

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present: Richard Parry (Chairman), Keith Thomas, Glyn Haynes, Jennifer Saboor, Keith R Roberts, Vaughan Williams, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Ken Tatlock, Adrienne Edwards, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE and Mrs Ann Kennedy

In attendance: Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer

Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)

Eira Fôn Parry Translator

1. All present in the Council Chamber were welcomed to the meeting by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Parry. The Mayor, Councillor Alan Williams had already apologised as he was unable to attend this meeting.

The question was asked if anyone was recording the meeting – no-one was making a recording of the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Alan Williams (Mayor), W J Chorlton, Raymond Jones, Hywel Williams and Mrs Beryl Warner BEM

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:**

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in the Planning Application (item 11 of the Agenda) as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee and also correspondence item 10 (Royal British Legion) as he is the President of the British Legion's Holyhead Committee.

He did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Glyn Haynes in the Planning application as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council's Planning Committee. He did not leave the Council Chamber when the Planning application was being discussed and voted upon.

4. **There were no Mayor's announcements:**

Councillor Richard Parry stated that he had attended the Ring of Fire event which was well attended and well organised. He paid tribute to Wil Stewart the Breakwater Country Park warden for his enthusiasm and assistance whenever there is an event organised.

5. **To welcome representatives of Gwynedd Council (Emyr Gareth, Petra Irvine) and Emma Collett (Interim Chief Engineer Highways, Anglesey County Council) to the meeting.**

Emma Collett stated that funding had been obtained from the Welsh Government (85%) and (15%) from the Anglesey County Council to ear-mark and later treat any flooding problems within the town. This was in its initial stages to gain data/information from the public of problem areas likely to suffer from flooding in the future and to put in the necessary infra-structure to alleviate any problems occurring. Certain areas in the town had been found to suffer from flooding in the past by looking at flood maps, such as Victoria Road, London Road, Market Street and the top and bottom of King's Road. Councillor Richard Parry asked the question if on-going maintenance was still carried out of the drainage systems and Emma Collett stated that there were 4 Area Engineers who regularly carried out maintenance and were well aware of any problems within their areas.

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Emyr Gareth said that there were old drainage systems within the town and this did not help as well as blocked gullies. Welsh Water was also aware of certain problems with sewer flooding.

Councillor Keith Thomas suggested that contact be made with the North Wales Fire & Rescue Service as information on past call outs re: flooding would presumably still be available.

Emyr stated that the purpose of addressing the Town Council was to make people of the town aware of their proposals and to collect data re: problem areas within the town. Emma Collett stated that persons could E Mail her regarding any problem areas and it was also proposed that a "drop in" session could be held in the future, also information could be put onto the Anglesey County Council website.

Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy welcomed the fact that the Anglesey County Council were now attempting to deal with this problem as other areas of the UK had suffered terribly as a result of flooding.

Emyr, Emma and Petra then left the Council Chamber and they were thanked for their presentation and the information provided.

6. To receive the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15 July 2019:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to receive the Minutes as a true record.

Minute no. 5474/19

Councillor Ken Tatlock stated that his question to Dewi Lloyd regarding vehicle emissions/air pollution at Blackbridge had been omitted from the Minutes.

Councillor Richard Parry asked if Councillor Hywel Williams had been contacted by a representative of Bangor City Council regarding funding to up-grade businesses in Bangor. The Town Clerk stated that he was still awaiting this information from Councillor Hywel Williams.

A question was asked about when a member of the public wished to asked questions to the Town Council and it was confirmed that the Mayor would be the responsible person to respond.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a site visit had recently been made to the Empire building.

7. To approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019:

Councillor Richard Parry stated that he was pleased that the item re: BREXIT had been discussed following the Notice of Motion by Councillor Vaughan Williams.

8. To consider Notice of Motion from Councillor Richard Parry:

"This Council expresses its concerns at the lack of GP provision on a daily basis as two of the three GP practices in Holyhead, and asks that a representative of the Betsi Cadwaladr Trust be asked to address the Council on the present GP situation and BCT's future plans for Holyhead"

Councillor Parry then vacated the Chair when this was being discussed and voted upon and Councillor Keith R Roberts chaired the meeting at this point as he is the Chairperson of Finance & General Purposes.

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Following a lengthy discussion, *it was resolved*, proposed and seconded to invite Mr Keith Amos, Head of GP recruitment and a senior member of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Trust to a future meeting of the Town Council. Councillor Vaughan Williams stated that members of the Town Council should be aware that a shortage of GPs was affecting the morale of front line staff in surgeries as patients were regularly experiencing problems in booking GP appointments.

Minute no. 5475/19

9. PROPOSALS : FLOW OF TRAFFIC AT LONGFORD ROAD HOLYHEAD:

The proposals listed by Emma Collett (Interim Chief Engineer Highways) Anglesey County Council were considered by the Holyhead Town Council, for information and consideration and a lengthy discussion ensued.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to agree with the proposals set out by the Anglesey County Council that the traffic flow suggested by drivers entering Market Street and turning first left into Longford Road be introduced. Councillors were of the opinion that these measures could not be considered in isolation and the whole of the area should be considered to include Longford Road, Baptist Street, Maes Meilw and Holborn Road as well in order to create a circular route. This one-way flow of traffic to be introduced should be closely monitored once it had been introduced.

Minute no. 5476/19

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

(A) Barry Hillier, Trustee, Holyhead Maritime Museum : 80th anniversary of the sinking of the HMT "Scotia" in June 2020.. Remembrance event, memorial plaque and a street naming.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information in the letter. Councillor Richard Parry would be the Mayor in office at that time and it was proposed that he should be involved with this, as well as Councillor Vaughan Williams who stated that he had lost a relative on the vessel.

Minute no. 5477/19

(B) David C Wright, Hon Secretary Holyhead Branch of the Royal British Legion : St Cybi's Churchyard Field of Remembrance, Sunday 3rd November 2019.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter.

Minute no. 5478/19

11. PLANNING APPLICATION:

Planning Consultation reference DEM/2019/14

Application to determine whether prior approval is required for the demolition of the existing School at Ysgol Gynradd Llaingoch, South Stack Road, Holyhead

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to make no objection to the application.

Minute no. 5479/19 The meeting concluded at 7.45 p.m.

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