

**MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 25th September 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr J S Jones	Cllr C M Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr P G Shone
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
Cllr H D Hutchinson		

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17235- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors R B Jones (holiday), M J Peers (holiday) and E L Preece (work commitments).

17236- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17237- MINUTES

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

17238- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report.

During the ensuing discussion mention was made that a meeting had been held with Lidl, whose representative toured the town, but did not believe that there was a viable possibility of the Company opening a shop in the town at this time. Mention was also

made that both KFC and Sainsbury's had been less than positive in their opinion as to whether or not it was viable to open a retail outlet in the town at this time. It was also noted with some dismay that the final Bank Branch in the town (Lloyds) would close in February 2019. It was –

Resolved – that the Town Centre Manager's report be received, noted and approved and that the Clerk be instructed to forward a letter to Lloyds Bank in relation to the closure of the Bank, with a copy of the letter going to Mark Tami MP.

17239- LACK OF RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Members were reminded that at the meeting of this Committee held on 24th July 2018, under minute reference 17224 the Clerk had been instructed to correspond with Flintshire County Council with regard to the concerns it had in relation to responses, or lack of, to correspondence. The Clerk was instructed to ask four specific questions. The questions were listed below:-

1. To receive the timeline quoted for responding to correspondence in the Shared Charter.
2. To receive the timeline quoted for correspondence in Flintshire County Council's Public Charter.
3. To request the monitoring process in place to ensure that the conditions of 1 and 2 above are complied with.
4. The results of the monitoring exercises conducted for the period 1st January 2018 to 30th June 2018.

As a result of the above the Clerk wrote to Flintshire County Council on 25th July 2018. The Clerk advised the Committee that a response to his correspondence had been received on 14th August 2018 and it appeared that from the answers to the questions raised that there was no formal monitoring process in place to ensure timely responses to correspondence.

During the ensuing debate it was noted that on 12th September 2018 during a meeting at Flintshire County Council a motion was moved in relation to the very poor response to correspondence received by Flintshire County Council. The poor response included communications with Councillors. The Leader of the Council had backed the motion. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report and enclosed correspondence be received, noted and the situation with regard to the response to correspondence from Flintshire County Council be kept under review.

17240- PRESENTATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE

The Committee received and considered a letter dated 31st August 2018 from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. The letter advised of a review of the

electoral arrangements for Flintshire County Council with a view to considering and formulating proposals for further arrangements. The letter advised that there would be a meeting held at County Hall, Mold, on 23rd October 2018. It was –

Resolved – that the communication be received and noted and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be nominated to attend the above meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

17241- FLINTSHIRE SOUTH AREA – POLICE CONSULTATION MEETING

The Committee received and considered an email from North Wales Police notifying that the next meeting of the above consultation process would be on 15th November 2018. The email requested that any specific issues, observations or questions on the 14 matters that were raised in the email from North Wales Police should be forwarded to them by 5th November 2018. The Committee was reminded that the Town Council's two representatives on the Consultation Meeting were Councillors C A Ellis and A Woolley. It was –

Resolved – that individual Members be advised to notify the Clerk of any issues, observations or questions on the 14 matters raised in North Wales Police's email by 5th October 2018 in order that North Wales Police could be advised of them and the two representatives be armed with the issues, observations or questions when attending the meeting.

17242- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. Grwp Cynefin – Annual Report 2017/18.
2. FLVC – Voluntary Voice Newsletter – Issue 2 2018.

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

CHAIR