

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Community Asset Transfer Committee held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor E.B. Palmer (Chairman – see minute No. CAT1).
Councillors: Mrs. M. Auty, Mrs. K. Davies, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J.M. Johnson, (Mayor - who presided for minute No. CAT1), Mrs. M.D. Phelan and B. Scragg.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J. Griffiths, P.J. McGarry, H.G. Roberts and Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

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

CAT1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2016/17

RESOLVED:

That Councillor E.B. Palmer be elected Chairman of the Community Asset Transfer Committee for 2016/17.

CAT2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016/17

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P.A. York be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Asset Transfer Committee for 2016/17.

CAT3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBER’S CODE OF CONDUCT

Minute No.	Name of Councillor	Personal	Prejudicial	Nature of Interest
CAT8.	Mrs. R. Dolphin	√	-	Own a Post Office

The Chairman agreed for the Member to remain at the meeting to summarise the services for the current and proposed new branch as she would no longer have an involvement at the branch post implementation.

CAT4. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded for minute CAT5. on grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted relating to the financial/legal information to be disclosed.

CAT5. CAT : HOLYWELL SWIMMING POOL, LEISURE CENTRE AND LIBRARY (HLC)

Following the presentation given at the November Council meeting, further consideration was given to the Community Group's proposal for a CAT and its revenue implications for the Authority. The Chairman referred to the concerns expressed by a Member at the Audit Sub-Committee at its earlier meeting (minute A28). There was general support for an informal meeting with senior Members and officers from the County Council to draw attention to these concerns and to seek their support with the community CAT arrangements for example for the public toilets to remain under County Council management and control if the Town Council resolved to financially assist the HLC.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the suggested informal joint meeting be arranged as soon as possible with the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor, together with Councillor E.B. Palmer, being authorised to represent the Town Council.
- (2) That the main agenda items for the meeting in (1) above be recommended as follows:

- i) Community Asset Transfer –
The future of public toilets and other Holywell community assets given the likely impact on the Town Council's precept if a decision is taken to meet the requested £20,000 annual subsidy for the HLC.
- ii) Vision for Holywell and Greenfield -
Develop a closer working with the County Council towards ensuring equitable treatment between communities.
- iii) Savings-
Request for a breakdown of the annual financial savings achieved by the County Council on a per community basis.

CAT6. CAT – TOWN COUNCIL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST/BUSINESS PLANS

Further consideration was given to the community assets which the Town Council had submitted a formal expression of interest.

Members noted a recent letter from the County Council's Highway Network Manager indicating that the proposed date for closure of the public toilet facilities in the town centre had been extended from 1 January to 31 October 2017 to allow the Town Council to develop its business case for their future operation.

The Clerk referred to a recent local press article which drew attention to the lack of such facilities in Flintshire with only four working toilets, one each in Buckley, Flint, Holywell and Mancot.

The Clerk reported that the Town Council's appointed CAT (Business Plans) Working Group had not to date met because of unresolved issues surrounding the public toilets and the absence of management information/operational costs from the County Council as landowners regarding the Community Garden and the playingfield on Park Hall Road, Greenfield.

RESOLVED:

That the position be noted and that further action be deferred pending the outcome of the meeting in minute CAT5.

CAT7. CAT – GENERAL UPDATE

No other issues were reported/raised that required the Council's attention at this stage.

CAT8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO GREENFIELD POST OFFICE

This item had been accepted by the Chairman for inclusion on the agenda as the Committee was made up of all Members of the Council and the deadline for comments was before the next monthly meeting of the Council.

Information of the proposals received from the Area Manager – Post Office, had been received and circulated.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be supported.

CAT9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

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Chairman