHAIR