

SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR DREF



Decision Notice

08th April 2024

Commencing 6.30pm, Hwb Cyfle, Shotton

1. TO RECORD ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Councillor Chris Risley

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

Officers: Collette Lowry (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

Public gallery: 3 members of public & 1 online

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to formally accept apologies & reasons for absence from Councillors David Evans, Dean Ashfield, and Gillian Brockley.

Councillor Angela Engle officially tendered her resignation prior to the meeting. The Clerk informed members a notice for a casual vacancy would be issued in due course.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no such declarations.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 4th March 2024 were proposed as an accurate record and would be signed by the Chair of the Council.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Chris Risley remarked he had enjoyed his recent term as Chair as it would be the Annual meeting in May. Chair informed members he had recently been involved with the Local Energy Forum which would shape the basis of many projects in the future.

He also informed members he had attended the Connah's Quay Town Council's Charity dinner along with Vice Chair, Councillor Doreen Mackie.

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING:

There were no such requests.

7. TOWN MAINTENANCE (including Streetscene reports):

The Clerk reported that tickets had been raised for drains and gullies to be cleared on the high street.

County members reported that an enforcement notice had been issued to a resident of Salisbury Street and that investigations were underway for side waste/fly tipping on Chester Road West.

Potholes had been reported to Streetscene and members were informed that a new machine had now been obtained by Flintshire County Council.

The underpass had also been scheduled for a clean.

Members also discussed the CCTV on Salisbury Street requesting clarification of ownership.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Sean Bibby discuss the matter with the County CCTV suite.

Multiple areas in Shotton had been identified as regular fly tipping/side waste spots.

The possibility of black bin collections moving to a 3 weekly schedule was raised. County members confirmed the review had not yet been completed on this matter.

Residents of Chester Close had received notices to request black bins were to be moved to the front of the properties on collection days in the future. County members have opposed this decision.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for Councillor Ron Davies to contact Streetscene regarding this matter.

The disrepair of Chester Road was discussed although members appreciated that the new regeneration scheme was likely to be delaying immediate works.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for Councillor Ron Davies to make enquiries.

Members also raised the difficulties experienced when attempting to arrange home collection of bulky items from Flintshire County Council.

8. LIGHTING:

The Clerk reported that:

- a) The new lighting columns on Wellington Street and Grosvenor Road had now been installed.
- b) The light at the 33 club had been repaired along with the warning sign light towards the top of Shotton Lane.

Members requested that the dual light for the 33 club be chased up.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to re-request clarification.

9. POLICE ITEMS:

- NWP sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting on this occasion.
- Members reported the anti-social behaviour occurring at Rivertown Church. CCTV has now been procured for the building.
- The illegal usage of electric bikes and scooters was discussed.
- The matter of roads and pavements being blocked on Jubilee Street by people working on cars was raised.
- The ongoing issue of parking on double yellow lines by Iceland was again discussed.
- The concern of police liaison officers no longer visiting the primary schools was raised.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for Councillor Sean Bibby to contact Police Commissioner Andy Dunbobbin regarding this matter.

10. CLERK'S REPORT:

Communications:

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

Updates & requests:

The Clerk reported that:

- a) She had attended OVW I.T. social media & website training 25th March.
- b) Menter Iaith had sent a letter of thanks for our involvement with the St. David's day best window competition (attached).
- c) She had attended the Clwyd SLCC AGM on 28th March.
- d) She had attended FCC Climate Change toolkit launch on 21st March.
- e) She had closed down the Rialtas system for the financial year 2024-25 and submitted year end pension compliance documents.
- f) Members were requested to consider One Voice Wales membership for 2024/5 at a 50% reduced rate of £611.

IT WAS RESOLVED: not to renew membership at this time.

- g) The local St. John's Ambulance, Deeside had requested a letter of support from the council to assist them with grant funding applications. Members to consider.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to write a letter of support.

11. PLANNING

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members had no objections to application FUL/000157/24.

b) PLANNING DECISIONS:

None

c) PLANNING UPDATES/AMENDMENTS:

- A site notice in relation to a planning application at Whittle Close, Factory Road, Deeside, CH5 2QE had been received (low carbon plant).

- A FCC Hybrid Committee Meeting had been scheduled to consider COU/000312/23 - Change of Use from Class C3 (Single Residential Dwelling) to Class C4 (House of Multiple Occupancy): 4, Salisbury Street, Shotton, Deeside, CH5 1DR. Councillor Sean Bibby informed members that he had submitted a statement to the committee.
- Enforcement action had been requested against the McDonald's application at the retail park due to a drive thru being implemented contrary to plans.

12. ACCOUNTS:

a) Record of payments made in March 2024:

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

b) To approve submitted accounts for April 2024 payment:

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

c) March 2024 income:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note income for March 2024.

d) Other Financial Matters: –

None

13. QUARTER 4 REPORTS & BANK RECONCILIATION:

Members noted the report.

14. EMPLOYER DISCRETION PENSION POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept and adopt the policy.

15. HYBRID MEETING POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept and adopt the policy with a request to add that members should be mindful of not being in a vehicle whilst attending online meetings.

16. YSGOL TY FFYNNON – SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: for Councillor Gary Cooper to be considered for the position.

17. FLINTSHIRE'S LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLANNING WORKSHOP:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report with no further comments.

18. D-DAY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to liaise with Connah's Quay Town Council and to place an order for 2 silent soldiers to mark the occasion.

19. HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

Plans were still yet to be received on the proposed work. County members informed council that the work was planned to commence by the end of April.

20. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Dean Stenner reported on the recurring bad smell in the area, having received 45 new complaints. He informed members he would request a meeting with Natural Resources Wales.

Councillor Sean Bibby informed members he had received a new licence application which he would forward to the Clerk

Councillor Ron Davies reported he had noticed an apparent oil slick by the Clock Tower and had contacted Natural Resources Wales.

21. DURATION OF MEETING:

Chair closed the meeting at 20.00