

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL held at the Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, on Wednesday, 11 September 2019

PRESENT: Mayor S Rodham, Councillors, A B Gregory, C Gregory, H Jones, R Lloyd, M Parry, J Shallcross, T Walker and T Brown, Clerk

PRESENT: Youth Councillors: Shaun Hingston and Chloe Anne Brooks

70 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Councillors, E Allen, A Edwards, C Evans, V Gay, B Pickard and S Streeter

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

72 CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Shallcross declared a personal Interest in agenda item 11 – Saltney History Group as his father is the Chairman.

73 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019 and the Special meeting of Council held on 31 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

75 POLICE MATTERS

Dan Hughes PCSO, was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Members asked that the Clerk to write to the police and ask for a report on how many offences had been caught on the CCTV cameras around the Township.

Members continued to rise concerns about parking on pavement especially outside Lucky's takeaway.

76 STREETSCENE

John Griffiths, Streetscene, attended the meeting and answered questions from members on the following points.

- Pathway from the High Street to Salisbury Avenue needed to be cut.
- Cuttings had been left by the new homes nearest to the brook.
- School sign on Belmont Drive is completely hidden by the hedge.
- Light in the bus shelter on Chester Road still not working.

- Potholes on Belmont Drive are quite bad.

77 MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed members that if reports did not go out with the agenda, they would not in future be given verbally at the meeting. Members recalled that this way forward had been agreed verbally at previous Council meeting as Members felt that it would be a more time productive way to keep meetings to a reasonable time.

The Mayors report for the month was noted

RESOLVED: That

the Mayor's report be received.

78 YOUTH COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Mayor reiterated that if reports did not go out with the agenda, they would not in future be given verbally at the meeting.

Member received an update on the Saltney Community Initiative, which had also been sent to all members by letter from the Chairperson prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications for consultation had been received.

Ref: 060300
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and single storey extension
Location: 15 Maydor Avenue, Saltney Ferry, Chester, CH4 0AH
Grid Ref: E 337459.7 N 365009.4

Ref: 060239
Proposal: Siting of auto-glass pod for the repair and replacement of car windscreens.
Location: Morrisons High Street, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8RU
Grid Ref: E 337692 N 365056

RESOLVED: That

the Planning Application be noted.

80 SALTNEY HISTORY GROUP

The Clerk had received a request from the Chairman of the Saltney History Group, to ask if the Saltney Town Council would like to make a contribution towards the cost of publishing the next Saltney history book that was due to be published.

(Councillor Shallcross declared a personal interest in this item)

RESOLVED: That

a donation of £200 be made to the Saltney History Group to help with the cost of printing the next book.

81 SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL MARIE CURIE NURSES 2019-2020

The Clerk had received a request for a donation from Laura Ellis-Bartlett, Community Fundraiser for Marie Curie, towards supporting the local service.

All money donated would go towards supporting the local Marie Curie nurses and services, patients and families would directly benefit from your gift.

RESOLVED: That

a donation of £200 to help the Marie Curie nurses to help support the local service.

82 ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The Clerk had been asked to remove Councillor Cherry Evans from the Committee.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Barry Pickard be appointed to the Environmental and Regeneration Committee to replace Councillor Evans.

83 ONE VOICE WALES AGM

The Clerk briefed members on the up and coming One Voice Wales AGM, scheduled to take place on Saturday, 5 October. Councillor Shallcross and the Clerk would be representing the Town Council.

Council were asked to give permission for Councillor Shallcross o vote at the conference.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Shallcross be given voting powers at the One Voice Wales Conference on 5 October 2019.

84 NOTICE BOARD UPDATE

The Clerk updated members on the three quotes that had been sought to purchase eight new notice boards for the Township.

The new boards would be green metal with the Town Council's logo and Saltney Town Council across the top of each board. The boards would be 105cm in height and 80cm in width.

Members considered the costing of each of the quotes and agreed to appoint Earth Anchors. The Clerk was asked to double check if fitting was included in the quote. Clerk was asked to write to Morrisons to ask if a notice board could be put on one of the walls outside.

RESOLVED: That

Earth Anchors be appointed to supply the Notice Boards for the Town Council.

85 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.

86 CLERKS REPORT

Members were asked to note the following:

- Due to staffing issues the Friday night Youth Club sessions would be temporarily closed from Friday, 6 September, until further notice.
- The Clerk updated members on the progress of the 2 new cameras, where existing cameras were around the Township. Members were asked to give some thought as to where the 2 new cameras would be situated when delivered a meeting with Streetscene and PCSO Hughes to ensure the cameras were fitted.
- The Clerk reported to members on the 2 letters of thanks received.
- The Clerk updated members on Special Council meeting – Thursday, 19 September.
- The Clerk updated members on the latest position on the external audit 2018/19

RESOLVED: That

(1) the report be noted.

