

## FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor, D.L. Cox, J.P in the chair

Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley, S. Collings, Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies, M. Evans, The Reverend B. Harvey, J. Johnson, M/s R. Johnson, Mrs L.B.Jones, S.K. License, M.W. Moore, Miss S.M.Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Town Mayor Mrs. V. Perfect, I.B.Roberts

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.  
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

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### DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

**There were no declarations of interest.**

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### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-2018.

Upon the name of Councillor M. Evans being moved and duly seconded and there being no other nominations, it was:-

#### RESOLVED:

That Councillor M Evans be elected Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018.

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### MINUTES:

#### RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.

**80.**

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Schedule of accounts and standing orders for payment as attached to these minutes was presented for approval and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Accounts for payment of **£7817.16p** be approved for payment and that the schedule be signed by the chairman.

**81.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Town Clerk reported upon the written application received from Flint Town United Football Club for donation for 207-2018.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Town Council do make a donation of £1,000.00 to The Flint Town United Football Club for 2017-2018.

**82.**

**ACCOUNTS 2016-17:**

The Town Clerk reported that following the signing of the annual return he was now collating and preparing the supporting documents for submission to the external auditor by the end of July. The outcome of the Audit would be reported to the Full Council in September.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the report be received and noted.

**83.**

**SUSTRANS DELVELOPMENT OF WALKING AND CYCLING NETWORK BETWEEN FLINT AND CONNAH'S QUAY:**

Councillor N. Davies presented members with a report of her attendance at a meeting with Sustrans and officers of the County council which discussed a programme for the development of the network between Flint and Connahs Quay. A number of public events would be staged to develop local interest in the network and to gauge public demand for the options available. It appeared, however, that the preferred route would still involve using the dual carriage way as the RSPB site and another site stood in the way of a truly coastal route. Members expressed concern at the public safety aspects of this route and suggested that the town council should lobby for the coastal route to be followed. In the wider discussion that then ensued members raised the issue of the cycle path in Church

Street and it was the mood of the meeting that Sustrans should be asked to a future meeting so that they could explain their position to the Council and hear the Council's concerns . Councillor Davies suggested that the County Council officers should also be invited as they would be responsible for the preparation of the proposals. The Town Clerk confirmed that that would be appropriate but cautioned that since the Church Street proposals were subject to their own consultations that there should be no mention of that issue in any discussions with Sustrans and the County Council as there was a distinct possibility that Sustrans would oppose any movement of the Church Street cyclepath and that such a position could prejudice prospects of collaboration on the network in relation to the coastal route and the public safety concerns . After further discussion it was:-

**RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Davies's report be received and noted and that officers from the County Council and from Sustrans be invited to address the Town Council at a future meeting.

**84.**

**PRESENTATION TO RETIRED MEMBERS OF LONG SERVICE:**

The Town Clerk reported that it was customary to honour retiring councillors of long service after they had finished their term of office. There were 4 such members who each had over 20 years' service and in the case of 2 over 30 years . Those former members were the Late Mrs B.A. Aldridge JP. L.A Aldridge OBE, Renshaw and G.T. Jones. He sought authority to purchase the plaques and have them engraved for presentation at the next meeting of the Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Town Clerk do have authority to purchase the 4 plaques and have them engraved to honour the 4 named councillors and make arrangements for their presentation on 24<sup>th</sup> July

**85.**

**MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE CURRENT REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE:**

**1. Ceramic Poppies:**

The Town Clerk reported that the County Council were seeking to provide large ceramic poppies to be placed upon parade routes for remembrance Sunday and had invited expressions of interest from Town and Community Councils in the scheme. He had discussed this briefly with representatives of the Royal British legion who were in favour and he asked for the council's support and authority to proceed.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Town Clerk do secure the supply of ceramic poppies for the Town parade route.

## 2. Match Funding to the Policing Team:

The Town Clerk reported that the Police were once again seeking match funding for their community initiative aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour and promoting outdoor pursuits. This year they proposed to take a group of 10-15 local youths within the age range 12-16yrs whose behaviour is becoming problematic on a range of outdoor activities including mountain walking and camping. It was hoped that this would stimulate interests and reduce the boredom which otherwise might lead to anti-social behaviour. Funding had been secure from a number of sources including commercial equipment suppliers and the police were now requesting £250.00 match funding from the Council to enable the initiative to proceed.

### **RESOLVED:-**

That the Town Council welcomes this proposal and do provide £250.00 match funding in support.