

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022 AT ODDFELLOWS HALL, HIGH STREET SALTNEY.

PRESENT: Councillor A Roberts, Mayor, Councillors, J Brett Roberts, P Brett Roberts, V Gay, A B Gregory, E Gregory, D Jones, R Lloyd, R McKeown, M Robinson, J Shallcross and K Shallcross and T Brown, Town Clerk.

126. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors. A Lloyd, and R Griffiths.

127. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS – PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public in attendance.

128. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

129. THE ENVIRONMENT ACT (WALES) 2016 – SECTION 6 - BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced an enhanced biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty (the section 6 or S6 duty) for public authorities in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales. The S6 duty required that public authorities 'must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity as far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems'.

The Town Council falls within the definition of a Public Authority and had a Duty to report on what it had done to maintain and enhance biodiversity by the end of December 2022.

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the draft report to members for their information prior to it being published on the Town Council's website.

RESOLVED: That

the Clerk be asked to complete the report and publish it on the website by the deadline of 31 December 2022 and report back to Council in January 2023.

130. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE MODEL

Members considered the Grievance Procedure Model.

RESOLVED: That

Grievance Procedure Model be adopted.

131. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That

a resolution be passed excluding the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business under discussion the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the public interest under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 .

132. SALE OF ODDFELLOWS HALL

The Clerk reported to members the implications for the Town Council.

Members considered the implications and agreed that some initial discussions be held with Oddfellows.

RESOLVED: That

the Clerk, the Mayor and the Chair of Finance Committee, be authorised to instigate initial discussions with Oddfellows.

Chairman

Date: