

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

PRESENT

Councillor J S Jones – in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondak
Cllr C A Ellis
Cllr D Ellis
Cllr I D Howes
Cllr E J Hutchinson

Cllr H D Hutchinson
Cllr R B Jones
Cllr W A Lewis
Cllr M J Peers
Cllr S Peers

Cllr N Phillips
Cllr E L Preece
Cllr M P Teire

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17039- APOLOGIES

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

17040- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17041- MINUTES

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

17042- KINGDOM SECURITY

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk which reminded it that at its meeting held on 27th February 2018 it had resolved that “ ... 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 were 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?"

As a result of the above the Clerk had forwarded correspondence to the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) on 28th February 2018 and received a response on 8th March 2018, which generated a further email from the Clerk on 9th March 2018 that was responded to on 15th March 2018. The correspondence was enclosed with the Agenda.

During the ensuing debate on the responses received from the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) a copy of an article in the Daily Post Newspaper dated 27th March 2018 was also discussed. The newspaper article advised that Anglesey County Council were scrapping the deal with Kingdom Services once the trial period with that company came to an end in May 2018. The article also referred to incidences of apparent intimidation of vulnerable people by Kingdom officers. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council, making a formal request for the matter of the contract between Flintshire County Council and Kingdom Services Group to be placed on the Agenda of the Environment, Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A copy of the correspondence to be forwarded to the Chair of the Environment, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Chief Executive, the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) and Councillor Carolyn Thomas. The request to also include that Kingdom Services Group should be required to attend the meeting to discuss the alleged issues.

17043- ITEM TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following item was tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. Play Wales e-bulletin – March 2018.

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

CHAIR