

**FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 6.15pm – 8.10pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: M. Eckersley (Mayor), M. German, I. German, A. Pennington, G. Frobisher, G. Jones, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, J. Morris, J. Davies, P. Curtis, S. Frobisher, G. Green, P. Duffy.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Rev Q. Bellamy – Mayor's Chaplain, Mr S. Parker – Head of Environmental Services, Denbighshire County Council.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: A. Horobin, J. Thompson-Hill, P. Newell, G. Percival.

**65 ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

Council stood for a minutes silence as a token of respect following the sad passing of Canon Herbert Lloyd who was a devoted servant of the Lord and most remarkable person.

**RESOLVED** That a letter of condolence be sent to the family.

**66 PRAYERS**

Rev. Q. Bellamy, Mayor's Chaplain offered prayers reflecting upon the contrast between critical negative and positive words which had an ability to promote good work.

**67 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayoral Diary of Events – copy of events attended in May, June, July 2010 circulated with agenda. **RESOLVED** That all Councillors appointed Representatives to Outside Bodies be encouraged to report back on that organisations activity.

**68 CIVIC AMENITY SITE, PRESTATYN PM 31**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Steve Parker, Head of Environmental Services, Denbighshire County Council. Mr Parker explained that historically civic amenity sites had been located adjacent to landfill sites and generally accommodated waste materials brought to site by individuals. Many of the older landfill sites have now closed leaving stand alone civic amenity site without proper services.

Modern waste centres focus on anti-pollution and recycling initiatives and incorporate good infrastructure such as power supply, drainage, staff welfare facilities, lighting, CCTV and tarmac roads. Typically new sites cost in the region of £1.2 million pounds.

The Environment Agency Wales was responsible for licensing civic amenity sites and had informed Denbighshire County Council that present sites in Prestatyn, Rhyl and Corwen do not meet current standards. Consequently Denbighshire County Council had agreed to the principle of fewer but better sites hence proposed combination of Rhyl and Prestatyn at new North Denbighshire site in Rhyl.

Earlier proposals for a joint town's site based in Rhuddlan had been dismissed because of environmental concerns. Detailed analysis of projected traffic flows to proposed Rhyl location had confirmed present infrastructure would support increased vehicular movements. It was also confirmed that increased recycling levels would outweigh CO2 emissions from extra travel to and from site.

Mr Parker reported that kerbside collection from households had been increased and extra large green bins for garden waste were available for a small charge. Additional household collection services were being investigated and he was happy to talk to private contractors if they could assist.

There then followed a question/answer session about waste recycling services and current proposals. Members were informed about difficulty of providing extensive recycling to rural areas primarily because of difficulties with large vehicles and small narrow service roads. Both Central and Local Government promoted recycling initiatives and private partnerships would be further explored for possible new services e.g. home chipping of green waste, cardboard collection. Denbighshire County Council also provides bulky household waste collection service.

With regard to closure of Prestatyn site and opening of Rhyl site it was explained that this would occur in the Autumn although date had not been finalised. Mr Parker confirmed that between four and eight weeks notice would be given and Members suggested that both sites should remain open for short handover period to assist residents with new arrangements.

Mr Parker referred to neighbouring Conwy County Council that only operated two civic amenity sites and reiterated Denbighshire County Council's long term vision of fewer but better sites. Corwen and Llangollen amenity sites in Denbighshire County had already closed and Ruthin and Denbigh were presently under review.

Prestatyn site would soon close and the future use of land was uncertain. Several options were under consideration although suggestions to develop raised allotment gardens had gained support.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Mr S. Parker be thanked for his attendance.
- 2) That Council accepts offer to visit proposed new Rhyl facility currently under construction.

## **69 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute No 6 Deputy Mayor – Cllr I. German stated that she and others were not against Cllr Pennington's appointment once vote had been completed.

Pursuant to Minute No 10 Representatives on Outside Bodies, Ysgol Clawdd Offa – Councillor P. Curtis reported meetings were held per term.

## **70      MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

Chairmen were reminded of need to propose acceptance of their Committee minutes prior to consideration. Councillors were also reminded to switch off mobile phones whilst in Council Chambers.

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Pursuant to Minute 16 – Planning 43/2009/1253. For clarification the Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that Cllrs J. Thompson-Hill, A. Pennington, J. Davies, P. Duffy did not vote on this item.

General Purposes Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.

Town Development Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.

Pursuant to Minute No 21 – Vice Chairman 2010/11 to read “Cllr G Percival be appointed Vice Chairman of Town Development Committee”

Town Planning Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Town Development Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Pursuant to Minute 42 – Bryn Newydd Bowling Club Cllr I German interest in this item on the night be recorded. In response to Members question it was reported that Denbighshire County Council did not have any surplus shelters at present time, however the Club had made its own alternative provision and a new shelter had been erected on site this afternoon. **RESOLVED** That Club be congratulated on their innovation.

Finance and Management Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Pursuant to Minute No 53 – Prestatyn Town Football Club – Council was informed the community mural had recently been completed.

Pursuant to Minute No 54, Public Services Ombudsman in Wales – Copies of the revised document had been brought to Council for distribution tonight.

## **71      ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT 2009/10 PM 49**

Details of the Annual Return 2009/10 had been circulated with agenda. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer explained figures in Section 1 had been compiled from earlier reported financial statements in the order required by external audit. Mr T. Brown, Internal Auditor referred to his work, independent report circulated with agenda and to his satisfaction with accounts. He also expressed appreciation to all staff for their assistance and highlighted the strong sense of pride and team spirit prevailing.

Mr Brown reminded Council of earlier risk assessment work and need to consider relief cover for Town Clerk/Financial Officer in event of unforeseen absence. He also responded to questions about Mayoral accounts that did not form part of external audit but nevertheless he had reviewed all accounts as previously requested and had found them satisfactory.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reminded Council of recent/pending changes in legislation that would affect process, timing and signing of Annual Return.

**RESOLVED**

- 1) That Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Financial/Administration Officer and Internal Auditor be thanked for work in compiling accounts for audit.
- 2) That Mayoral budget provision be £2,500 inclusive of balances brought forward at year end.
- 3) That former Mayor, Cllr G. Frobisher be thanked for his diligence in managing his account.
- 4) That Annual Return 2009/10 be completed as follows:-

**SECTION 1 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

No.			
1 – 14	Accept		

**SECTION 2 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

No.			
1 – 9	Yes	Item 4. Public notice period at time consideration	
10	Not applicable		

**SECTION 4 – ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

No.			
A-J	Yes	Independent Internal Auditor's report be accepted	
K	Not applicable		

**INTERMEDIATE AND SUPPLEMENTARY ASSURANCE AND INFORMATION REQUESTS****STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

No.			
1-4	Yes		

**FUTURE PLANS**

No.			
5	Yes		

**INTERNAL CONTROLS**

No.			
6, 7, 8	Yes		

**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS AND CODES OF PRACTISE**

No.			
9, 11, 12,13	Yes		
10	No	No changes to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	

**ELECTORS RIGHTS**

No.			
14	Yes	Inspection period ongoing at time of consideration	

**ASSESSMENT OF RISK**

No.			
15, 16, 17	Yes		

**INTERNAL AUDIT**

No.			
18, 19, 20,	Yes		
21	No	Internal Auditor is not requested to undertake tasks that may compromise independence	

**AUDITOR REPORTS**

No.			
22	Yes		
23	Yes	No adverse comments in year 2008/9	

**EVENTS DURING OR AFTER YEAR END**

No.			
24, 25, 26	Yes		
27	No	No outstanding capital loans but long term agreement with Denbighshire County Council for building of Scala Cinema and Arts Facility	

**72 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF BODNANT INFANTS AND BODNANT JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

Details of the above document and proposals had been circulated with agenda. Members referred to earlier correspondence and changes to original proposal thus increasing from single to two form entry system. Cllr S. Frobisher, Denbighshire County Council assured Council that future school funding would be based on cost per pupil ratio.

**RESOLVED**

- 1) That document and proposals be received.
- 2) That Denbighshire County Council be informed that Council's receipt of information on same day as proposed public meeting being held is totally unacceptable.

(Cllr L. Muraca declared her interest in this item).

**73 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED EXPANSION OF YSGOL Y LLYS**

Details of above document and proposals had been circulated with agenda. Cllr G. Frobisher reported that various interested parties e.g Parents and School Governors had recently met and indicated their support for the proposals.

It was also reported that Mr Tristan Hughes had recently been appointed Deputy Headteacher.

**RESOLVED**

- 1) That document and proposals be received.
- 2) That Denbighshire County Council be informed that Council's receipt of information on day before proposed public meeting being held is totally unacceptable.

(Cllr G. Frobisher declared interest in this item).

**74 FRIENDS OF THE FFRITH**

Some Councillors queried reason for including this item and Town Clerk/Financial Officer advised that the group had invited Council to nominate a Council representative to attend future meetings and report upon its work. He reminded Council that many Councillors were nominated as Representatives on Outside Bodies at AGM but this group had only recently sought official representation from the authority.

Cllr M. German, Chairman of General Purposes Committee felt item should have been referred to his Committee for consideration. He also explained that he had received copies of Minutes of recent Friends of the Frith meeting and correspondences that contained serious allegations and criticism of this group. In response to questions the Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that he had received a letter earlier this week from a local resident that included complaints about actions of group and individually named Councillors that needed detailed consideration before any future action.

The Mayor reported that he had seen correspondence and felt contents were libellous against himself and would be seeking further guidance.

**RESOLVED** That this item be Deferred.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



**FULL COUNCIL**

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**PRESENT**

Councillors: M. Eckersley (Mayor), M. German, I. German, A. Pennington, G. Jones, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, J. Davies, G. Green, P. Duffy, A. Horobin, P. Newell, G. Percival, J. Thompson-Hill.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, PC Ben Edwards and PC Richard Evans – North Wales Police, Mr S. Edwards, Mr G. Davies – Countryside Services Denbighshire County Council.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: G. Frobisher, S. Frobisher, P. Curtis.  
Rev Q. Bellamy

**114 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed invited guests and public to meeting advising of fire escape procedures and requirement to switch off mobile phones and recording devices prior to commencement.

**115 PRAYERS**

Cllr A. Horobin offered bi-lingual prayers seeking direction in promoting common good.

**116 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor circulated diary of events attended by himself and/or Deputy Mayor since July. He expressed thanks to everyone who attended his Civic Service and highlighted Town's success in Wales in Bloom 2010. He also congratulated Rev Q. Bellamy, Mayor's Chaplain following his installation as Area Dean.

**117 NORTH WALES POLICE**

P.C. Ben Edwards (Central) and P.C. Richard Evans (Eastern), North Wales Police were welcomed to the meeting. P.C. Edwards explained his role as Community Beat Manager and referred to the additional support provided by Community Support Officers and Special Constables. Special Constables were volunteers who committed between 16 and 45 hours per week to help look after their community although hours varied according to circumstance.

The officers then responded to questions about policing:

**Cllr George Green** Would like more police foot patrols. **PC Edwards** No set amount of time for foot patrols but it does form part of regular policing activity. Sometimes can lead to difficulty if quick response time necessary and also limitations on catching criminals using bikes or in vehicles.

**Cllr P. Duffy** Do Community Support Officers help and are they getting bogged down in paperwork? **PC Edwards** Yes. CSO's definitely help and can visit victims of crime, detain youths and can issue fixed penalty tickets. Paperwork has increased since I started.

**Cllr L. Muraca** How will forthcoming public spending cuts affect policing? **PC Edwards** Hard to comment at moment until budget figures determined.

**Cllr G. Jones** If older Police Officers forced to retire will this affect Community Support Officers? **PC Edwards** Not sure about CSO retirement age.

**Cllr G. Jones** Will community police forum meetings continue? **PC Edwards** Currently being reviewed as some well attended by public, others not so good.

**Cllr M. German** Prestatyn has a good police team who are all friendly and approachable. Council donated two bikes to North Wales Police in past for use around town and perhaps this could be extended.

**Cllr I. German** Public perception of increased lawlessness and need to change.

**Cllr M. Eckersley** How many Community Beat Managers in town? **PC Edwards** Four CBM's but one on maternity leave.

**Cllr A. Sampson** How well is new 101 contact phone number doing? **PC Edwards** Working very well.

**Cllr I. German** How does local crime figure compare with rest of Denbighshire and what is the most common crime? **PC Edwards** Personally do not tend to compare town statistics and can't really say what is most common crime.

**RESOLVED** That PC Ben Edwards and PC Richards Evans be thanked for attendance but invited to remain for next item concerning parking issues.

(Cllrs J. Davies and P. Newell arrived during discussion on this item).

## **118 ST GEORGES DRIVE, PRESTATYN**

The Mayor sought Council's permission to hear a representative from local residents to address the meeting about problems with non resident car parking at St Georges Drive, Prestatyn. Ms P. Harrison on behalf of residents explained that problems arise from parents parking whilst dropping off children to and from Ysgol Penmorfa. Due to narrowness of road emergency vehicles were unable to access properties, driveways were blocked and residents suffered occasional abuse when asked to move vehicles.

Cllr J. Davies referred to similar problems at Bodnant Junior School.

PC Ben Edwards explained three large schools with insufficient on site parking and drop off facility in comparatively close proximity of St Georges Drive had led to traffic problems including parked vehicles. Late last year letters had been sent to all parents and Community Support Officers had visited St Georges Drive and issued warning notices. Local schools were aware of problem and do try to help. It was also noted that extensive construction work was ongoing in this area at present time and this may have led to increased traffic in the residential area.

Cllr P. Newell thought yellow lines everywhere would solve problem and pupils should walk to school and Cllr G. Green suggested targeted police intervention. Cllr P. Duffy felt only police could deal with this matter and Cllr I. German wanted gates at end of St Georges Drive closed to stop access. Cllr J. Thompson-Hill proposed raising problem with Denbighshire County Council and School Governors who were instrumental in dealing with such matters.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Councils Highways and Education Departments highlighting residents problems at St Georges Drive.
- 2) That letter be sent to Headteacher, Ysgol Penmorfa seeking closure of access gate at St Georges Drive, Prestatyn. Cllr G. Jones, Prestatyn Town Council representative to raise matter with School Governors.
- 3) That North Wales Police Officers be thanked for attendance this evening.

### **119 CLWB HWYL HWYR PM 88**

The Mayor invited Mr Sion Edwards to address Council. Sion explained the Club had recently been formed to help 5-14 year olds learn the Welsh language through practical use and fun e.g. swimming, bowling. Three town centre venues were being used and up to 115 youngsters attended each week. The latest plan involved running courses for parents at same time as youngsters with occasional combined activity.

In response to Member's question Sion confirmed that the club did have a membership fee but it was a relatively new group seeking to establish itself and had recruited eighteen volunteer trainers.

**RESOLVED** That Mr S. Edwards be thanked for his attendance and congratulated on his innovative approach in promoting Welsh lessons through fun activity.

(Cllr A. Horobin declared interest in this item and took no part in voting on this item. Cllr G. Percival arrived during this item).

### **120 PRESTATYN DYSERTH WAY – BAT PROJECT PM 81**

Mr Garry Davies, Countryside Officer, Denbighshire County Council thanked Council for its invitation and referred to history of work with Town/Community Councils. He also expressed a desire to restart both small and larger community projects in association with Prestatyn Town Council. The current proposals involved co-operation of three schools, construction and installation of ten boxes, improvement to wildlife/wild flower/wild bee habitat and provision of seating along Prestatyn Dyserth Way.

Since last meeting Countryside Council for Wales had offered funding for tools and Dyserth Community Council had offered fifty pounds towards project and government jobs fund would meet costs of trainee labour.

A recent Countryside 'Walk with Bats' evening had been very well attended and involved use of handheld monitoring devices that had recorded significant numbers of pipistrelle and horseshoe bats foraging in locality. The monitoring and possible use of night vision equipment also provided continued training and educational opportunities along with limited scientific research to assess impact of any intervention work.

Some Councillors expressed concerns about possible vandalism of boxes but Garry stated boxes would be out of normal reach. Interestingly another similar project suffering suspected vandalism turned out to be caused by squirrels. Negative letters in the local press recently about project had been misguided as value of project lay in education and involvement along with provision of additional roosting sites. Once this project had been completed there maybe opportunity to consider further wildlife habitat improvement e.g. birds of prey.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Mr G. Davies be thanked for his attendance.
- 2) That Mr G. Davies be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss evolving plans for use of former civic amenity site for allotment gardens, community orchard and sensory gardens.

#### **121 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Full Council held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 68 Civic Amenity Site – The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported upon his visit to the new Rhyl facility currently under construction. He referred to large scale and size of recycling plant together with development of impressive new cycle park alongside the civic amenity site. Since the last meeting attempts had been made to gain interest of commercial companies in running local green waste services but there had been a poor response to date. A further Members site visit to new North County recycling facility would be arranged shortly.

Pursuant to Minute 71 Accounts for Audit – In response to Member's question about risk assessment and relief cover it was stated this item would be angendered for next Finance and Management Committee.

Pursuant to Minute 72 and 73 Local Schools – For clarification Mr Tristan Hughes had been appointed Deputy Headteacher of Bodnant Junior School.

#### **122 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010

Town Planning Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010

General Purposes Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

Pursuant to Minute 81 Prestatyn Dyserth Way Bat Project – Cllr M. German referred to inaccurate statements and misleading information made by local resident in local press regarding Committee's support for this project. For the record he stated that as Chairman he was present throughout the meeting. Town Council had also provided funds of approximately one thousand pounds per annum to service bins at Coed y Morfa site following request from Prestatyn and District Environment Association.

Recorded Vote - For Clarification Cllrs M. German, I. German and P. Newell stated they were not against inviting Denbighshire Countryside Services to attend future meeting but wanted Committee to determine level of financial support on night of the meeting.

Dyserth Way Bat Project – The Mayor referred to earlier presentation to Council and invited Members to further consider support for project at tonight's meeting. **RESOLVED** That Council supports community project including provision of two benches in sum of five hundred and ninety pounds. Project may include dedication of one seat to late Councillor John Morris.

Pursuant to Minute 84 Prestatyn Community Cycling – Cllr P. Newell requested further copy of cycling inventory be supplied. Details of all Council assets were available for inspection by Members in Town Clerk's office during normal office hours.

Pursuant to Minute 86 Council Chambers – The Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that in addition to limitations on use of building poor acoustics had been previously identified. **RESOLVED** That future use of building be raised in forthcoming service liaison meeting with Denbighshire County Council.

Pursuant to Minute 87 Working with Town and Community Councils – Cllr G. Green advised he was Vice Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Denbighshire County Council.

Pursuant to Minute 88 Club Hwyl Hwyr – Following earlier presentation Council was invited to further consider grant application at tonight's meeting. **RESOLVED** That grant of four hundred pounds be awarded. (Cllr A. Horobin declared interest and took no part in discussion or voting on this item).

Town Development Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

Y Morfa Exercise Trail - The Town Clerk/Financial Officer informed Council that work on Morfa Exercise Trail would begin next week and was expected to be completed in about two weeks time.

Town Planning Committee – 1st September 2010

For information Council was informed that DCC published all planning decisions on County Web Site [www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk) .

Finance and Management Committee – 22nd September 2010

Pursuant to Minute 100 Ty Newydd Football Pitch – Council was informed that the club associated with pitch had been successful in securing grant funds but terms and conditions were not known and enquiries pending with club officials. DCC (landowner) and its appointed contractors had commenced work but there would be considerable delay in completing project.

Pursuant to Minute 110 Complaints – Cllr G. Percival referred to earlier correspondence with Town Clerk/Financial Officer about Minute 101 and 110 and queried recording. Following clarification of query the Town Clerk/Financial Officer stated items about unauthorised audio recordings had been included in minutes that would be available for public inspection subject to Council's approval. Cllr G. Jones queried why press had been provided with shortened version of Minute 110 and it was explained that Council needed to approve Part 2 Minute prior to public release. Members also enquired if there was any update on this matter and Town Clerk/Financial Officer indicated that he could provide brief update but needed Council to determine acceptance of Minute or otherwise before proceeding. Cllr I. German requested a

legal ruling on whether a Member subject of complaint could take part in debate and was informed proposed update would be more statement of fact by Town Clerk/Financial Officer rather than Council discussion. **RESOLVED** That Minutes of Finance and Management Committee as circulated to Councillors be accepted as public record.

### **123 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Parts 4, 5, 7, 12 during the following item on complaints A recorded vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllrs J. Davies, G. Green, J. Thompson-Hill, L. Muraca, A. Pennington, A. Sampson, A. Horobin, G. Percival, M. Eckersley, G. Jones, P. Duffy  (11)	          (0)	Cllrs I. German, M. German, P. Newell          (3)

### **124 COMPLAINTS PM 110**

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to previous minute and confirmed that he and Chair of Finance and Management Committee had researched matters accordingly. It was confirmed that statutory legislation prevented unauthorised recordings and photographs unless permitted by Council and this position was reflected in Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Whilst Town Clerk/Financial Officer had met with Councillor X who had offered to provide audio recording at a previous meeting no such item had been received. The Councillor had indicated that due to ongoing complaints work by regulatory body he did not wish to provide recording. The Chairman of Finance and Management Committee reported that he was prepared to carry out an internal investigation but this had been superceded by events subject of external consideration.

**RESOLVED** That verbal report be received.

### **125 SCALA CINEMA AND ARTS FACILITY**

Council was informed that Scala Board would like to arrange Scala liaison meeting early next week.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Councillors be invited to Scala Liaison meeting to be held at Scala Cinema and Arts Facility next Wednesday 20th October 2010 at 6.15pm.
- 2) That Council seek additional representation on Scala Board.

**126 CHRISTMAS WORK ARRANGEMENTS**

Council considered draft proposals circulated at meeting and Chairman of Finance and Management Committee referred to past working arrangements.

**RESOLVED** That Christmas working arrangements be recommended as follows:

<b>FRI</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>MON</b>
<b>24.12.10</b>	<b>27.12.10</b>	<b>28.12.10</b>	<b>29.12.10</b>	<b>30.12.10</b>	<b>31.12.10</b>	<b>03.01.11</b>
<b>Normal Opening</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		<b>CLOSED Special Leave</b>			<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



**FULL COUNCIL**

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**PRESENT**

Councillors: M. Eckersley (Mayor), M. German, I. German, A. Pennington, G. Frobisher, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, J. Davies, G. Green, P. Duffy, A. Horobin, P. Newell, G. Percival, J. Thompson-Hill, S. Edwards.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mr I. Hearle (Observer) – County Clerk and Monitoring Officer, Denbighshire County Council, Rev Q. Bellamy – Mayor's Chaplain, Mrs L. Colwell – Denbighshire Care and Repair.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: S. Frobisher, P. Curtis, G Jones.

**148 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed invited guests and public to meeting and informed them of fire escape procedures and requirement to switch off mobile phones and recording devices.

**149 PRAYERS**

Rev Q. Bellamy, Mayor's Chaplain offered prayers for peace and reflected that calm in heart and head is real peace.

**150 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Fairtrade – Cllr A. Horobin presented the Fair Trade Town status certificate recently awarded to the Town.
- b) Letters of Thanks – correspondence had been received following Council's support from Prestatyn Flower Show, North East Wales Veterans Group and Prestatyn Promenade Cycle Race.
- c) Mayoral Events – a list of Mayoral Events would be circulated later.

**151 DENBIGHSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR (DCR) PM 133(a)**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Lynda Colwell, Manager, Denbighshire Care and Repair (DCR) to the meeting. Lynda circulated brochure and explained the organisation was sponsored and obtained funding from Welsh Assembly Government to provide guidance, advice and support to over 60s. Surveys had consistently shown that majority of older people wanted to stay in their own homes in later life. Denbighshire has an increasing age profile and DCR offered help and guidance to over 60s to maintain their own homes.

Denbighshire Care and Repair services included free guidance and advice about property conditions, accident reduction programme and rapid response adaptations programme e.g. minor adaptations following hospital discharge which may also qualify for grant aid. Last year a trial handyman/garden service was introduced and there has been a big demand for service even though it currently charges ten pounds per hour. The charge was made to assist future sustainability of project. DCR employs a total of eight staff and use of Modern Apprenticeship scheme is being considered.

Lynda then responded to a number of questions about the service.

**PN** Wonderful service, very impressive and a credit to Denbighshire.

**SE** Where do you get referrals?

**LC** Mainly self referrals or word of mouth. Some local services e.g. fire prevention will also inform people about our organisation. Leaflets also published and distributed in community.

**GG** Number of referrals growing but budget tighter.

**LC** Welsh Assembly Government has confirmed funding for next year. The handyman garden service is three year pilot but has already demonstrated it can be self financing. Would like another handyman/gardener but dependent upon level of funds and equipment available.

**MG** Wonderful and valued service needing support.

**PD** Has received a lot of good feedback from local residents using this service.

**AH** Personal experience of organisation and welcomed knowledge and support given by its staff.

**IG** Echoes sentiments but wonders how £10.00 per hour charge for handyman/gardener was reached.

**LC** True cost for whole organisation is probably more like £40 per hour but target of handyman/garden service self funding. The charge may rise to £15.00 per hour in April 2011.

**RESOLVED** That Lynda Colwell, Manager be thanked for her presentation.

**152 MR IAN HEARLE, COUNTY CLERK AND MONITORING OFFICER, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Council was informed that Mr Ian Hearle would soon be retiring and Members paid tribute to his good work over many years of local government service.

**RESOLVED** That a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr I. Hearle.

**153    MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Full Council held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be accepted.

Amendment Minute 118 St Georges Drive, Prestatyn – Page 72 second paragraph delete word ‘wanted’ insert ‘suggested’.

Matters Arising.

Pursuant to Minute 118 St Georges Drive, Prestatyn – Letter received from Head of Highways, Conwy and Denbighshire County Councils (copy had been previously circulated) advising school felt the pedestrian gate should remain open. A traffic regulation order was already in place restricting vehicles along St Georges Drive with exception for access to residential properties. **RESOLVED** 1) That further letter be sent to North Wales Police seeking enforcement of traffic regulation order. 2) That local residents spokesperson be informed of response.

Pursuant to Minute 124 Complaints – Cllr S. Edwards sought more information about nature of complaints and actions being taken. In response to questions it was reported that the item of complaint was currently subject of Public Service Ombudsman for Wales enquiry.

**154    EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** That Public and Press be excluded in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A, Parts 1, 2, 5, 7.

(Public, Press and Mr I. Hearle leave meeting during this item).

Minute 124 Complaints continued.

In response to Members questions relating to Minute 124 and Minute 110 the Town Clerk/Financial Officer updated Council on number of complaints made to external regulatory bodies from small number of individuals and impact upon office. To date a total of twenty cases had been considered since July and no further action was deemed necessary by public Ombudsman for Wales. Other cases were pending or under investigation.

Heated discussion then ensued about an incident that had occurred at internal meeting of Denbighshire County Council involving Mayor and widely reported in local and national press. In press statement issued by Denbighshire County Council, its Chief Executive Officer and County Clerk had said no complaints had been made to Council Standards Committee and they had ‘spoken at length with the Councillor who says he does not hold those views expressed’.

(Mr I. Hearle returns to meeting at invitation of Town Clerk/Financial Officer).

Mr I. Hearle talked about Prestatyn Town Council’s own Code of Conduct (copies circulated earlier in meeting), role of Public Service Ombudsman in Wales, and County Standards Committee. He explained process of contacting P.S.O.W. and need to identify a mechanism for screening out minor and time-wasting complaints from system. Unfortunately legislation had removed opportunity to resolve many issues at a local level although he personally always felt this should be encouraged. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to the need for a self regulation policy to prevent any internal Councillor grievance escalating and Members concurred. Councillors also highlighted the need for Council to focus upon community efforts and to promote town’s general well being.

**155 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

General Purposes Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Pursuant to Minute 128 Public Session – Cllr M. German was concerned this informal part of agenda was becoming a platform and any handouts on night by third parties should be handed directly to Town Clerk/Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Minute 130 Community Cycle Project – In response to Members question it was reported that cycles are stored in locked container at Calvary Church and scheme promoted via health professionals and advertised on notice boards etc. The day to day operation of the project is undertaken by Mrs D. Hughes, Community health Improvement Assistant who can be contacted at Town Council Offices.

Pursuant to Minute 131 Scala Cinema and Arts Facility – Members expressed concern and frustration at lack of regular financial information being provided by Scala Board of Trustees and enquired about obligations upon Council to protect its interest and avoid possible claims of negligence. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer informed Council that the authority had provided capital funding to enable buildings construction but had not sought any involvement with future management and revenue funding. However Council did appoint a representative to the Scala Board.

He further reported that as part of the long term funding agreement Denbighshire County Council (property owners) had a duty to keep the Scala facility in public ownership and available for community and public use.

Cllr A. Sampson, Council's appointed representative to Scala Board reported that the Trustees were fully aware of Town Council requests for quarterly financial statements and were preparing a Memorandum of Understanding to help accommodate exchange of sensitive commercial information. Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, former representative indicated that an earlier Council request for quarterly financial statements had not been progressed due to an oversight.

Cllr A. Sampson offered to provide information about projected and actual footfall of people using the Scala in response to demands from several Councillors. **RESOLVED** That a further letter be sent to Scala Board of Trustees seeking submission of quarterly financial statements and progress on Memorandum of Understanding.

Pursuant to Minute 133 Financial Assistance Applications – Cllr S. Edwards enquired how much money was available for grants and it was explained that annual financial estimates set overall budget provision. Grants were divided into several areas e.g. town events, community/environmental projects, new organisations and cultural grants. In recent years many organisations had been directed to North Hoyle Community Funds as funding of thirty-five thousand pounds per annum was available to local organisations.

Town Development Committee 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Pursuant to Minute 141 Annual Return – In response to a question about publication of accounts procedure the Town Clerk/Financial Officer referred to statutory public inspection period and requirement to publicise and make accounts available.

Town Planning Committee 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Community Endeavour Awards 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Pursuant to Minute 147 Presentations – future photography location in Council Chamber to be reviewed due to numbers of people receiving presentation.

**156 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL DEVOLUTION AND EMPOWERMENT  
PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Details of paper inviting Council's nominees to proposed working group had been received from Denbighshire County Council.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr M. German nominated to attend working group.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



**FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 6.15pm – 8.20pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: J. Thompson-Hill (Chairman), M. German, I. German, G. Jones, G. Frobisher, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, J. Davies, P. Duffy, A. Horobin, S. Edwards.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Pastor Kate Johnson.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: S. Frobisher, P. Curtis, G. Percival, P. Newell, G. Green, A. Pennington, M.. Eckersley.  
Rev Q. Bellamy

**171 CHAIRMANSHIP**

Due to absence of Mayor and Deputy Mayor nominations were invited for appointment of Chairman of tonight's meeting. Cllr G. Frobisher proposed and Cllr J. Davies seconded nomination of Cllr J. Thompson-Hill. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr J. Thompson-Hill be appointed Chairman for tonight's meeting.

