

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Special Meeting of Holywell Town Council** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Tuesday, 6 June 2017 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor J.M. Johnson (Mayor).

Councillors: Ms. L.A. Carter, Mrs. K. Davies, Mrs. R. Dolphin, P.A. Johnson, P.J. McGarry, E.B. Palmer, K. Roberts, B. Scragg.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), D.C. Pierce (Retiring Clerk), Mrs. C.S. Lowry (Support Officer).

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Declarations of Interest were made and the relevant forms completed for the Clerk to action under the statutory requirements.

Minute No.	Name of Councillor	Personal	Prejudicial	Nature of Interest
26	K. Roberts	✓		Represents the Town Council on the Greenfield Valley Board of Trustees.
32	J.M. Johnson	✓	✓*	Wife is applicant in the co-option process.

* Member left the meeting for this item.

26. GREENFIELD VALLEY FLOUR MILL POOL – FISHING BAN

This was an urgent agenda item which the Mayor agreed to include, with due regard to recent social media reports and public opinion.

The Mayor permitted several local fishermen present in the public area to speak and air their views, relating to the recent action taken by Greenfield Valley Trust to remove fishing pegs and enforce a ban on fishing at the Flour Mill Pool.

Members expressed their concern and disappointment at this decision. It appeared from the information received that this action was taken on health and safety grounds with no consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Members recommended to the fishermen that they should write in to the Trust outlining their concerns on an individual basis. A petition had also been started by the fishermen to gather public support to oppose the action taken.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Clerk writes a letter to the Chairman of the Trust expressing the Council's concern and disappointment regarding this matter, and requesting clarification on the action taken.
- (2) That the Chairman of the Trust and/or his representative be invited to the next meeting of full Council on Tuesday 20th June 2017 to report back on the points outlined in the Clerk's letter.

27. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk reported that all Declarations of Acceptance of Office for existing Members of the Council had now been received and filed.

28. SLCC/ONE VOICE WALES JOINT EVENT – VILLAGE HOTEL, EWLOE

Members considered the agenda and the Clerk's attendance at this event on 12th July 2017 (cost £69.00 plus vat), with emphasis on this being beneficial with the Clerk being recently appointed.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk is authorised to attend this event.

29. WALES & WEST HOUSING – DETAILED PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION PERIOD

This item was in relation to a future detailed planning application for the proposed demolition of Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infants School, and the Construction of an Extra Care Housing Scheme. Members discussed the matter with reference to the development and surrounding infrastructure, for example footpath changes, traffic lights and crossing arrangements. Councillor E.B. Palmer reported he was meeting with Wales & West Housing on Wednesday 7th June 2017. It was noted that this process and any observations submitted did not prejudice the Council, with regard to future comments it was likely to make when the formal planning application was submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to Wales & West Housing to express the Council's initial thoughts as outlined above.

30. TWINNING GIFT UPDATE – SAINT GREGOIRE VISIT 2017

The Clerk reported that, following a period of ill health, Mr G.Barnabas of Carmel and Holywell Woodcraft Association was unable to give assurance that the twinning gift of a miniature wooden replica of the Town Centre statue would be ready for this year's visit.

RESOLVED:

That Members give some thought to an alternate gift to be presented by the Mayor on his visit to Saint Gregoire; the gift should not exceed £200 as a guideline on value. Suggestions should be put forward to the Clerk as soon as possible.

31. NEXT MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL

The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of the full Council would take place on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at St. Peter's Church, Rosehill, Holywell. Members were asked to note the change in venue and the requested arrival time of 5.30pm, which was to accommodate the official photographs of the new Council.

32. SECTION 116 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 – CO-OPTION TO FILL FIVE VACANCIES ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOLLOWING AN ELECTION

The Deputy Mayor presided for this item. The retiring Clerk outlined the agreed process for co-option of five Members to fill the vacant seats for Holywell Central (2), Holywell Greenfield (1) and Holywell West (2) wards. This procedure followed the Co-Option Best Practice Guidelines issued by Welsh Government. Nine expressions of interest had been received by the Clerk from prospective candidates. Members had received copies in advance of all the expression letters, in order to give prior consideration to all candidates.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the co-option process should take place in public as opposed to moving into a closed session, for greater transparency.
- (2) That the votes should be cast in a closed ballot, if necessary, as opposed to a show of hands.
- (3) That Members agree to consider candidates for each ward separately working in alphabetical order for Central, Greenfield and West wards.

- (4) That the Clerk writes to inform all candidates of the outcome of this process, and to also inform Flintshire County Council of the successful candidates elected.

RESULTS:

Ward	Nominated Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Central	M. Brooke *	✓	✓
	Mrs. M.D. Phelan *	✓	✓
	Capt. I. Hodge	✓	X
Greenfield	Mrs. S. Johnson *	✓	✓
West	Rev. A. Coleman *	✓	✓
	P.A. York *	✓	✓

* With a total of only five candidates being both proposed and seconded these candidates were allocated in turn to each vacant position; there was therefore no requirement to enter into a closed ballot voting session.

The Deputy Mayor then declared each of the proposed and seconded candidates duly elected for the respective wards.

NOTE: Councillor Mrs. R. Dolphin expressed a wish for it to be recorded that she had abstained from the process.

33. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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