(2) The 2 new cameras – one be situated at the corner of Salisbury Avenue and Park Avenue and the second be situated as close to Saltney Syd as possible.

87 NOTICES OF MOTION

(1) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Richard Lloyd, that Saltney Town Council pay for the installation of a riverside bench at a cost of £500 to be situated half way between Saltney Ferry footbridge and the River Lane roundabout to enable residents to have a rest on this well used footpath with wonderful views of the River Dee. The bench has been offered free of charge by the Coastal Rangers department of Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That

£500 be given to the Coastal Rangers, Flintshire County Council to fit the bench.

- (2) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Stephen Rodham, that Saltney Town Council establish a working group that will consist of the Mayor and up to four Town Councillors and the Town Clerk to plan a community events for Friday, 8 May 2020 to remember the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Terms of Reference

- the working group be given a budget of up to £500 to assist in organising/holding community event(s) on the day.
- the working group will liaise with local businesses, local groups and schools to seek their involvement in any of the community events.
- the working group will report back to Council periodically to update members on the logistics and expenditure to date.

RESOLVED: That

A working group be established with the agreed terms of reference.

- (3) a Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Terry Walker, that this Town Council consider making an annual payment of £2,000 p.a. to Countryside Services towards the costs involved for maintenance and improvements to the riverside coastal path.

RESOLVED: That

£2,000 per annum be paid to the Countryside Services, Flintshire County Council towards the costs of maintenance and improvements of the riverside coastal path, Saltney.

- (4) a Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Stephen Rodham and Terry Walker, that Saltney Town Council be asked to make a donation of £1,000 to help Saltney Town Football Club with the necessary repairs to the changing room following the recent spate of vandalism.

RESOLVED: That

The Town Council donate £1,000 to Saltney Town Football Club to help with the necessary repairs to the changing rooms following the recent vandalism.

88 QUESTIONS

The Clerk had received 6 questions from Councillor Gay.

Question 1 - Which Community Council will be seconding the STC NoM at the OVW Conference in September?.

Answer 1 – The Clerk had not been informed if the two Motions which had been submitted had been accepted to go forward to the OVW conference on 5 October.

Question 2 - Why had STC not yet received a report from the STC elected representatives for OVW?

Answer 2 – it was up to individual members to report back to Council.

Question 3 - Why have the OVW Regional meeting agenda and minutes not been circulated to members for information and comment

Answer 3 - the agenda and minutes had been circulated.

Question 4 - Who was elected as Chair of Wrexham/Flintshire Regional OVW at the AGM

Answer 4 - the Clerk declined to answer this question.

Question 5 - Who was appointed the NEC rep for Flintshire Regional Committee

Answer 5 - the Clerk declined to answer this question.

Question 6 - Who was elected the ONW CHC Rep for BCUHB

Answer 6 - the Clerk declined to answer this question.

89 INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lloyd had produced his report which was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

90 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts for September 2019

Code	Chq No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	102916	Miss Tracey Brown	Salary (Aug 19)	1,100.32
4001	102917	HMRC	Town Clerks IT (Aug 19)	292.00
4002	102917	HMRC	Town Clerks NI (Aug 19)	144.77
4000	102923	Miss Tracey Brown	Salary (Sept 19)	1,100.32
4001	102924	HMRC	Town Clerks IT (Sept 19)	292.00
4002	102924	HMRC	Town Clerks NI (Sept 19)	144.77
4008	102915	SLCC	SLCC conf – books	128.75
4501	102918	Saltney Ferry (Mold Junction) Residents and Tenants Assoc	Payment for Billy's Park Play Scheme August 2019	800.00
4080	102919	Chester WACE	Grant Application	1,884.00
4008	102920	Wurkplace	HR and HS consultant first year contract	3,749.40
4070	102921	Zurich Insurance	Annual payment	955.50
4501	102922	50+ action group	Donation for printing costs	300.00
4022	102925	Cllr Amanda Edwards	Determination 44 (2019)	150.00
4041	102926	Cllr Veronica Gay	Travel Expenses SLCC Conf	81.50
4041	102927	Cllr Veronica Gay	Travel Expenses – Code of Conduct - OVW	10.00

4041	102928	Cllr Veronica Gay	Travel Expenses – OVW Innovative Awards Conference	81.00
4004	102929	Deeside Lodge	Room Hire Sept	90.00

NB: Monthly

- *Direct Debit to Prism Solutions – IT provision £123.46 and telecoms £84.44 (inc VAT)*
- *Direct Debit to Information Commissioners Office £40 pa*
- *Standing Order – Brymau Estates – Office Rent - £360.00 (inc VAT)*

Signed by the Mayor

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