

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 Monday, 8 June 2015 at 11.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor P.A. York (Chairman – see minute No. HGD1).
Councillors: Mrs. M. Auty, P.J. McGarry, Mayor (who presided for minute No HGD1), and Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors
Mrs. R. Dolphin, K. Roberts and B. Scragg.

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

HGD1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2015/16

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P.A. York be elected Chairman of the
Holywell & Greenfield Development Sub-Committee
2015/16.

HGD2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2015/16

The Clerk advised on the eligibility of Members to be nominated as
Vice-Chairman, including those Members absent from the meeting where their
agreement to being considered had been received by the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor B. Scragg be appointed Vice-Chairman
of the Holywell & Greenfield Development Sub-
Committee for 2015/16.

HGD3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

The following declaration of interest was made and the relevant form
completed for the Clerk to deal with in accordance with the statutory
requirements.

Minute No.	Name of Councillor	Personal	Prejudicial	Nature of Interest
HGD5	Mrs. M. Auty	√	-	Secretary of Residents’ Group

HGD4.COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS - HOLYWELL

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer – Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council to the meeting. Mr. Bancroft had been invited to assist the Town Council’s further understanding and consideration of the Community Asset Transfer arrangements, including the Holywell Leisure Centre in particular and in relation to the level of assistance and involvement from the County Council with stakeholder/public consultation and so on.

Members had before them a breakdown of figures for Holywell Leisure Centre together with another copy of the Community Asset Transfer Guidance Notes and a List of Assets for the community, including Greenfield.

Mr. Bancroft went over the background to the scheme which included three distinct stages.

Stage 1	Expression(s) of Interest
Stage 2	Business Model Application(s)
Stage 3	Completion and Transfer of Asset(s)

He stressed the importance of making relatively early decisions as time was moving on and it was important for the County Council to have an indication of the Town Council’s position as soon as possible be it in a proposed asset transfer role or a facilitating role. For this purpose, it was agreed that initial meetings were required with the main stakeholders to identify the level of interest in relation to each asset or asset group. A suggested Process of Engagement would be sent to the Town Council to consider. The County’s budget round for 2016/17 and 2017/18, where significant savings still had to be achieved, would be considered in conjunction with any progress made with asset transfer(s) within the community.

The different arrangements adopted to date by some neighbouring Councils were explained. Once Stage 1 decisions had been taken, matters would be moved forward with County Council officer support.

Updates were also given regarding:

- future plans for the County’s Libraries
- match funding schemes from 2016/17
- set up and revenue funding for transferred assets for a set period
- capital funding for transferred assets

The Sub-Committee had particular regard to Mr. Bancroft’s comments regarding the Leisure Centre in terms of its future operation. Mr. Bancroft was thanked for his time in explaining in more detail the relevant issues to Members in respect of the Community Asset Transfer Scheme.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council consider the suggested Process of Engagement with the main stakeholders to ascertain the level of interest in Community Asset Transfers within the community of Holywell, when it is received from the County Council.
- (2) That the Clerk, Community Engagement Officer and the Holywell & Greenfield Development Sub-Committee work with the County Council in co-ordinating stakeholder meetings and that the Sub-Committee thereafter make recommendations to the Town Council to consider its role in Community Asset Transfers moving forward.
- (3) That the Community Engagement Officer make initial enquiries of the Chair - Supporters of Holywell Leisure Centre, with a view to involving that group and others in securing the operational future of the Centre.
- (4) That, unless there is a specific reason for its omission, the Memorial Gardens, Greenfield be added to the list of Holywell Community Assets.

HGD5. FUTURE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ADJOINING PLAYING FIELD – GREENFIELD

As requested by Councillor Mrs. M. Auty, consideration was given to matters arising from the present arrangements between the Greenfield Residents' Association and the County Council. The Clerk drew attention to the County Council's Dispensation procedure (through its Standards Committee) for Members seeking to speak/vote on matters where they had a declared personal and prejudicial interest.

RESOLVED:

That the Community Garden and playing field at Greenfield be considered in conjunction with the List of Community Assets circulated by the County Council.

HGD6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.35pm.

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