**172 PRAYERS**

Pastor Kate Johnson talked about 'gumption' and need for working together and sense of purpose to promote well being. Prayers were offered seeking direction for the common good in the many and varied Council activities.

**173 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Letters of thanks for Council's donations and support had been received from Denbighshire Care and Repair, and also Nant Hall Road Church Holiday Club.

**174 URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported he had received notes of two urgent items concerning Referendum Wales March 2011 and Prestatyn Regeneration Officer post. Both items would be considered later in tonight's proceedings.

**175 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** Minutes of Full Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 154 Complaints – In response to Members query the Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that he would circulate update on number of complaints and outcomes of Public Service Ombudsman for Wales investigations.

Pursuant to Minute 155 – Cllr S. Edwards reported that this was the third occasion Scala Board had been requested to supply a detailed operational financial breakdown. In response to Members questions Cllr J. Thompson-Hill confirmed that earlier Council request for detailed quarterly financial statements had not been progressed due to an oversight by Board that had occurred during his time as nominated Scala Board representative. He also reported that progress on Memorandum of Understanding that would cover sharing of confidential trading accounts between Board and Council would be addressed by Council's representative later in proceedings.

Pursuant to Minute 156 Devolution and Empowerment Group – Cllr M. German reported that he had attended a recent meeting and that further meetings were planned. He reminded Council it had already supported Denbighshire County Council by providing a sum of 1.08 million pounds towards construction cost of Scala Cinema and Arts Facility. Council was assured that any further proposals to devolve services to Town Council would need to be fully discussed by all Members.

**176 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Pursuant to Minute 158 Planning Consultations – Cllr P. Duffy reported that as a local businessman he felt very uncomfortable at recent accusations made by fellow Councillor that businesses were being shown favour by County and Town Councils. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer assured Council that there are many local government safeguards including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations covering probity in office. Additionally the Code of Councillor Conduct and Declaration of Interest requirements were legally binding obligations placed upon individual Councillors and any serious breach would result in sanctions and/or prosecution.

Town Planning Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Pursuant to Minute 160 – 43/2010/1222 Stadium Developments, Land at High Street/Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn. Members commented that external weatherproofing of former railway building would be subject of conservation area consent. **RESOLVED** That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council seeking consultation on Section 106 planning agreement arising from development and future dispersal of funds associated with this planning permission.

Planning Training Event 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 – For information several Councillors reported upon a successful Denbighshire County Council, Planning Training event covering tree preservation orders etc. **RESOLVED** That copy of training notes be obtained and made available to all Councillors.

Finance and Management Committee 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Minute 168 Notice of Motion Page 109 after first paragraph – Addendum for clarification purposes insert ‘By implication the Council, Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Chairman of Finance and Management Committee, Internal Auditor and Denbighshire County Council had all been entangled by Cllr Eckersley’s actions’. **RESOLVED** That Cllr M. Eckersley be requested to provide a copy of his personal statement to Council.

#### **177 COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2011/12 PM 164**

The Council considered recommendation from Finance and Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Financial Estimates 2011/12 be accepted.
- 2) That Council Tax Precept 2011/12 Band D equivalent of £46.84 (no change) be accepted.

#### **178 SCALA CINEMA AND ARTS FACILITY PM 131 and 155**

Cllr A. Sampson appointed Council representative on Scala Board of Trustees provided an update on the Board’s recent activity, training, SWOT analysis (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) and circulated recent accounts. Members commented that the confidential accounts presented did not allow comparison, only showed income from recent months and were not of an acceptable format and duly returned them to him without further discussion.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported upon his meeting with Scala Company solicitor and outlined proposed Memorandum of Understanding currently being prepared for consultation by both parties. Council discussed ideas for generating public interest in Scala including allocation of one free ticket for every household in town and use of loss leader for marketing and promotional purposes.

In response to a Member question Cllr J. Thompson-Hill offered to provide fellow Councillor with name of Project Manager, Denbighshire County Council responsible for original construction project. Council was reminded that whilst Town Council had provided a capital sum of £1.08 million towards construction costs it had not provided any subsequent revenue funding to the Scala Prestatyn Company Ltd who operate this facility.

**RESOLVED** That Scala Prestatyn Company Ltd be requested to provide month by month, departmental breakdown of finances on quarterly statement basis to allow comparison, performance against budget, and showing net profit/loss.

(Cllr G Jones declared interest and retired from Council Chambers during this item)

#### **179 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members were informed of current vacancy for Council nominated representative to attend North Wales Association of Town Councils. Cllr A. Pennington had expressed an interest in this position but was absent from tonight’s meeting.

**RESOLVED** That item be Deferred until Annual General Meeting.

**180 URGENT ITEMS**

**181 PRESTATYN REGENERATION OFFICER**

Council was informed that Denbighshire County Council were preparing not to renew this contracted post beyond March 2011. They had subsequently extended post until July 2011 to enable local consultations and completion of present economic regeneration works in town.

The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reminded Council that the post was formerly funded by Local Authority Business Grant Incentive (LABGI) and latterly by Performance Improvement Grant (PIG). Whilst majority of work involved Denbighshire County Council and Business Association some projects were managed by Regeneration Officer on behalf of Town Council e.g. Prestatyn Artwork. Over last three years a total sum of 1.9 million pounds of funding had been secured for town projects.

Cllr J. Davies explained that the post was created in 2007 and provided a dedicated business support officer for town. Many projects and actions identified within Town Action Plan had been implemented and it helped to provide safeguards for existing businesses and opportunity for new business.

Several Councillors highlighted the diversification of local trades and ability of many in the business community to regenerate themselves with comparatively little support from public funds and external agency.

A recorded vote was requested.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 1) That a letter be sent to Denbighshire County Council seeking retention of current Prestatyn Regeneration Officer post.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllrs S. Edwards, M. German, I. German, P. Duffy, A. Horobin, G. Frobisher, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, G. Jones, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill		
(11)	(0)	(0)

- 2) That Prestatyn Regeneration Officer be invited to attend next meeting to discuss background to town projects, funds secured and opportunity for further development.

