

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL held at the Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, on Wednesday, 9 January 2019

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

111 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Councillors E Allen, C Gregory and C Brooks, Youth Councillor.

the Chairman agreed to vary the order of business

112 URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS – SPEED AWARENESS IN THE TOWN

The Chairman agreed to take this item of urgent business in accordance with Standing Order 15, the item of business was brought forward to this point to give members of the public the opportunity to speak to the item. The item had been brought forward due to severity of the road traffic accident which had recently occurred on Park Avenue, Saltney where a child had been seriously injured.

Members agree that the following points would be moved forward through working with outside bodies to ensure that:

- (1) the Town Council urge Flintshire County Council to adopt 20mph speed limit in residential areas.
- (2) Members noted that in April 2018 the Welsh Government gained control over setting national speed limits. Cardiff City Council was the only Council who had implemented the 20pmh speed limit in built up areas and the city zone so far.
- (3) Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government Minister for Transport, Ken Skates, be pressed to implement mandatory 20pmh speed limits in residential areas across Flintshire.
- (4) the following links gave members some background information –
the national campaign for “20’s plenty for us” which also includes reports by Institute of Welsh Affairs
http://www.20splenty.org/iwa_calls_for_welsh_20mph

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
<https://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en>
- (5) Saltney Town Council together with local community leaders, youth club, schools and scouts and other local stakeholders be asked to collaborate on organising speed awareness events with the young people of Saltney.
- (6) the Clerk write to all stakeholders and ask them to cooperate in organising a community event to raise awareness on speed limits within the township.

This would be done once the initial meetings with Flintshire County Council and the Police had taken place to discuss a way forward.

- (7) a working group be established to pull together a plan of action and work with local community leaders, youth club, schools and scouts and other local stakeholders to raise speed awareness in the Township.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the points as detailed above be actioned accordingly.
- (2) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Edwards, Gay, Lloyd, Pickard and Streeter be appointed to the Speed Awareness Working Group.

113 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

There were nine members of the public in attendance and three wished to address the Council.

Sarah Hughes spoke in relation to the urgent item of business -Speed Awareness in the Town. She raised concerns that children needed to be made aware of speed awareness of 20mph, although it's the driver that were the issue racing around the town at all times of the day and night.

It seems the town has become a rat run for cars racing particularly late at night.

Need to work the police on Cheshire side to see if we can work together to try and deter speeding.

More funding was needed to be put into Saltney for traffic calming measures.

Colin McGivern spoke in relation to the urgent item of business -Speed Awareness in the Town. He raised concerns and suggested that speed bumps would be a deterrent.

He suggested that the Police Station in Saltney should be manned and the Town Council needed to contact Flintshire County Council and the Police authority to say need more policing in Saltney, and more funding was required.

Shaun Hingston spoke in relation to the urgent item of business -Speed Awareness in the Town. He informed the Council that the Headteacher at St David's High School would be exploring ways of raising awareness in schools.

Richard Lowe spoke in relation to the urgent item of business - Speed Awareness in the Town. Raised concerns at the lack of crossings in the town especially outside the schools.

Suggested double yellow lines be incorporated, chicanes, speed bumps etc were needed but it was up to be Flintshire County Council and they should use this tragic situation as a catalyst to move forward.

Sergeant Gilmour stressed that areas outside of schools have to be surveyed.

It was explained that in Wales the 20mph was optional it was not enforceable by Welsh Legislation at this time.

Aled Roberts spoke in relation to agenda item 11 – Planning Application, he raised concerns that business had already commence on site. Staff were looking over the fence, urinating on the fence and the constant loudness of the equipment. Residents from Chainmakers Row and the High street had lodged objections with Flintshire County Council.

Chairman varied the order of business

114 POLICE MATTERS

Chief Inspector Darren Whibberley and Sergeant Gavin Gilmour attended the meeting.

Inspector Whibberley explained that unfortunately when fleeing a crime scene, it was not a matter of enforcement as it would not have changed what happened on 6 January. They had no driving licence and no insurance it was a very tragic accident. He asked that some perspective be put into the matter but putting an officer on the High Street would not fix the problem.

What the public don't necessarily see, I was on foot at Christmas and New Years Eve around Saltney. Just because you don't always see us doesn't mean we were not there. We can't be in sight all the time there were other pressing matters happening in Saltney.

Rat runs, were created by placing restrictions on certain roads. To engineer a change in roads was extremely expensive and needed financial planning by the Local Authority.

Sergeant Gilmour explained that the police had done a lot of footwork with Penyfford recently. Speeding was an issue on the newer estate roads.

Re the engineering of the roads it took four years and a lot of hard work from the police before anything was done.

Members raised concerns that PCSO Dan Hughes phone was not working and it was important that he could be contacted. Sergeant Gilmour agreed to look into it.

PCSO Dan Hughes, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report which covered the following points:

RTA Incident – Park Avenue Update

A 23 year old man was charged and remanded by NWP following the fail to stop collision on Sunday 6 Jan. The male had been charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving, failing to stop after an accident, driving otherwise than in accordance with a license, driving without insurance and arson. The male appeared at court and had subsequently been bailed with conditions.

A 27 year old woman was also arrested and charged with obstruct/resist a constable in the execution of duty and had been bailed to appear before Mold Magistrates on 18 February.

No further information can be disclosed at this time due to ongoing investigation.

Saltney Town FC

Members noted that a meeting was to be arranged with Flintshire County Council, exact date TBC and local police team in relation to recent issues at location over the past few months. – (Damage and ASB). All aspects of security to be looked at.

Saltney Christmas Parade

Event passed off successfully with the assistance of Neighbourhood policing team.

ASB

There had been an increase in reported ASB/possible drug dealing via the alleyway leading from High Street to Salisbury Avenue. Patrols had been stepped up. Please contact Dan/Lauren via email if you can offer further specific times date or via 101 if the incident is occurring.

PCSO Dan Hughes would be holding a police surgery this coming Saturday 12/1/18 at Morrisons between 2-3pm to provide reassurance in relation to the recent RTC. Members of the public can provide info or raise concerns on any policing matters.

Cameras

Awaiting update from Town Council in relation to purchasing 2 new metal mickey cameras.

RESOLVED: That

the report be received.

115 CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Barry Pickard declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 20 – Notice of Motion. Councillor Pickard left the room for the item of business.

Councillor Veronica Gay declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 20 – Notice of Motion. Councillor Gay left the room for the item of business
Councillor Amanda Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 20 – Notice of Motion.

116 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (2) the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 November 2018 be approved

117 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

118 STREETSCENE

John Griffiths, Streetscene, was unable to attend the meeting on this occasion.

119 MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that given the recent circumstances of the road traffic accident on 6 January, he felt that it was not fitting to present his report, therefore, he would present members of the Council with his report at the next Council meeting.

120 YOUTH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Brooks had given her apologies - No report given.

121 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: 059114
Proposal: change of use to car wash and valeting
Location: Boarder House, High Street, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8SJ
Grid Ref: E338461 N365031

Members noted that objections had been raised with Flintshire County Council from both Stonebridge and Mold Junction wards with regard to this application.

RESOLVED: That

the objections to the planning application be noted and comments from concerned residents be submitted to Flintshire County Council

122 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONNEL PANEL

Given that there were different variations of terms of reference, Members agreed to defer this matter to the Finance and General Purposes committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED: That

the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further consideration and report back to Council.

123 PROTOCOL – RELIATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

The Clerk presented a Protocol to Members for adoption by the Town Council. She explained that the protocol had been sourced from One Voice Wales. The Protocol stated that there should be a mutual trust and respect between Councillors and Officers, was essential to ensure good governance and the effective running of a Council. To help ensure that relationships do not go awry, it was advisable to have a written protocol, which could cover:

- the respective roles and responsibilities of the Councillors and the Clerk, and any other staff employees
- relationships between Councillors and Officers

The same fundamental principles would apply regardless of the nature and size of the Council. The protocol had been written in a way that would be particularly relevant to the larger Councils but personal relationships and personnel matters could be particularly problematic in smaller Councils where the Clerk may be the sole employee and meant having an agreed protocol was very important

RESOLVED: That

the protocol be adopted by the Town Council.

