

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 22nd May 2018

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Personal Assistant
Mr A J White – Town Centre Manager & Technical Officer

17120- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors J S Jones (work commitments), W A Lewis (work commitments) and M J Peers (holiday). Councillors C M Preece and E L Preece informed the meeting that they would be leaving at 8pm.

17121- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17122- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 24th April 2018, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17123- PRESENTATION – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BUCKLEY CONNECTS

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which included reference to an enclosed email from Flintshire County Council that itself had attached to it details of the Review of the Flintshire Connects Service. The Clerk advised the Committee that although correspondence had been forwarded to Flintshire County

Council inviting Councillor B Mullin and the Customer Services Officer, Community and Enterprise, no response had been received. The Clerk, however, advised the Committee that all the information required was available in the attachment to the above email. The Committee noted that there would be reduced opening hours in Flint, Holywell and Connah's Quay, however, in the case of Buckley although the opening hours would change the number of hours that the Connects facility was open would be the same per day. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report and enclosed correspondence be received and noted and that the footfall for each of the Connects Centres in Flintshire for 2017/18 be requested.

17124- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for May 2018. Thanks were given to the Staff, particularly the Town Centre Manager and the two Personal Assistants for the work leading up to and including the Fun Day, together with those Members who had so ably assisted on the day. It was regarded by all Members that the day had been a great success and the Committee looked forward to next year's event. It was –

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

Following the resolution, the Town Mayor requested permission to speak, upon his request being granted, the Mayor advised the Committee that Buckley Town Football Club had been crowned champions of the Welsh National League – Premier Division. It was noted that a congratulatory communication would be sent to the Football Club.

17125- PROVISION OF A POST BOX IN BUCKLEY TOWN CENTRE

The Committee received and considered correspondence between the Clerk and Royal Mail Customer Services in relation to the lack of a formal Post Box in the town centre. The original two Post Boxes were currently unavailable for use due to the redevelopment of the site of the old Post Office. The Committee noted that there was a facility to post letters in the new Post Office in the Spar Shop, however, it was not ideal as it was not a formal Post Box and was only available during the shop opening hours. The Committee felt that the response to the Clerk's correspondence by the Royal Mail Customer Services was less than totally positive and its content appeared to reveal a lack of understanding of the distance of the siting of the three Post Boxes stated in the letter from the town centre. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report and enclosed correspondence be received and noted and that the Clerk be instructed to write again to Royal Mail Customer Services pointing out the distances from the town centre of the three Post Boxes identified and seeking a timescale for the replacement Post Box to be sited outside the new Post Office.

17126- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. Voluntary Voice – Newsletter – Issue 1 2018.
2. FLVC Trustee Network Funding and Governance e-bulletin.
3. Booklet – Eisteddfod yr Urdd Brycheiniog and Maesyfed 2018.
4. Welsh Government - Natural Resources Bulletin – Issue 28 – May 2018.
5. Community Health Council – News Release 14th May 2018.
Statement by North Wales Community Health Council.

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

CHAIR