

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, **BUCKLEY**
on
Tuesday 27th February 2018

PRESENT

Councillor J S Jones – in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondak	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr M P Teire
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr S Peers	Cllr J F Thornton
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A G Williams
Cllr H D 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

17007- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors N A Cropper (family commitments) and D Ellis (work commitments).

17008- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17009- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 23rd January 2018, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17010- KINGDOM SECURITY

The Committee received a report from the Clerk which enclosed a quotation from a motion passed by Holyhead Town Council in respect to the above Company, which Flintshire County Council employs. The quote stated that a motion had been passed

at Holyhead Town Council which read “While we at Holyhead Town Council recognise the need for enforcement and welcome cleaner streets, the Town Council expresses its concern at the alleged methods used by Kingdom Services in order to generate profit, namely the targeting and harassment of individuals, including vulnerable individuals in our community”. The Clerk advised the Committee against making a similar resolution as any evidence any Members may put forward would be purely anecdotal unless individuals were willing to allow their names and addresses to be used. The Clerk suggested that the Committee should note the report and revisit the matter when any solid evidence was available to take the matter up with Flintshire County Council.

During the ensuing debate it was questioned whether Flintshire County Council would recognise the picture painted by the Holyhead Town Council resolution and if not, how did Flintshire County Council control the Contractor. It was also stated that of the income derived through Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Kingdom Security, the Company retained 85% with only 15% going to Flintshire County Council. As a result of the concerns raised at the meeting it was –

Resolved – that the Clerk be instructed to write to Flintshire County Council requesting the answers to the following questions:-

- 1. Did Flintshire County Council recognise the concerns raised by Holyhead Town Council?*
- 2. What controls were in place as part of the contract with Kingdom in order to safeguard the residents of Flintshire?*
- 3. Would Flintshire County Council advise if Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Kingdom which are not paid, which organisation has to reimburse Kingdom for the none payment of those fines?*
- 4. Would Flintshire County Council please confirm the percentage of income generated from fines which was retained by Kingdom and what percentage was passed over to Flintshire County Council?*

CHAIR