

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Community Asset Transfer Committee held in Holy Trinity Church, Basingwerk Avenue, Greenfield, Holywell on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 at 6.00pm.

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PRESENT: Councillor P.A. York (Chairman).  
Councillors: Mrs. M. Auty, Mrs. R. Dolphin (for minutes CAT11. to CAT12., part), P.J. McGarry – Mayor (for minutes CAT11. to CAT12., part), E.B. Palmer, Mrs. M.D. Phelan, B. Scragg and E. Watkinson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors P.J. Curtis, Mrs. K. Davies, J. Griffiths, J.M. Johnson, H.G. Roberts, K. Roberts and Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

IN ATTENDANCE: D.C. Pierce (Clerk).

CAT11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

CAT12. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS (CAT): COMMUNITY OF HOLYWELL – BUSINESS PLANNING

The Chairman welcomed John Gray (FLVC) and Barry Watkinson (Flintshire County Council) to the meeting for this item. The Committee considered the above matter and the support available to it should it wish to move forward to the Stage 2 Business Plan for the following County Council assets in which it had submitted Expressions of Interest.

- (i) Holywell Public Conveniences (adjoining car park at rear of Flintshire Connects)
- (ii) Holywell Public Conveniences (Tower Gardens) – closed
- (iii) Greenfield: Community Garden, School Lane
- (iv) Greenfield: Playing Field, Park Hall Road.

Business Model Guidance Notes and an Application Form had been circulated to Members with the agenda.

Mr. Watkinson explained the background to the proposed closure of the remaining public toilets in Holywell with effect from 1 January 2017. If the Town Council’s interest was not progressed, the existing toilet facilities within County buildings e.g. Libraries, Leisure Centre and Flintshire Connects Centre would be promoted, rather than the dedicated and often isolated facilities in the town centre which often attracted antisocial behaviour.

Members expressed serious concern at the proposal from several aspects particularly as the town was being promoted as a tourist destination by the County Council.

Mr. Watkinson undertook to follow up on the issues raised and return to the Clerk on these in due course. Mr. Gray explained the role of FLVC in providing guidance in formulating the Business Plan(s) at this stage. The Chairman then welcomed Tudor Jones to the meeting as the Chairman of the Holywell Leisure Centre Working Group. He updated the Committee on progress made to date towards CAT of the Holywell Leisure Centre.

Councillor Mrs. M. Auty proposed that the Council should submit Expressions of Interest on all the remaining assets on the schedule circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council be recommended to support Business Plan Applications for the County Council assets listed under (i) to (iv) inclusive in the preamble of this minute.
- (2) That a CAT Working Group be established to put forward draft Business Plans for consideration, the appointment of members to the Group to be determined by the Council.
- (3) That Councillor Mrs. Auty's proposal be considered at a future meeting of the Council when she has submitted supporting details.

CAT13. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – REVIEW OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

The Chairman referred to his attendance together with Councillor B. Scragg as the Town Council's representatives at a Workshop arranged by the County Council the previous evening at Theatr Clwyd, Mold in connection with the above matter.

A further report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

CAT14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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Chairman