- 3) That new owners of Pontins, Prestatyn be invited to meet Council at a future date.

**182 WALES REFERENDUM 3rd March 2011**

Cllr J. Davies circulated a paper detailing his reasons for seeking a 'No vote' in forthcoming referendum. He referred to poor awareness of referendum and reasons, potential impact upon Town/Community Council activity, and cross party support of Wrexham Councillors who had recently launched no vote campaign.

Several Councillors indicated that the referendum on devolution of law making powers to Welsh Assembly Government was a private matter for individuals to decide upon but welcomed discussion.

A recorded vote was requested.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

That information be received.

An earlier Motion for Council to support No Vote was declared LOST

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllrs J. Davies, G. Jones, A.Sampson,J Thompson-Hill  (4)	Cllrs L. Muraca, G. Frobisher, P. Duffy, I. German, M. German, S. Edwards, A. Horobin  (7)	       (0)

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_



**FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of Full Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Prestatyn on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 6.15pm – 8.40pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: M. Eckersley (Mayor), A. Pennington, G. Frobisher, G. Green, P. Duffy, M. German, I. German, J. Davies, J. Thompson-Hill, A. Sampson, L. Muraca, S. Frobisher, G. Percival, S. Edwards.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr N. Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Rev Q. Bellamy – Mayor’s Chaplain, Cllr J. Warner – Mayor of Bodelwyddan, Ms J. Prendergast – Town Clerk, Bodelwyddan.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: P. Curtis, G Jones, A. Horobin, P. Newell.

**217 PRAYERS**

Rev Q. Bellamy, Mayor’s Chaplain offered prayers of thanks for this special time of year.

**218 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Mayoral Diary of Events – copy of events attended in November, December, January, February, March and April (part) circulated at meeting.
- b) Prestatyn Weather Station – The Mayor confirmed that he had welcomed four new volunteer weathermen who would be responsible for daily data recording from Prestatyn Weather Station.
- c) Public Health Wales Good Practise Scheme – Council had received notification that WINNERS health improvement programme had been recognised by Public Health Wales as deserving of quality mark status. Ms S. Edwards and Mrs D. Hughes assisted in managing the Prestatyn Town part of the national scheme.
- d) Letters of thanks for recent donations had been received from North Wales Chrysalis Trust, Friends of the Ffrith and Clwyd and District Heritage Trust.

**219 URGENT BUSINESS**

Council was informed of two urgent items for consideration during tonight’s proceedings involving Bodelwyddan Town Council PM 184 and Councillor Correspondence.

**220 DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN/LINGUISTIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT – BODELWYDDAN KEY STRATEGIC SITE PM 184**

The Mayor welcomed Cllr J. Warner, Mayor of Bodelwyddan and Mrs J. Prendergast, Town Clerk to the meeting. Before commencing their address Cllr J. Thompson-Hill, Denbighshire County Council referred to guidance he had received from County Solicitor about declarations of interest and need to avoid claims of predetermination on Local Development Plan (LDP). Following short discussion Joint County/Town Councillors J. Thompson-Hill and S. Frobisher retired from meeting for this item.

Mrs J. Prendergast, Bodelwyddan Town Clerk fully understood the Councillors' difficult position over declarations of interest. Jenny explained that Denbighshire County Council had originally identified three key strategic sites but Bodelwyddan was chosen as the only one to be included in current LDP. The land involved was close to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Hospital and involved a mix of business and residential use. Some 1,750 properties had been proposed. Additionally neighbouring Conwy County Council had proposed a further 850 homes at nearby Abergele town. Such large scale developments would seriously impact upon infrastructure, public services, schools etc.

It was felt that the current plan for Bodelwyddan would result in a shift of commercial focus and result in a new town centre. Whilst proposals included new Welsh medium primary school, shops, GP surgery etc there was no promise that such facilities would be provided. In respect of linguistic plan it was noted that majority of residents are English speaking and A55 Expressway had led to commuter belt style of development.

Bodelwyddan Town Council was not against housing/business development but it was concerned about size and scale of proposals. The apparent lack of dialogue between two principal authorities on such important key strategic matters was also deeply worrying.

Cllr J. Warner, Bodelwyddan Town Mayor informed Council that there was an acute shortage of low cost affordable housing for local people and this was a major factor in welcoming some development along with possible jobs. However the scale of proposals seemed completely out of proportion to local need and there was danger that the high cost of new buildings would exclude youngsters gaining foothold on property ladder. There was a lack of available Council housing.

Mrs J Prendergast reported that a commercial developer was known to have 'scoped' area before Bodelwyddan Town was listed as key strategic site in LDP. There had also been a residents' local referendum which demonstrated that bulk of residents were against current development proposals.

Prior to questions the remaining Joint County/Town Councillors G. Green, P Duffy A. Pennington, P Duffy and M. Eckersley(Mayor) all declared interest and retired from Council Chamber. Cllr A. Sampson took Chair for remainder of this session and invited questions.

Cllr MG            Good work by Bodelwyddan Town Council in bringing matter to our attention. Has Council received support from local MP and AM?

Mrs JP            Yes, both supportive.

Cllr GP            Conwy seem to push housing developments close to their boundary. Have Bodelwyddan submitted any counter proposals?

- Mrs JP Bodelwyddan would be willing to accommodate some growth as this was needed but suggested it should be spread amongst Denbighshire communities. Some developers had 'scoped' Bodelwyddan sites prior to Local Development Plan.
- Cllr JW Some concerns about size and scale of current proposals. Young people don't seem too interested and this is very sad. Other landowners in Bodelwyddan are also seeking development opportunities for their land in addition to the key strategic site. There has been poor communication from County Council about plans
- Cllr SE Local Development Plan was flawed at inception because it planned all key strategic development on north side of A55 citing inadequate infrastructure in other areas.
- Cllr GF How many Denbighshire County Councillor's represent Bodelwyddan and do they support Town Council position?
- Mrs JP One County Councillor. Generally yes but there are a number of issues affecting position.
- Cllr MG The longer term impact and possible fall out from such a major development is of concern and proposals have widespread repercussions.
- Cllr AS Generally development is too much too soon. I would estimate population figures could rise by 6,000 to 7,000.
- Mrs JP There has been one public meeting arranged by Denbighshire County Council held in Bodelwyddan about this subject. A public referendum was organised and results against LDP proposals but County maintain position in favour of development plan.
- Cllr GP This should be a joint Conwy/Denbighshire County Council strategic issue. There are already a number of local vacant business units available in Denbighshire and Conwy.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Bodelwyddan Town Council be congratulated on their determined efforts in this matter.
- 2) That Councillor J. Warner (Mayor) and Mrs J. Prendergast (Town Clerk) be thanked for their presentation and attendance.

