

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 28th May 2019

PRESENT

Councillor H D Hutchinson - in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr J S Jones	Cllr N Phillips
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr R B Jones	Cllr P G Shone
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr A Woolley

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17603- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors M J Peers (holiday), C M Preece (family commitments), E L Preece (family commitments), M P Teire (work commitments), J F Thornton (family bereavement) and A G Williams (holiday).

17604- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17605- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 30th April 2019, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17606- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for May 2019. It was generally acknowledged that the Fun Day had been, yet again, a great success. In answer to a query as to the apparent lack of publicity for the event, the Clerk advised the Committee that the following mediums had been used to publicise the event in advance – the Facebook page of the Town Council, the Town Council website, the Town

Council's noticeboards, the noticeboards within the public conveniences, an article in the Leader newspaper, flyers distributed throughout the town, posters in shop windows and advertising boards placed around the town. It was also suggested that in future years Members become involved in publicising the event.

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

17607- VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS BY INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Committee received the latest report from visits made by Independent Members of the Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee to Town and Community Councils Meetings. In general the visits had received a positive feedback. One comment made was that at one meeting the discussions took a long time and the meeting finished very late. In answer to a question the Clerk advised the Committee that the Town Council had had a visit from an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and that the meeting the individual had attended was one of the shortest meetings the Town Council and its Committees had had for some time. It was –

Resolved – that the correspondence be received and noted.

17608- MONITORING OF CCTV IN FLINTSHIRE

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which advised that following an article on Deeside.com, the Clerk had forwarded an email to the CCTV and Campus Manager, Flintshire County Council, requesting whether or not there would be consultation on the potential move of the Flintshire CCTV Camera Control Room from County Hall to a joint operation in Wrexham County Borough Council. The Clerk had written the email as the Town Council owns the static CCTV cameras in Buckley, although they are monitored by Flintshire County Council. The Clerk did not receive a response to his email, however, on 14th May 2019 the Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Flintshire County Council, forwarded an email to a number of recipients advising that the amalgamation of the two Control Rooms had finally been agreed, with Wrexham County Borough Council hosting the service. The Chief Officer stated "A meeting will be arranged with partner Town Councils to share information and receive your observations on the proposal".

During the ensuing debate it was agreed that the proposed meeting should be awaited prior to responding to the Chief Officer's email. It was also raised that during a recent act of vandalism at Buckley Railway Station, the cameras at the Station were not of sufficient quality to provide a clear picture of the perpetrator. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report be received and noted, that the meeting with partner Town Councils be awaited and that the Clerk be instructed to contact Transport for Wales to find out whether or not better cameras could be installed at the Station.

17609- PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES ACCESSIBILITY (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (No. 2) REGULATIONS 2018

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which advised that the

above regulations were designed to allow citizens, particularly those with disabilities to gain better access to public services by making public sector bodies' websites and mobile applications more accessible. The report advised that the regulations worked harmoniously with varying accessibility standards within the European Union and in particular, the Statutory Duties imposed on public sector bodies under the Equality Act 2010 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The Clerk advised the Committee that the website was currently being updated and redesigned and that the Clerk had contacted the website provider and had agreed that as the redesigned website would be active in the near future, the accessibility statement required under the above Regulations would be prepared in time for it to be produced by September 2019. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report and actions in the matter be received, noted and endorsed.

17610- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members' perusal: -

1. DLN Newsletter – May 2019.
2. Voluntary Voice Newsletter – Issue 1 2019.

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

CHAIR