

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL held at the Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, on Wednesday, 12 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor S Rodham, Councillors, C Evans, A Edwards, V Gay, A B Gregory, C Gregory, H Jones, R Lloyd, M Parry, B Pickard, J Shallcross and T Brown, Clerk

20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Councillors E Allen, S Streeter and T Walker.

**21 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS
PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

22 CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interests made.

23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor with the following amendment that it was Councillor Lloyd that called for recorded vote in relation to Agenda item 15 – Planning Applications and Cllrs Gay name be removed from the official minute.

Councillor Gay called for a recorded vote in relation to agenda item 4 – Minutes, in that her name should remain in Minute 15 - Planning Application for clarity and transparency that she also called for the name vote along with Cllr Lloyd.

For	Against	Abstain
Cllr C Evans Cllr V Gay Cllr A Gregory Cllr B Pickard	Cllr C Gregory Cllr H Jones Cllr R Lloyd Cllr M Parry Cllr S Rodham Cllr J Shallcross	
For	Against	Abstentions
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24 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

25 POLICE MATTERS

Members received a report in relation to the Anti-Social Behavior Issues/Trends:

Saltney Mold Junction Ward

01/05/19 – Informant reporting his sons' mountain bike had been stolen in the River Lane area. A description of the bike was given, caller stated he had this captured on CCTV. CCTV had been seized, investigations ongoing.

03/05/19 – Caller reporting continuing drug use along Saltney High Street. Caller requesting more police presence in the area as last time this helped. More regular patrols were being carried out; the area was on patrol plan.

06/05/19 – Report of anti-social behavior on the train tracks near the airport; 2 youths running along the tracks. Officers arrived no youths were present.

14/05/19 – Informant reporting youths climbing over St Davids High School gate, caller stated every bin had been thrown on the ground. Officers spoken with school, the school was going to speak with the parents of these youths and the youths were going to be doing a litter pick with the caretaker as a kind of restorative resolution for the incident. The youths were also to write a letter apologising.

15/05/19 – Report of damage to one of the Salvation Army charity clothing banks. Investigations were currently ongoing.

17/05/19 – Report of a dangerous motorbike driver along River Lane, travelling at speed and carelessly. Officers that day were made aware and CCTV also made aware.

03/06/19 – Worker of Poundstretcher called to report a group of youths causing a nuisance in the store, stated staff had removed them but they were outside throwing stones at the CCTV cameras and passing traffic. Caller concerned as he stated the youths were also jumping in front of oncoming traffic, fears they might cause a collision. Officers attended but youths had left. Spoken with the store but no offences were committed, area search also carried out but negative.

Saltney – Stonebridge ward FSW 12

05/05/19 – Report of anti-social behavior whereby a group of youths are causing a nuisance around the Morrisons area, becoming quite aggressive. PCSO attended and patrolled the area, no youth present.

11/05/19 – Caller reporting he was constantly getting issues from youths on Saltney High Street. Caller stating youths had been on the roof of his van and they were spitting. Officers' attended; negative sightings of the youths or the caller.

19/05/19 – Caller reporting youths causing a nuisance outside Londis store, caller stating they were on the roof of the store and they were refusing to get down and leave. Officers attended, youths were warned and were dispersed.

30/05/19 – Member of public reporting youths being abusive in Londis, caller had now left the store. Officers attended but no sightings of the youths were present in the area.

Other News/PCSO activities:

Awaiting possible order of 2 new laptops as discussed. PCSO Hughes to Liaise with Streetscene regarding installation.

RESOLVED: That

the report be received.

26 STREETSCENE

John Griffiths, Streetscene was unable to attend the meeting.

27 MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor gave his report for the month.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayor's report be received.

28 YOUTH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Brooks reported that there would be a fundraiser at the Ferry Pub, on 29 June 2019 and they were looking for raffle prizes.

Councillor Hingston reported that there would be a dementia friendly event at St David High School, on 11 July 2019 1-3pm. He also submitted a detailed report on the work he had done since the last meeting on the issues raised regarding young people with the community. He reported that his reports were aimed at giving the Town Council a clear idea of the actions, where possible, in an attempt to improve the community for everyone.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

29 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME - FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FCC)

FCC were looking into the feasibility of allowing Town and Community Councils to fund additional Enforcement Officers in the area. The implementation of the scheme would be dependent on whether there would be sufficient interest, and any funding supplementary enforcement would not affect the existing rotas and the current level of enforcement presence within those communities who participate.

The Clerk updated members of the details and the cost implications for the Town Council. The cost would be £195 per day, with all funds generated through fixed penalty notices retained by the Authority, members were also asked to note that Enforcement Officers would work within the Authority's existing policies and procedure.

Members agreed to defer the item and ask the officer to attend a Council meeting. It was also agreed that the Environment and Regeneration Committee and Finance and general Purposes Committee look at it in more depth of detail. The scheme needed to be the right deal for Saltney and more tangible.

RESOLVED; That

- (1) the matter be deferred pending the Officer from Flintshire County Council attending a Council meeting to give further details of the scheme: and
- (2) Environment and Regeneration Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee look at the scheme in more depth of detail.

30 YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2017/18 (as at 31.3.19)

Members were asked to receive a copy of the bank reconciliation, the investment reconciliation and cash book and year end budget expenditure for 2018/19

It was suggested that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should meet on a monthly basis to look at the action plan in line with the audit report. Members agreed that rather than the same points being constantly repeated at Council meetings it needed to be a formal proposal to Council in July from the member concerned.

RESOLVED: That

the end of year accounts 2018/19 be approved.

31 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/19

Members agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee continue to work on the action plan.

RESOLVED: That

the internal auditors report for 2018/19 be approved and the Finance and General Purposes Committee continue to work on the action plan.