## **221 COUNCILLOR CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr M. German referred to a letter distributed in Councillors' post tonight personally attacking him for comments made at a previous meeting. It appeared from discussions that not all Councillors had received this communication. The letter contained several inaccuracies and whilst he recognised there was difference of opinion with writer he felt as democratically elected representative he and every Councillor had a right to freedom of speech. This viewpoint was acknowledged by Council and Town Clerk/Financial Officer.

Cllr P. Duffy also reported upon a number of disquieting internet videos and correspondences received from named individual about Councillor actions.

**222 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** That in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Sections 12, 14, 15 that Public and Press be excluded.

(Public were asked to take personal possessions with them when leaving Council Chamber)

**223 COUNCILLOR CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr P. Duffy expanded upon his earlier comments and several other Councillors referred to anguish being caused by named individual following intrusions into their personal family life. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer updated Council on corporate actions being taken and the right of individuals to pursue their own legal actions to protect their private life.

**RESOLVED** That Town Council fully supports actions being taken by Town Clerk/Financial Officer and offers its full support to all individual Councillors who are experiencing distracting intrusions to their personal lives and careers.

(Cllr G. Percival declared interest and retired from Council Chamber during discussion and voting on this item).

**224 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of Full Council held 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be accepted.

Pursuant to Minute 178 – Scala Board of Trustees – Cllr A Sampson reported that Memorandum of Understanding was close to completion and once agreed by both parties would allow regular financial reporting between the Private Charitable Company and Town Council.

Pursuant to Minute 181 Prestatyn Regeneration Officer – Cllr G Percival reported that Denbighshire County Council had agreed to extend this post by twelve months.

**225 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** That Minutes of other Committees be accepted as follows:

Town Planning Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Town Development Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.

Pursuant to Minute 191 Prestatyn Skatepark – The Town Clerk/Financial Officer confirmed that a young persons consultation exercise was being prepared in partnership with Prestatyn Youth Club and others. Details of a brief update recently completed outlining current position would be circulated to all Councillors.

General Purposes Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

(Minute 198 Prestatyn Walking Festival – Cllr M. Eckersley requested his actions in signing Declaration of Interest book should be recorded in minutes).

Town Planning Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

Minute 204 Planning Application 43/2010/1537 to read Hillside. Delete word ‘Gardens’.

Pursuant to Minute 204 Planning Application 00/2011/0136 Tyn y Caeau, Rectory Lane, Gwaenysgor RESOLVED That Town Clerk/Financial Officer seek response from Denbighshire County Council about clarification of 'welfare purposes'.

Finance and Management Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

Town Planning Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

## **226 PRESTATYN RETAIL PARK PM 176**

Council was informed that the company had recently provided anticipated start date of June 2011.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That Denbighshire County Council be requested to provide update on final construction traffic routes and environmental mitigation measures. Local companies and residents should be notified of this information prior to commencement.
- 2) That Rail Company be requested to clarify final completion date of Prestatyn Station improvements including new footbridge.

## **227 PRESTATYN TOWN REGENERATION PM 188**

Council was informed that Denbighshire County Council had extended this post until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. In response to Members' question it was explained that Prestatyn Business Growth Partnership comprising of County/Town/Business representatives met quarterly to review progress on agreed Town Action Plans. The Prestatyn Town Regeneration Officer, Denbighshire County Council also received invitations to attend all Town Development Committees.

Members referred to Prestatyn Artwork Project and enquired upon latest position regarding locations of final pieces near Prestatyn Railway Station. The Town Clerk/Financial Officer reported that he had been informed by Project Supervising Officer that both pieces would be located near their original positions at base of new station footbridge avoiding various underground services.

In response to questions about future maintenance of artwork he advised that project stipulated the need for low maintenance works, a maintenance schedule would be supplied by the artist, and Arts Council for Wales has also required Council's undertaking to maintain artwork for a considerable number of years.

Discussion also ensued upon future of Y Morfa, Prestatyn and reference made to a petition recently launched by Chris Ruane MP to safeguard future of Y Morfa open space site. Denbighshire County Planning Officer had circulated a background paper showing the site was recognised as protected recreational open space in Local Development Plan. However, landowner Prestatyn Estates had submitted an objection to Denbighshire County Council's designation seeking its inclusion in Local Development Plan as a mixed use development site. Both County/Town Council together with other statutory bodies and local residents were strongly opposed to any change from open space designation.

**RESOLVED** That Chris Ruane MP be invited to provide further information upon his recent correspondence and knowledge of Prestatyn Estates future intentions.

**228 ROYAL MAIL POSTAL SERVICES PM 197**

Council had received confirmation from Royal Mail Delivery Sector Manager, North Wales that there would be no change to present collection delivery system. For clarification non delivered packets could still be collected at one of four post offices in Prestatyn.

**RESOLVED** That information be received.

**229 DIAMOND JUBILEE PROJECTS PM 199**

Council was reminded of earlier discussions and need for early preparation if any site was to be considered for Diamond Jubilee Project. Any site nominated would require landowners consent. Discussion ensued upon type of possible development, introduction of water features and need to protect recognised open spaces.

**RESOLVED**

- 1) That Council enter dialogue with Denbighshire County Council (landowner) about future of Coronation Gardens and feasibility of creating a 'showpiece' garden.
- 2) That concept plans and designs for Coronation Gardens showpiece garden be invited.
- 3) That open land opposite Aldi, land adjacent to Nant y Mor Extra Care housing and Ffrith Common Land all be considered as possible future community project sites.
- 4) That Denbighshire County Council be congratulated on Town's present floral displays.
- 5) That provision of additional seating in Lower High Street be considered at future meeting.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_