

SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR DREF



Decision Notice
4th March 2024
Commencing 6.30 pm, Hwb Cyfle, Shotton

1. TO RECORD ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Councillor Chris Risley

Councillors: Doreen Mackie, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans-Brown, Sean Bibby, David Evans, Elwyn Jones, Tom Oldfield, Dean Stenner, Ron Davies & Gillian Brockley.

Officers: Collette Lowry (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

Public gallery: 5 members of public & 2 online

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept apologies from Councillors Gary Cooper and Dean Ashfield.

Councillor Angela Engle was absent.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no such declarations.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 5th February 2024 were proposed as an accurate record and would be signed by the Chair of the Council.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair reported he had attended a Community Speedwatch meeting on behalf of the council.

The Chair extended his apologies for not attending the St. David's Day competition judging and thanked Councillor Kelly Evans-Brown for her assistance on the day.

Councillor Kelly Evans-Brown reported that herself and the service users of Hwb Cyfle had enjoyed the morning and that it was a difficult decision.

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING:

There were no such requests.

7. TOWN MAINTENANCE (including Streetscene reports):

The Clerk reported that the pothole on Dodd's Court had now been repaired and that the Freedom of Information request response regarding enforcement statistics

had now been received. Councillor Sean Bibby reported that debris in Wepre Brook had been removed and potholes in Killins Lane had been repaired.

Members discussed/reported various Streetscene related matters including tipping on Salisbury Street, outstanding grid cleaning on Chester Road, graffiti in the underpass, the Veolia skip on Bridge Street, an increase in dumped mattresses, broken glass and dog excrement on Beaconsfield/Kingsway alleys and the outstanding request for the new drainage on Brook Road/Rowden Street back access.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to take action on the reports and to report outstanding matters to senior management at Flintshire County Council.

8. LIGHTING:

It was reported that the light on the path from the 33 club towards the Edward Morgan school and the warning sign towards the top of Shotton Lane was still faulty and that the dual light installation overlooking the 33 Club was still outstanding.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to contact Darell Jones at Flintshire County Council regarding the outstanding matters.

9. POLICE ITEMS:

Members reported they were pleased to see an increase in local patrols and that the new cone system to combat illegal parking alongside B&M was eliminating issues.

10. CLERK'S REPORT:

Communications:

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

Updates & requests:

The Clerk reported that:

- a) Councillor Kelly Evans-Brown, along with service users and staff member Jade from Hwb Cyfle, joined Menter Iaith in judging the best shop window to celebrate St. David's day.
1st place was awarded to Best of the Bunch, 2nd prize to RainbowBiz CIC and 3rd to Rivertown Church.
- b) She attended Planning Aid Wales – Responding to Planning Applications webinar 12th February.
- c) She attended One Voice Wales - Digital Communities Wales – Introduction to Online Safety on 14th February.
- d) She attended Planning Aid Wales Strategic Development webinar 21st February.
- e) The council office had 2 redundant domestic printers which could be of use to a community group and requested members to consider and informed members the old PC tower would also be wiped and disposed of.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:** to check they were in working order before publicising.
- f) The Interservices AGM had been scheduled to be held on 20th March 2024.

11. PLANNING

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

None

b) PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members noted the planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council.

c) PLANNING UPDATES/AMENDMENTS:

None

12. ACCOUNTS:

a) Record of payments made in February 2024:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and approve the February 2024 accounts.

b) To approve submitted accounts for March 2024 payment:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve March 2024 accounts for payment.

c) February 2024 income:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note income for February 2024.

d) Other Financial Matters: –

Telephone/broadband suppliers:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to transfer telephone & broadband services from British Telecom to Sky Business.

13. RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept and adopt the policy.

14. DATA PROTECTION POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept and adopt the policy.

15. D-DAY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to defer the item to the April full council meeting.

16. CONNAH'S QUAY LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to respond to the consultation with a view that the documents should be more concise & simplified.

17. HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to contact Lee Shone regarding concerns of trip hazards.

18. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Doreen Mackie requested a new date for the King George Street play area meeting, for the scheduled A494 roadworks to be publicised and for British Telecom to hold a Digital Switch event locally.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to action the requests.

19. DURATION OF MEETING:

Chair closed the meeting at 19.32