124 TOWN COUNCILS – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT

The current contract for the Christmas lights has concluded, the Clerk requested authorisation to obtain three quotes to renew the contract and report her findings.

Members agreed that it should go to Environment and Regeneration Committee to consider the possible quotes.

RESOLVED: That

Environment and Regeneration Committee be asked to consider the relevant information before considering three quotes and reporting back to Council.

125 REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE

Members were aware the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales were reviewing the electoral arrangements for Flintshire County Council with a view to considering and formulating proposals for future arrangements.

The Town Council needed to decide as a public body an option to put forward to the Boundary Commission by the 23 January, deadline.

Both County Councillors put forward their views the first option was to change the boundary along Balderton Brook and keep two wards. The second option was to have one ward which would give clarity to residents but keep Mold Junction as rural.

Councillor Gay called for a recorded vote not to submit two options to the Boundary Commission. The recorded vote is appended to these minutes as detailed in Appendix 1.

RESOLVED: That

Saltney should remain as having two wards. Mold Junction remain as is, with the addition of a boundary change along the Balderton Brook (main river) from Boundary Lane to Chester Road (A5104) which would give an extra 785 electors to the Saltney Mold Junction Ward. Giving a total of 1823 when added on to the existing Saltney Mold Junction electors.

126 BUDGET 2019/20

Members were asked to receive a report from the Town Clerk on the budget proposals for the financial year 2019/20.

Members agreed that there would be no increase in the precept this year of £42.97 that would fund expenditure of £81,166

A recorded vote was called for by Councillor Streeter to present a 0% increase precept to Flintshire County Council. The Recorded vote is appended to these minutes as detailed in Appendix 2.

RESOLVED; That

The budget sum of £81,166 as now submitted be approved and the County Council be informed that the precept will remain at £42.97 for a further year.

127 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

JDH Business Services be appointed as the Town Council's internal Auditors as their services have been entirely satisfactory and had supported the new Clerk in her first year.

RESOLVED: That

JDH Business Services be appointed as the Town Council's internal Auditors.

128 ACCOUNTS 2017/18 (as at 30 OCTOBER AND 30 NOVEMBER 2018)

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cash book and the bank reconciliation as at 30 October and 30 November 2018.

RESOLVED: That

the cashbook and the bank reconciliation reports be received.

129 RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN FOR THE AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk report on the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee and asked Council to agree the proposed action plan be forwarded to the internal auditor for any comments he may wish to make prior to the interim audit taking place.

RESOLVED: That

the action plan be approved.

130 CONFIRMATION OF SIGNATORIES ON THE CCLA BANK ACCOUNT

Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee requested that the Clerk confirm whom the signatories are on the CCLA bank account.

RESOLVED: That

the Clerk confirmed that Councillors Barrie Gregory and Jason Shallcross be added to the signatories on the Council's CCLA account.

131 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Richard Lloyd proposed that Master Shaun Hingston be appointed as the second Youth Councillor on Saltney Town Council following his 16th birthday in January 2019. This would mean that if approved by the Council his first meeting would be in February 2019. In my opinion Shaun would be a great asset to the Town Council having shown over the last few years how passionate he is in improving the Saltney and Saltney Ferry areas for the benefit of the community.

NB Councillor Barry Pickard declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 20 – Notice of Motion Appointment of Youth Councillor. Councillor Pickard left the room for the item of business.

Councillor Veronica Gay declared a personal prejudicial interest in agenda item 20 Notice of Motion – Appointment of Youth Councillor. Councillor Gay left the room for the item of business.

Councillor Amanda Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 20 – Notice of Motion - Appointment of Youth Councillor.

RESOLVED: That

Shaun Hingston be appointed as Youth Councillor to Saltney Town Council following his 16th Birthday later this month. His first Council meeting will be 13 February 2019.

132 QUESTIONS

No questions had been received.

133 OUTSIDE BODIES REPRESENTATIVES REPORTING BACK TO COUNCIL

Standing order 80 states that “every member appointed to an outside body shall make a report back to Council following the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

No reports given.

134 INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Gay reported on the following points

- Cheshire West and Chester Council planning application for housing on Lache Lane going ahead. Concerns on flooding
- Boundary Commission Review deadline 23 January, propose one ward, FCC
- will but both options forward

Councillor Lloyd reported on the following points:

- Bus Shelter on Chester Road will be replaced following recent accident
- Saltney Syd, was recently vandalised he had now been taken away for repair by the Coastal Rangers, they will replace the base and give him a refurbish
- AM's surgeries for the notice boards
- Planning application – Yew Trees, Saltney Ferry Road
- Deeside Farm, Saltney Ferry Road is out for tender
- Camera on Mainwaring Drive is still being repaired
- Attended OVV meeting on 8/12/18 with the Clerk, Jack Sergeant was the speaker

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

135 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts for December 2018 and January 2019

| Vote | Payee | Invoice | Amount |
|-------------|----------------------|--|------------------|
| 4000 | Miss Tracey Brown | Salary (Dec 18 & Jan 19) | 825.24 825.24 |
| 4001/4002 | HMRC | Town Clerks IT £219.00 NI £108.58 - (Dec 18 & Jan 19) | 327.58 327.58 |
| 4008 | Vision ICT | Annual contract website | 612.00 |
| 4082 | Flintshire CC | Playschemes | 2,930.00 |
| 4043 | OVW training | Cllrs Gay and Evans | 80.00 |
| 4042 | Cllr J Shallcross | Selection boxes – Christmas parade | 200.00 |
| | Royal British Legion | Remembrance Wreath | 30.00 |
| 4042 | Rotary Club Deeside | Float Christmas parade | 175.00 |
| 4042 | B Carrington | Disco Christmas Parade | 75.00 |
| 4042 | Cllr J Shallcross | Gift voucher for santa Christmas parade | 30.00 |
| 4008 | T Brown | Office supplies | 35.50 |
| 4300 | Flintshire CC | Lighting maintenance | 237.23 |
| 4043 | OVW | Training | 80.00 |

Signed by the Mayor

Date.....

**RECORDED VOTE****MEETING: COUNCIL****DATE: 9 JANUARY 2019****VENUE: ODDFELLOWS HALL, SALTNEY**

AGENDA ITEM: 15 – REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE - TO SUBMIT TWO WARDS TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR TOWN OF SALTNEY (TO VOTE ON TWO PROPOSED OPTIONS PUT FORWARD TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>SURNAME</u> | <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> |
|-------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| LIZ | ALLEN | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| AMANDA | EDWARDS | | √ | |
| CHERRY | EVANS | | √ | |
| VERONICA | GAY | | √ | |
| ARTHUR | GREGORY | | √ | |
| CAROL | GREGORY | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| HANNAH | JONES | √ | | |
| RICHARD | LLOYD | √ | | |
| MARK | PARRY | √ | | |
| BARRY | PICKARD | | √ | |
| STEPHEN | RODHAM | √ | | |
| JASON | SHALLCROSS | √ | | |
| SHELLY | STREETER | √ | | |
| TERRY | WALKER | √ | | |

Total**For 7****Against 5****Abstentions 0**

**RECORDED VOTE****MEETING: COUNCIL****DATE: 9 JANUARY 2019****VENUE: ODDFELLOWS HALL, SALTNEY****AGENDA ITEM: BUDGET 2019/20 (TO PRESENT A 0% INCREASE PRECEPT TO FCC)**

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>SURNAME</u> | <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> |
|-------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| LIZ | ALLEN | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| AMANDA | EDWARDS | √ | | |
| CHERRY | EVANS | √ | | |
| VERONICA | GAY | | | √ |
| ARTHUR | GREGORY | √ | | |
| CAROL | GREGORY | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| HANNAH | JONES | √ | | |
| RICHARD | LLOYD | √ | | |
| MARK | PARRY | √ | | |
| BARRY | PICKARD | √ | | |
| STEPHEN | RODHAM | √ | | |
| JASON | SHALLCROSS | √ | | |
| SHELLY | STREETER | √ | | |
| TERRY | WALKER | √ | | |

Total**For 11****Against 0****Abstentions 1**