

**MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 25th February 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor H D Hutchinson - in the Chair

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

17917- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors C A Ellis (family commitments), W A Lewis (illness), E L Preece (illness) and J F Thornton (recuperating).

17918- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17919- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 28th January 2020, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17920- TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Centre Manager's monthly report for February 2020. The Town Centre Manager specifically highlighted the forthcoming Fun Day, which was themed on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The Town Centre Manager

highlighted the organisations that would be taking part in the Fun Day and also requested Members to complete a form advising whether or not they would be prepared to dress up in Second World War costumes to act as a form of Home Guard. The Town Centre Manager also advised the Committee that the Clerk had offered to provide a large military cottage tent to act as the Home Guard Headquarters on the day. At the request of a Member it was confirmed that VJ Day would also be commemorated at the event. It was therefore –

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

17921- ATMs IN BUCKLEY

Members were reminded that at the meeting of this Committee held on 28th January 2020 it had been resolved, with regard to the above, that “... the Clerk be instructed to contact the Link Organisation and the Pay Point Organisation with regard to the potential of increasing the number of units in the town”. Enclosed with the Agenda item was the correspondence from the Clerk to both organisations and their responses. Both organisations had provided details of the location of their services within a 10 mile radius for ATMs and a 3 mile radius for Pay Point facilities. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk’s report and enclosed correspondence be received and noted.

17922- COMMUNITY BANK IN BUCKLEY

The Committee received a copy of an article that had been placed in The Leader Newspaper of 13th February 2020, with regard to the above. The article indicated how the local AM was leading a campaign, which was aimed to try and ensure that one of the pilot schemes for the Bank should be in Buckley. The Committee also received a verbal presentation from Councillor C M Preece who provided more detail with regard to the matter. Following a debate, it was –

Resolved – that the Town Council notify the local AM of its support for his efforts and to highlight why Buckley should be considered as one of the locations for the pilot scheme. It was also resolved that the Clerk request that the Town Council be included in any further updates on the matter and that the Regional AMs should be contacted to seek their support for the initiative as well.

17923- STREETLINK APP – A MORE CONSISTENT METHOD OF REPORTING ROUGH SLEEPING

The Committee received and considered a covering email from Flintshire County Council. The email attached a letter informing that Flintshire County Council had adopted a Regional Homeless Strategy. The strategy was designed to identify rough sleeping and provided a link so that people could report rough sleepers to the County Council in order that support could be provided to them. The Clerk advised the Committee that the letter from Flintshire County Council had been placed on the Town Council’s website. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk’s report and enclosed correspondence be received and noted.

17924- OWL CYMRU

The Committee received and considered an email from Owl Cymru advising that the charity would close as of 31st March 2020. The reason given was that the charity had not been able to secure the funding to continue. It was –

Resolved – that the communication from Owl Cymru be received and noted.

17925- ITEM TABLED FOR MEMBERS’ PERUSAL

The following item was tabled for Members’ perusal: -

1. Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report.

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

CHAIR