

**MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 26th February 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor A Woolley - in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr H D Hutchinson	Cllr C M Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr P G Shone
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr I Peters	Cllr J F Thornton
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr N Phillips	

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17447- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors J S Jones (illness), R B Jones (holiday), S Peers (work commitments), M P Teire (work commitments) and A G Williams (family commitments).

17448- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17449- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2019, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17450- PRESENTATION BY LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE PARTNERSHIP

The Chair advised the Committee that the attendee from the Local Energy Advice Partnership had had to attend another meeting at short notice and therefore was unable to attend. It was therefore –

Resolved – that Mr Thomas's apology be received and noted and that he be invited to attend a future meeting of this Committee to make the intended presentation.

17451- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for February 2019. It was –

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

17452- FUTURE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Committee received a report from the Clerk that reminded it that in June 2017 the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government created an Independent Review Panel to look at the future of Town and Community Councils. The Panel's final report was presented on 3rd October 2018 and the Cabinet Secretary had issued a written statement in relation to the final report on 30th November 2018. The Cabinet Secretary noted that the final report made the case for both retaining the Community and Town Council sector and for significantly enhancing the contribution it makes. The Cabinet Secretary concluded by stating that it was his belief the approach he had outlined was considered proportionate and measured and formed the starting point of a conversation with the sector itself and those it works with. The Committee was advised that the full final report from the Panel was available for Members to peruse in the Council Chamber. It was therefore –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report be received and noted.

17453- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members' perusal: -

1. FLVC E-BULLETIN.
2. Older People's Commissioner for Wales – Share your views on how we can make Wales the best place in the world to grow older.
3. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – A revision to the Police and Crime Plan 2017-21
4. Email from Flintshire County Council – FCC Draft Local Toilet Strategy Consultation.
5. Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils in Wales – Final Report and written statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services.

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

CHAIR