

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 28th November 2017

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Office Administrator
Mrs T J Reece – Office Administrator

16885- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors N A Cropper (family commitments), C A Ellis, C M Preece (work commitments) and A G Williams (work commitments).

16886- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One Declaration of Interest was made in relation to Agenda item 8 – Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureau Statistics, by Councillor A Woolley. It was –

Resolved – that the Declaration of Interest was noted.

16887- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 24th October 2017, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

16888- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for November 2017. The report dealt mainly with the forthcoming Christmas Lights Switch-On on Saturday 25th November 2017. It was -

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

16889- REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR

The Committee was reminded that it had resolved on 24th October 2017, regarding the above that "... the Clerk be instructed to request each individual Member to supply answers to the four high level questions put by the Independent Review Panel and prepare a consolidated report of the answers received to be placed before the next meeting of this Committee for its further consideration of the setting up of a Working Group".

The Clerk advised the Committee that four responses had been received, which he had tabulated onto a spreadsheet, together with his own responses to the four high level questions.

The Clerk, therefore, sought permission to send the above spreadsheet to the Independent Review Panel as Buckley Town Council's response to the four high level questions and that the Working Group would meet when further information was provided and further references needed to be made back to the Independent Review Panel. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk be instructed to forward the spreadsheet to the Independent Review Panel as Buckley Town Council's response to the four high level questions and that the Working Group would meet when further information needed to be discussed and actioned.

16890- ANNUAL FIREWORK DISPLAY 2017

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk on the outcome of the Annual Firework Display, the report showed that the amount collected on the evening was £1,469.95, which would be shared equally between the Charity chosen by the North Wales Fire Service, Buckley Crew and the Mayor's Charity Account. Congratulations were offered to the Members and Staff of the Town Council and to the Members of the North Wales Fire and Rescue, Buckley Crew, on the success of the event. As a result of the success of the event, the Clerk recommended to the Committee that Festival Fireworks, who provided the firework display, should be given a further three year contract for the future firework displays. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk's recommendation be received, noted and approved that the Firework Display contractor for the years 2018 to 2020 inclusive be Festival Fireworks and that they be notified accordingly. This action complied with Standing Order 30(a)(v).

16891- CORONATION GARDENS

The Committee received a request from the Clerk to confirm its agreement to Coronation Gardens being closed to the public from 1st November 2017 to 1st March 2018. It was -

Resolved – that the closure of the Gardens for the above dates be approved.

16892- FLINTSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU STATISTICS

The Committee received the usage statistics from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in respect of the Buckley Outreach Office, for the period 1st July 2017 to

30th September 2017. Members were asked to note that of the 44 people who attended the Outreach office, 34 were from Buckley. It was –

Resolved – that the usage statistics for the Citizens Advice Bureau, Buckley Outreach office for the period 1st July 2017 to 30th September 2017 be received and noted.

16893- 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES – REVISED PROPOSALS

The Committee was reminded that at its meeting held on 27th September 2016, it had forwarded its observations on the Boundary Commission for Wales' Initial Proposals. The observation from the Town Council was that the name of the Constituency should be changed to Flintshire East to give a better geographical understanding of where the Constituency lay.

Enclosed with the Agenda item were the relevant elements of the Revised Proposals Report from the Boundary Commission for Wales. The Committee was asked to note that the name of the Constituency was being retained as Alyn and Deeside. The Committee felt that the name change was important and that the Boundary Commission for Wales should once again be requested to change the name. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Boundary Commission for Wales be advised that Buckley Town Council still maintained that the name of the Constituency should be changed to Flintshire East.

16894- WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT – RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report from the Clerk, which advised that under an initiative programme which was being led by Cadwyn Clwyd, a pop-up shop was to be trialled allowing local producers to show off their produce and crafts. The programme was aimed at potentially 25 producers and was funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and Flintshire County Council. An application, however, had to be made by a third party for the funding. The Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor had agreed that the Town Council would be the applicant provided no financial input was required by the Town Council.

A further meeting had taken place with Councillor C M Preece and a representative of Cadwyn Clwyd and at that meeting it had been agreed that the pop-up shop should be located in the Town Council's Community Room and that Councillor Preece would be responsible for arranging the following:- (a) contacting and liaising with the producers (b) staffing the shop, (c) providing a till, (d) providing banners, (e) leaflets, posters and flyers, (f) press releases and a dignitary to open the shop. The shop would be open for one week from 19th to 25th May 2018. There would be no financial implication to Buckley Town Council, apart from providing the Community Room free of charge. This would result in a theoretical loss of income of £70.00. The Clerk had, therefore, agreed on behalf of the Council to sign the application form so that Cadwyn Clwyd and Councillor Preece could proceed with applying for funding and organising the event. Members were advised that the week that the shop would be open would coincide with the 2018 Fun Day. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk’s report be received and noted, that the actions of the Mayor and Clerk in this matter be acknowledged and approved and that the Community Room be provided to the programme for the week free of charge.

16895- VISIT TO NORTH WALES POLICE 101 CALL CENTRE

The Committee was advised that at the Police Liaison Committee held on 14th November 2017 North Wales Police had extended an invitation for Members of the Council to visit the 101 Call Centre at St Asaph at a date to be agreed. It was -

Resolved – that the offer from North Wales Police be accepted and that Members who wished to attend the visit should notify the Clerk so that arrangements could be made for the date and time of the visit.

16896- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS’ PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members’ perusal:-

1. The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Revised Proposals.
2. Airbus – covering letter and report in respect of a Proposal to Adopt GNSS Approaches and amend Conventional Instrument Flight Procedures at Hawarden Airport.
3. Certificate of Commemoration for the fact that Buckley Town Council flew the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September 2017.

Resolved – that the above items tabled for Members’ perusal be received and noted.

CHAIR