

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Holywell and Greenfield Development Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Wednesday, 8 July 2015 at 11.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor P.A. York (Chairman).
Councillors: Mrs. M. Auty, Mrs. R. Dolphin, P.J. McGarry (Mayor), K. Roberts, B. Scragg and Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

IN ATTENDANCE: D.C. Pierce (Clerk) and M.G. Fearnley (Community Engagement Officer).

HGD7.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

HGD8.COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS – COMMUNITY OF HOLYWELL

The Sub-Committee met to finalise arrangements for the stakeholder meetings arranged at the Stamford Gate, Halkyn Road, Holywell at 6pm as follows, and to consider any issues arising:

- (1) 8 July - The Leisure Centre, Library, Youth Centre and surrounding areas of open space.
- (2) 22 July – The remaining assets including play areas, open spaces, community centres, cemeteries.

Members had before them the list of Community Assets received from the County Council (the Town Council had agreed for the Community Garden and adjoining playing field at Greenfield to be added to this list; and the County Council’s suggested Process of Engagement with stakeholders agreed by the Town Council on 16 June.

In attendance for this item was John Gray, Information and Advice Officer, Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC).

At the Chairman’s invitation, Mr. Gray outlined the process of community asset transfers and the role of the FLVC in that process in terms of support and signposting to other support agencies. The present arrangements provided an opportunity to transfer to public ownership of facilities in the community. Initial interest expressed would be entirely without commitment.

Mr. Gray answered Members’ questions ranging from the importance of public involvement and confidence in the arrangements; the possibility of establishing a ‘Community Trust’ covering all assets; to the need to ensure

fairness across the County in the allocation capital/revenue funding made available by the County Council if and when assets were legally transferred.

The following joined the meeting and were given an opportunity to raise specific points including any reservations with the Sub-committee and Mr. Gray.

Mr. Tudor Jones – representing the Supporters of Holywell Leisure Centre;
Officers from Holywell Leisure Centre;
Councillor E.B. Palmer

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gray and the other attendees for their helpful contributions.

The Sub-Committee thereafter considered the draft Agenda for the 'exploratory' stakeholder meeting with the County Council representatives later that evening, to be chaired by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the draft Agenda for the evening stakeholder meeting at the Stamford Gate be noted and approved and that the Clerk arrange for sufficient copies to be available together with the List of Assets and the Holywell Leisure Centre – Budget Allocation information 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- (2) That after meeting in (1) above, a press release be issued to inform the public of progress and to encourage support from interested groups in future meetings.
- (3) That consideration be also given to informing the residents generally via a leaflet drop or similar of the issues under consideration and of the importance of public involvement and support to safeguard the future of the community's assets.
- (4) That further contact be made with neighbouring Community Councils to get them “on board” with the arrangements.

HGD9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15 pm.

.....Chairman