

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of the Holywell & Greenfield Development & Transport Sub-Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P.A. Johnson (Chairman).

Councillors: R. Dolphin, E.B. Palmer (Acting Chairman), B. Scragg, S.E. Wallbanks and P.A. York.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J.M. Johnson, S. Johnson, M.D. Phelan and K. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), M.G. Fearnley (Projects & Development Officer).

HGD10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

HGD11. BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW 2018/19

Members received an update from the Projects & Development Officer on progress against the business plan and its key tasks. A number of tasks and projects were discussed including community transport, signage, tower gardens covered events area, the museum planned for the Kings Head, tourist information points and public toilets.

RESOLVED:

That the Projects & Development Officer’s report be noted.

HGD12. PROPOSED GREENFIELD RAILWAY STATION

The Chair gave an overview of progress to date on the railway station project including the plans to undertake a feasibility study, links with the County Council’s active travel arrangements and the investigation of land ownership issues.

Members discussed a recent email from Steve Jones, Chief Officer - Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council, which evaluated the

project and recommended a joint collaborative approach as part of a wider integrated transport strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the Projects & Development Officer contacts Steve Jones to reiterate the Council's position that while a joint approach is supported, the project will still be progressed as a crucial part of the Town Council's existing business plan.

HGD13. GATEWAY SIGNS PROJECT

Members received an update from the Projects & Development Officer on the Gateway Signs project. Funding had been secured from Cadwyn Clwyd to develop and deliver the design aspect of the project. The overall funding available was £10,000 and the council would need to fund £3,000, as the approval was conditional on a 70/30 match funded basis. Members discussed the potential quantity and location of the signs and stated the signs should commemorate the heritage and history of the local community.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That four signs would be sufficient to cover the main routes into the town either side of Fron Park Road, the Greenfield hill and from the Boot End of Bagillt.
- 2) That a small working group of Councillors E.B. Palmer and R. Dolphin support the Projects & Development Officer to develop the project to a detailed design stage and also determine the specific locations.

HGD14. HOLYWELL LEAFLET

Members considered a proposal to design a new Holywell Town tourism leaflet.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be deferred to the Council Offices & Communications Sub-Committee, as appropriate.

HGD15. LLUESTY WOODLAND

Members considered future arrangements for the Llesty woodland area. Griffiths & Hughes Parry Solicitors had provided a copy of the 2010 Transfer document from the Welsh Ministers, which confirmed the direct covenant to maintain this land as natural woodland. This would need to be overcome before a sale could proceed.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That members make contact with the developers of the Llesty site following the consideration and approval of planning permissions.
- 2) That the Clerk contact Griffiths Hughes & Parry Solicitors to confirm the process for selling the land with the covenants still attached, and also to ascertain the procedure for removing the direct covenants.

HGD16. HOLYWELL HIGH STREET – FUNDING OF DE-PEDESTRIANISATION SCHEME

Members expressed their disappointment concerning the recent news that the County Council's bid to the Welsh Government for funding to complete the above project had proved unsuccessful. Members were concerned that the reasons why the bid was unsuccessful should be investigated to determine any learning outcomes to support future bids. Members were mindful of the impact on the local business community who had made their own representation to the County Council and Welsh Government and felt an assessment of alternative funding streams should be completed by the County Council as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to both Steve Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council and Ken Skates AM to express members' disappointment and reiterating their support for the project. The letters should also request the reasons for the unsuccessful bid and a prompt assessment of alternative funding streams.

HGD17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00pm.

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