

SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR DREF



Decision Notice

1. TO RECORD ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Councillor Chris Risley

Councillors: Doreen Mackie, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans-Brown, David Evans, Elwyn Jones, Tom Oldfield, Dean Ashfield.

Officers: Collette Lowry (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

Public gallery: 5 members of public & 1 online

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Members approved previously resolved apologies from Councillor Angela Engle (resolution 023/79).

Councillors Ron Davies, Dean Stenner, Gillian Brockley, Gary Cooper & Sean Bibby also sent apologies with the reasons being approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Chris Risley declared a personal interest for item 11.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the meeting of 6th November 2023 were proposed as an accurate record and would be signed by the Chair of the Council.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair, Councillor Chris Risley called for a 1 minutes silence mark the sad passing of Councillor Ron Davies's wife.

He also updated members on the Remembrance Sunday service and noted the attendance was remarkable on such a cold and wet day.

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING:

There were no such requests.

7. TOWN MAINTENANCE (including Streetscene reports):

Members discussed/reported various Streetscene related matters.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

1. To request a F.O.I report detailing statistics/costs/investigations & prosecutions of fly tipping/side waste in Flintshire throughout the past year.
2. To request larger square bins at the Central Drive shop area

3. To report matters raised to the area Streetscene Officer.

8. LIGHTING:

There were no new issues arising. Members reported that the faulty Asda lights had again been reported to head office and that a dual light by the 33 Club had been installed.

9. POLICE ITEMS:

Members reported an instance of off-road bikes presence near Hwb Cyfle and reminded council that enforcement of the 20mph would be in effect from 17th December.

10. CLERK'S REPORT:

Communications:

Members noted the information items circulated via email throughout the previous month.

Updates & requests:

1. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** to commit to the British Gas Lite for a further 1 year contract for the office electricity before prices increased.
2. Members were informed of the NALC pay award.
3. Members were informed the Clerk had attended the OVW/SLCC online conference.
4. Members were informed there was to be another Interservices debrief the following day. Members reported various matters for Councillor Elwyn Jones to forward to the committee.
5. Members were informed the Christmas lights would be completed that week.

11. PLANNING

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to respond to Flintshire County Council with no objection to ADV/000994/23, ADV/000992/23 and ADV/000993/23 but to object to FUL/000990/23 on the basis of concerns with regards to litter and operating times.

b) PLANNING DECISIONS:

There were none.

c) PLANNING UPDATES:

FUL/000813/22 - Members discussed the application.

12. ACCOUNTS:

a) Record of payments made in November 2023:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and approve November accounts.

b) To approve submitted accounts for payment:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve December accounts for payment.

c) November income:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note income for October 2023.

d) Other Financial Matters: –

There were none.

13. SUMMER PLAYScheme – AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

1. To agree in principle to a 6 week scheme for 2024, along with a request for an additional member of staff.
2. To defer decisions for 2025/6 and wait for a decision from Welsh Government regarding summer holiday dates.
3. To defer committing to additional schemes until the next summer playscheme in its new format had been completed.

14. FIT, FED & READ SUPPORT APPLICATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support the request of £1000 financial contribution to the scheme.

15. LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adopt the policy.

16. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to slightly amend the policy and move to the next agenda.

17. FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

1. To donate £150 to RainbowBiz CIC.
2. To donate £300 to St. Ethelwold school councils to assist with costs not otherwise covered within the school budget.

18. COMMUNITY WARDEN INTRODUCTION – Member's agenda item:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

1. To develop the details of the idea further and research community recruitment before revisiting the topic at a later meeting.
2. To name the group "Friends of Shotton".

19. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Kelly Evans-Brown informed members the Hwb Cyfle Christmas Fair had raised £1600.

20. DURATION OF MEETING:

Chair closed the meeting at 20.14 pm.