32 WEBSITE UPDATES

The Clerk gave members a brief update on the latest position with the upgraded website. Work was still on going and the Clerk would liaise further with Vision ICT on the Council's site map for the website.

RESOLVED: That

the update be noted, and the clerk send the link for the website to members.

33 CCTV CAMERAS

The Clerk updated members on the latest position with the current suppliers of the Town Councils CCTV cameras with a proposal to move forward. The Clerk requested that Standing Orders be waived as it had proved more than difficult to

obtain three quotes for 2 360 HD cameras that could be used with the current software package.

Council agreed to waive Standing orders to enable the Clerk to purchase 2 360 HD panoramic cameras from Connected Security Ltd, Wrexham, who had previously supplied the Town Council's CCTV cameras.

It was agreed that the Clerk be asked to purchase 12 CCTV camera signs to be distributed around the town.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Clerk be asked to proceed with the purchase of 2 360 HD panoramic CCTV Cameras from Connected Security Ltd, Wrexham that are compatible with the existing software; and
- (2) the Clerk be asked to purchase 12 CCTV signs to be prominently displayed around the town

34 ACCOUNTS 2018/19

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cash book and the bank reconciliation reports. members received for their information were the Annual Budget by Centre and the Detailed Receipts and Payments by Budget reports.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

35 NOTICES OF MOTION

- (1) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Arthur Gregory, be considered in relation to Saltney Town Council employing a traffic warden on a part time basis and that the duties of the warden be to ensure that parking procedures near the Towns schools be properly adhered to and enforced as a priority along with other areas of the Town where there are problems with illegal parking.

RESOLVED: That

the notice of motion be deferred depending on further information being obtained from FCC

- (2) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Arthur Gregory, be considered, that Saltney Town Council, contact Flintshire County Council to seek advice on how to make part of Learners Way, one way, in order to reduce the need for cars to reverse and the possibility of causing further risk to small children who are more difficult for drivers to see.

RESOLVED; That

the Clerk be asked to contact FCC about the carpark at Learners Way, to see if a one-way system can be implemented to help alleviate the traffic congestion at specific times of the day in particular at school times.

- (3) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Hannah Jones, be considered, that Saltney Town Council commit to seeking accreditation for White Ribbon Status from White Ribbon UK by completing the attached action plan and paying the fee of £300 pa. Any public facing organisation can apply for accreditation, and an accredited organisation will have access to training and campaigning guidance, use of branded official documents and signage and access to a network of other organisations to promote fundraising, awareness and events.

RESOLVED: That

powers be delegated to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to complete the action plan and be brought back to a future meeting of the Council.

36 QUESTIONS

The Clerk had received 5 questions from Councillor Gay that were responded to accordingly. As appended to these minutes.

37 OUTSIDE BODIES REPRESENTATIVES REPORTING BACK TO COUNCIL

No reports received.

38 INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Gay reported:

- 9/5/19 - attended the digital strategy workshop which was to help encourage all residents to register to My Account
- 13/5/19 – attended NWFA executive meeting which looked at the future funding which was highlighted as a major concern
- Welsh Board Community Transport had a shortage of trained drivers
- 15/5/19 – funders event to see what funding could be available for Saltney
- Musical memory café
- 30/5 – attended a future workshop – budgets and how money can be spent – Wifi
- 31/5 – Funding – Douglas Place, need to inspect pond, residents had concerns that it is letting it down and need to discuss future management
- Beechwood Road, Community Garden is in jeopardy. It is a mess at the moment there is no community interest in it. Although a community place is still needed for children to play.
- 3/6/19 – attended FCC waste strategy workshop, possibly looking at 3-4 week refuse collection. Concerns were also raised that black bin may be contaminated with food being put in it which is causing problems. FCC are at target now for recycling. Longer collection is the biggest problem.
- D-Day presentation at County Hall, they are asking for memorabilia.
- Dementia Friendly – Saltney should be moving on to the next phase, Saltney Town Council needs to look at its Charter.

- Marleyfield is a 32bed lovely residential homes - Private
- 7/6/19 – attended OVW conference, looked at management of Websites as new legislation is not being adhered to. Discussed Operation London Bridge, new strategy for marketing, timescale and action plan.
- Attended Welsh Boarder Community Transport AGM
- Attended Musical Café
- Attended Transport conference – there is pot of money available.

Councillor Lloyd reported on the following points;

- He had been elected and Vice Chairman on Planning Committee at FCC
- Asked members to note that Planning Enforcement training was compulsory for members who sit on Planning Committee
- Funding had been made available for the cycle path – Broughton to Saltney
- My Account residents to sign up to it
- Councils asked sign up to survey on the Development Plan FCC

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

39 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts for June 2019:

Cod e	Chq No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	102899	Miss Tracey Brown	Salary (June 19)	1,100.32
4001	102900	HMRC	Town Clerks IT (June19)	292.00
4002	102900	HMRC	Town Clerks NI (June 19)	144.77
4004	102902	Deeside Lodge	Room Hire May/June 2019	66.00
4041	102901	Cllr Pickard	Travel Expenses – to Training	21.88
4008	102903	Royal British Legion	Two wreaths for D-Day landing	37.00
4203	102904	One Voice Wales	Training Module 3 – Cllrs Gay, Gregory, Pickard, Evans and Allen	200.00
4008	102905	Miss T Brown	2 books Clerks Guide and Local Council Finance	51.69
4008	102906	Miss T Brown	Outgoing Mayors Gift – Cllr J Shallcross	33.20

NB: (Monthly Direct Debit to Prism Solutions – IT provision £123.46 and telecoms £84.44 (inc VAT)

Monthly Standing Order – Brymau Estates – Office Rent - £360.0 (inc VAT)

Signed by the Mayor

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