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**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2015

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**THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
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**FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6.20pm – 8.00pm

**PRESENT**

Councillors: J. Szabo (Mayor), B. Paterson, C. Guy, P. Penlington, J. McLellan, R. Cooper, G. Frobisher, G. Sandilands, T. Jones, T. Lawler L. Muraca, A. Sampson, B. Murray, P. Duffy.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mr R. Arthur – Director, Aurora Cinemas Ltd, Canon Clive Southerton – Mayor's Chaplain, Mrs R. Maxwell – Corporate Director, Economic and Community Ambition, DCC, Mr M. Horrocks – Manager, Economic Ambition Programme, DCC, Friends of Scala and Public.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: G. Percival, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, D Turner.

**132 WELCOME**

Cllr J. Szabo, Mayor, welcomed invited guests and public to the meeting. General housekeeping and emergency evacuation procedures were explained. It was reported that canon C. Southerton and Mr R. Arthur had been delayed but were expected to arrive later.

**133 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AMBITION, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr J. Szabo welcomed Mrs Rebecca Maxwell, Corporate Director and Mr M. Horrocks, Programme Manager, Denbighshire County Council (DCC) to the meeting. Rebecca explained that DCC corporate plan identified a strong local economy as bedrock for success. Subsequently an economic development strategy had been approved and a ten year plan prepared with full details available on [www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk) website.

It was widely recognised that a local authority has influence but is not always best placed to lead on economic growth. The County had therefore concentrated on support programmes based on providing best conditions to enable businesses to flourish. Key areas include ensuring sufficient employment land availability, right employee skills set available, attracting new business investment, supporting existing businesses to grow, and identifying and encouraging new emerging markets.

Denbighshire County Council has identified what it considers to be a successful economy. Success factors include good quality local employment, increasing household incomes, and good range of healthy private business.

County Council has acknowledged Town Council has expressed an interest in the Ty Nant site for public service and also highlighted its importance as focal point, central car park provision and open space events arena. Rebecca advised there is nothing to say a developer will not include these facilities within any future development plus however this will be subject to negotiation and market forces.

There followed a question and answer session: -

**Cllr JMc** Economic ambition sounds as though it is about only supporting bigger business and well paid jobs? **RM** One part of strategy is to help and support existing businesses and another to attract different types of business to add diversity and resilience to economy. There is also need to understand emerging growth sectors and be realistic about County attractions and business requirements. A DCC officer has been appointed to look at inward investment and help unlock prime commercial location sites for new business.

**Cllr JMc** What about European funding? **RM** St Asaph is one prime site but it needs better promotion. A new seven year European funding round is about to start although this focuses on larger regional programmes and benefits.

**Cllr PD** We need to educate and train young people to learn the trades like plumbers, electricians, joiners and builders. We need to speak to local businesses and schools. **MH** Pathways Project is designed to engage local employers and schools to offer work experience. The project helps bring employers into the classroom. DCC procurement services are also looking at opportunities to target local businesses for provision of goods and services.

**Cllr GS** Important to get decent jobs for local people. Can you explain about key project sites and DCC priority? **RM** Ten strategic employment sites identified in County. Most of DCC existing sites are full so limited opportunity to expand. DCC role to work out why some large sites are difficult to develop and find/offer solution for developers.

Town Centre sites if developed can add vibrancy and vitality to town. Within Prestatyn the Ty Nant site could be developed and perhaps Town Council could be anchor tenant. The former Kwik Save site and site behind bus station are not on present list but likely to be included in next round.

**Cllr CG** Pathway Plus Project sounds interesting. Llandrillo College offer similar programme linking businesses to trainees. **RM** Would like to have more talks around young people and their needs/aspirations and how they relate to business.

**Cllr JS** Will you be able to keep Council updated on work? **RM** Absolutely – there is a great deal to learn from Town Council actions and many opportunities to develop further.

**RESOLVED** That Rebecca Maxwell and Mike Horrocks be thanked for their presentation.

#### **134 RECESS OF FIVE MINUTES FOR PRAYERS**

Canon Clive Southerton offered prayers for serenity, courage and wisdom to do good works for people both in town and all over the world.

- Cllr PD** Thinking about the back of Scala have you spoken to Mark Dixon, Denbighshire County Council who is involved with plans for improved footway links? Previously lots of children's drama groups and wondering if they will return? **RA** Pleased to hear about plans for improved links and will speak to Mark Dixon. Company already working on new signage and likes town's recent launched branding – perhaps signage will advertise full range of Scala/High Street services. The Scala name is being considered for use throughout Aurora Cinema Chain – Scala means poet in Norse language.
- Cllr LM** Really pleased to hear what has been said tonight. There is a hardcore of local people who have supported cinema for a long time. Scala has a 'boutique' feel and wonders if this will continue? **RA** There is a challenge between investors and local audience demands. We will play films that customers want. Willing to listen to audience, discuss pricing, availability of films and appropriateness.
- Cllr CG** Engagement with community is important. Younger generation want films on release so targeting audience very important. **RA** Scala has two screens but has plans ready for third screen in future. Company needs to be selective with blockbuster films because of high cost and restructure terms from film supplies such as two week screening period. Membership of Scala could help in targeting audience and help number and choice of films shown.
- Cllr JS** Thank you for attending and hope you will come back once Scala opens.  
**RA** Will gladly return and has plan to host public meeting prior to opening to hear what local people want/expect from Scala and to introduce his company.

**RESOLVED** That Mr Rob Arthur be thanked for his presentation.

### **136 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Mayoral Diary of Events for February/March 2015 circulated at meeting. Mayor was thanked for hosting her successful Charity Dinner, and also support of recent Abandoned Animals Charity Evening at North Wales Bowls Centre.
- b) Prestatyn War Memorial – it was announced that rededication ceremony following repair and refurbishment would take place on Prestatyn Parish Church Grounds on Sunday 19th April 2015 at 10.45am.
- c) Letter of thanks received from Ysgol Penmorfa.

### **137 NOTICE OF AUDIT 2014/15**

Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that he had received notice from UHY Hacker Young that external audit would be 31st May 2015.

### **138 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of meeting held on 4th February be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 103 Prestatyn CCTV – It was reported that a further meeting would be called by Denbighshire County Council in near future.

**140 FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Details of financial assistance applications together with statements of account had been circulated.

Town Clerk/Financial Officer also reported Denbighshire CAB had phoned to submit application but none received to date.

**RESOLVED**

That the following grants be awarded: -

Prestatyn Carnival Association 2014/15	£1650 contained in budget provision
Prestatyn and District Walking Festival 2015/16	£1000 contained in budget provision
Ysgol Penmorfa – swimming lessons 2014/15	£562 contained in budget provision

Financial/Legal Implications: Figures included within budget provisions as shown. Local Government Act 1972 Section 137

## Declarations of Interest:

Prestatyn Carnival Association – Cllr B. Murray, C. Guy

Prestatyn and District Walking Festival – Cllrs A. Sampson, T. Jones

Ysgol Penmorfa – Cllr J. Szabo

(Councillors who declared interest took no part in discussion or voting on relevant application. Cllr B. Paterson, Deputy Mayor in Chair for Ysgol Penmorfa swimming lessons application)

Mayor\_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Town Planning Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8.15pm

**PRESENT**

Councillors: P. Penlington (Chairman), J. Szabo, B. Paterson, C Guy, J. McLellan, G. Frobisher, G. Sandilands, R Cooper, T Lawler, T. Jones, L. Muraca, A. Sampson, B. Murray.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs: P. Duffy, G. Percival, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, D. Turner.

**141 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Committee considered planning consultations to 15th April 2015 and submitted following observations:

**APPLICATION**

**COMMENT**

43/2015/0315 (North)  
Demolition of existing structures and erection of retirement living housing, communal facilities , landscaping and car parking  
Site at Sandy Lane, Prestatyn

No Objections  
Parking to be sufficient for development. Construction traffic should be controlled to minimise impact upon neighbours.  
Sub-letting of retirement living housing to be strictly controlled.

43/2015/0312 (East)  
Erection of a detached dwelling and associated works  
Land adjacent to 2 Mount Ida Road,  
Prestatyn

No Objection

43/2015/0217 (East)  
Variation of condition no. 20 of planning permission code no. 43/2014/0905 to permit the substitution of drawings to allow for an extension to Unit 14 including minor external alterations  
Iceland Foods and Bevans Homewares,  
Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn

Comment  
Mr Paul Mead, Development Manager, Denbighshire County Council be invited to attend next meeting to clarify proposals