

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 10.00 a.m.

Councillors present: Hywel Williams, Keith R Roberts, Keith Thomas, Ken Tatlock and Jennifer Saboor

In attendance: Rob Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to elect Councillor Hywel Williams as Chairperson.

Minute no. 5467/19

2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to elect Councillor Jennifer Saboor as Vice-Chairperson.

Minute no. 5468/19

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Alan Williams, Mrs Ann Kennedy, Adrienne Edwards and Richard Parry

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

Councillor Hywel Williams regarding the survey of the Town Hall building as he is related to a member of DEWIS Consultants. Councillor Williams did not leave the meeting when this was being discussed and voted upon.

5. UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S ASSETS:

1) The Empire complex:

The Town Clerk stated that the Empire complex building had recently been valued by an independent valuer and that he had arranged a meeting with the owners of the building for next Wednesday. The Mayor would be in attendance at that meeting. The Town Clerk informed members of the Committee that the income for this year was good. He had arranged for the building to be decorated by a local person. The works would be carried out in the evenings so as not to affect the day to day running of the complex. Councillors stated that they would like to have a site visit of the building and the Town Clerk stated that he would arrange this in due course.

2) Town Park:

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Community Services Manager was over-seeing the day to day running of the Town Park and Pavilion. The application for Lottery funding was ongoing and the general public would be consulted of what further facilities they wished to see in the Town Park in the future.

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3) Cybi Yard Hub:

The Town Clerk stated that the final paperwork would be signed very soon as asbestos had been found within the building but he could not see any problems regarding this.

Councillor Keith Thomas informed the Committee that he was no longer a Director of Môn CF and that he could now take part in any discussion/vote regarding this building. The Town Clerk stated that he would arrange another site visit to the building in the near future for any Councillor who wished to do this.

Also, should any member of the Committee wish to see the Council's Asset Register that this could be arranged if they called into the Town Clerk's office.

4) Town Hall building:

The Town Clerk stated that in the past, following heavy rain, water had ingressed into the building through the gable end wall into the Clerk's office and into the kitchen of the Council Chamber on the first floor. The Town Clerk informed the members that we had had a drone take pictures of the suspected problem areas of the Town Hall and we are awaiting a Report.

5) Epworth, Newry Street, Holyhead:

The Town Clerk stated that the guttering at the back of the property had been attended to and the front of the property needed to be painted which would be carried out in due course. The Town Clerk stated that he had tried to contact Rent Smart Wales but his E mails had been returned. He would attempt to contact Rent Smart Wales again. Councillor Keith R Roberts stated that he was willing to act as a temporary landlord for Epworth in the meantime.

6) Toilets at Swift Square Holyhead and Newry Beach Holyhead:

The toilets at Swift Square were no longer being vandalised at the present time but the toilets at the Newry Beach were use free as the coin box was being repaired. Hopefully this would be fixed straight away.

Councillors were of the opinion that the public toilets at Victoria Road should be re-opened, but they needed to be up-graded for public use as they had been not in use for some considerable time.

The Anglesey County Council were the authority who formerly were responsible for these toilets, but no approach had been made by the Anglesey County Council for these toilets to be taken over by the Town Council. The Committee would have to consider this in the future should such a request be made.

The Town Clerk stated that the toilets at Swift Square and at the Newry Beach were loss making and always had been but it was important for the town to be able to offer toilet facilities.

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Members of the Committee were informed that he would be arranging a meeting with members of the Anglesey County Council regarding the installation of the playpark equipment to find a suitable level placement as attempts had been made to commence installation but the levels of the ground were not suitable.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact the Anglesey County Council regarding community benefit (Section 106) as a result of an extension to the Anwyl Homes development at Llaingoch in addition to the large number of properties that were already built at this location.

7. Allotments:

The Town Clerk stated that there had been issues regarding the paths at the allotment gardens and also the burning of rubbish which was being carried out regularly, also thefts from allotments had been occurring. The Town Clerk proposed to re-draft the Allotment rules, in consultation with the members of the Finance/Property Sub Committee and to look at installing CCTV which could be linked to the CCTV already installed at the Maeshyryd Cemetery. The only access to the allotments at the present time was as per rule no 2 and not over the river via Tara Street..

It was resolved that a new detailed plan be drawn up by the Town Council to show the location of each allotment plot, plus the location of paths on the whole of the allotments land.

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The meeting concluded at 11.10 a.m.

The date and time of the next Finance/Property meeting was scheduled to take place at 10.00 a.m. on the 24 September 2019.
