

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 27th March 2018

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17021- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors I Peters (holiday), C M Preece (illness), J F Thornton (family commitments) and A G Williams (work commitments).

17022- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Two Declarations of Interest were made in relation to Agenda item 6 – Buckley War Memorial Artwork Project and Agenda item 8 – Independent Review Panel – Engagement Events, by Councillor A Woolley. It was –

Resolved – that the Declarations of Interest were noted.

17023- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 27th February 2018, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17024- PRESENTATION BY FDF

The Chair welcomed Ms Jan Thomas from FDF to give a presentation on the work of the Charity.

Ms Thomas advised that the Charity was a development from the original Flintshire Disability Forum. The Flintshire Disability Forum had been at a point of collapse

three years ago and there was an urgent need for disabled people to be wholly and fully integrated into main stream society by providing a comprehensive service to achieve independent living wherever possible. Ms Thomas provided a leaflet to all Members of the Committee, which highlighted the outreach services provided by the Charity. The services which Ms Thomas expanded upon included outreach pop up shops, PR, website, social media, newsletters, leisure activities, equipment resourcing, sign posting to other providers, advocacy and allied services, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, education and allied services, carer respite, befriending, financial advice, health care and social group activities. Ms Thomas stated that the vision for FDF was one of an inclusive and unbiased world that valued disabled and disadvantaged people as equals and actively enabled and celebrated their contribution to society.

Following the presentation a number of Members spoke to applaud the work and efforts of the Charity. It was –

Resolved – that Ms Thomas be thanked for her presentation, that the presentation be received and noted and that the Committee wished FDF all success in the future.

17025- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for March 2018. It was -

Resolved – that the Town Centre Manager's report be received, noted and approved.

17026- BUCKLEY WAR MEMORIAL ARTWORK PROJECT

The Committee was reminded that a piece of artwork was being commissioned to be placed at the War Memorial in Precinct Way Car Park. The artwork was part of a financial contribution to the town by Aldi. The Committee was advised that the various shortlisted contributions had been on public display in Buckley Library and enclosed with the Agenda item were all the details and photographs/images of the chosen work. It was noted that a Buckley Crest was included with the artwork, however, the Crest was not the Crest of Buckley Town Council. It was –

Resolved – that the report and enclosures be received and noted.

17027- TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Committee received and considered a covering email from Flintshire County Council, which advised that the Standards Committee were reviewing training needs for all Town and Community Councillors and their Clerks in the County. A request was made within the email for a form to be completed which indicated whether or not Members had received training on the Code of Conduct. Also included with the covering email were a number of slides that had been provided during previous training sessions to Town and Community Councillors. It was –

Resolved – that the completion of the form by the Chair of this Committee and the Clerk be approved for onward transmission to Flintshire County Council.

17028- INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL – ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The Committee was reminded that at its meeting held on 27th February 2018 it had decided to send two delegates to the Engagement Event with regard to the above at the Wrexham session. In the absence of Councillor D Ellis, Councillors A Woolley and V E Blondak had attended the event. Both Members gave their impressions of the event and both confirmed that it went over old ground in the sense that the session was designed to discuss four key questions with regard to the review of Town and Community Councils in Wales. However, those questions had already been answered by Buckley Town Council and had been forwarded to the Independent Review Panel following the November 2017 meeting of this Committee. It was –

Resolved – that both Members be thanked for attending the event on the Council's behalf, for their feedback at this meeting and that the matter be received and noted.

17029- WALES AUDIT OFFICE – SURVEY OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Committee received and considered a covering email from One Voice Wales, which attached an email from the Wales Audit Office requesting the completion of an enclosed survey. The survey to be completed online. The Clerk advised the Committee that a similar survey had been completed some years ago and it was –

Resolved – that the Wales Audit Office be requested to refer back to the previous survey completed by the Town Council as the answers in that survey were still relevant.

17030- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. 50+ Action Group Newsletter – Issue 14 – March 2018.
2. Email from One Voice Wales – Guidance for Principal Councils on The Review of Communities.
3. Covering email and March 2018 Newsletter from the Wrexham and Bidston Rail Users' Association.

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

CHAIR