

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019 6.00 p.m.

PART A : IN PUBLIC

Councillors present: Keith Thomas, Alan Williams, Hywel Williams, Jennifer Saboor, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Richard Parry, Keith R Roberts, Kenneth Tatlock, Raymond Jones, Vaughan Williams, Adrienne Edwards and Mrs Ann Kennedy

In attendance: Robert Henderson, Acting Town Clerk

Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)

1. Councillor Keith Thomas, the out-going Mayor asked if any member of the public or Councillor or Officer was making a recording of the meeting.

No one was making a recording of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, Glyn Haynes and W J Chorlton

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in Planning Application(s) as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee and he did not leave the meeting when the Planning application was being considered and voted upon.

4. TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

The out-going Mayor informed the Town Council of all the events and meetings he had attended in the last 2 weeks which had proved a busy time – with officers of Anglesey County Council and Medrwn Mon re: application for Lottery funding for the Town Park, met with Cllr Dylan Rees as he was taking part in a charity walk around the island; met with “Evil Kinevil” bikers who were meeting together for the Guinness Book of Records attempt for the largest number of “Evil Kinevil” bikers in one place and who had attained their objective and who were travelling on from Anglesey to Wrexham; had attended a meeting with County Council officer re: the Park at Morawelon; on the 22nd May 2019 attended a Staffing Sub-Committee meeting; Councillor Thomas was also pleased to welcome the Royal Navy to the town for the Armed Forces Day when the ship HMS St Albans was docked in the port and he also had an invitation to attend a Reception onto the ship on Friday 31st May 2019. The Parade through the town was well attended with the Navy band taking part. He also attended a tree planting ceremony in the Town park to commemorate 50 years of Merched y Wawr, with Mrs Gladys Pritchard of Holyhead and other representatives being present.

Councillor Thomas said that he had enjoyed his year as Mayor being busy most of the time and he had met a lot of people. He said it had been an eye opener of how many community groups were active in the town, with people giving their free time to help others. He thanked his wife and family for their support, he also thanked his fellow Councillors and Councillor Alan Williams as his Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy for her assistance and advice during the year.

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He also thanked Robert Henderson, Acting Clerk and Richard Jones Deputy Clerk for their assistance and advice, Ruth Clerk/Typist and outside staff for their assistance during the year as well.

It was resolved, proposed any seconded to elect Councillor Alan Williams as Mayor for the year 2019/2020. (Minute no. 5402/19)

Councillor Alan Williams was then handed his Chain of office and a photograph of the Town Council was taken in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Alan Williams thanked his fellow Councillors for the honour bestowed upon him and he said he would do his best on behalf of the Town Council for the townspeople of Holyhead.

5. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020:

It was proposed by Councillor Adrienne Edwards and seconded by Councillor Hywel Williams to nominate Councillor Richard Parry as Deputy Mayor.

(Minute no. 5403/19)

There were no other nominations and Councillor Parry thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him as Deputy Mayor for 2019/202 and he said he would do his best on behalf of the Town Council.

Several Councillors congratulated the out-going Mayor , Councillor Keith Thomas and also the newly elected Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Parry.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION by Councillor Adrienne Edwards:

“That this Council express it’s concern regarding the condition of Victoria Road from the Cenotaph to Marine Square”.

Councillor Edwards commented on the area, especially where the old Irish café was situated and also the back of the former Woolworths store and the Town Clock area.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to invite Mr Dewi Lloyd, Regeneration Officer from the Anglesey County Council to attend a Council meeting in the near future so that the Town Councillors could be made aware of the Anglesey County Council’s plans for this area as it was a gateway into the town centre improvements needed to be made to tidy up the areas mentioned.

Minute no. 5404/19

Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy stated that discussions had already taken place in the Business Forum meeting regarding this area of the town and photographs had been taken of the areas concerned.

Town Councillors commented that Bangor City Council had recently been awarded a large sum of money to improve the businesses in Bangor and they were of the opinion that something urgently needed to be done in Holyhead, especially areas in the approach to and in the town centre itself.

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Councillor Keith Thomas stated that there were plans afoot for improvements to be made to the Holyhead Railway Station as this was the first impression of the town to persons visiting by train and this was important as Holyhead Station had in the past been deemed as the most untidiest Railway Station throughout North Wales, also, the old derelict building at Plas Alltran Blackbridge which was the first image for visitors to see when dis-embarking/travelling off the ferries at the Port from Ireland which was not a positive first image of the town.

Councillor Richard Parry stated that the Anglesey County Council were responsible for the town grave yards of St Cybi's Church, lower and higher, and works had recently taken place to tidy up these areas, as well as the installation of CCTV cameras for security reasons.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to give support to the Notice of Motion by Councillor Adrienne Edwards. Minute no. 5405/19

7. Information re: Code of Conduct and new Declaration of Interest form:

Following the recent report by the Anglesey County Council Standards Committee, each Councillor present was issued with the new Declaration of Interest form, both in English and in Welsh for information. When a Councillor declared an interest the Town Council were advised that it should be inserted in the Minutes of the meeting whether the Councillor signing the form left the Council Chamber or not and this had to be inserted into the Minutes in the future.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION:

Portal reference PP-07708319 : Proposed extension and alterations including lowering kerb to provide additional off-road parking at 19 Llainfain Estate Holyhead

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

Minute no. 5406/19

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, who had already declared an interest did not take part in the discussion or vote, did not leave the Council Chamber when this planning application was being discussed.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

Following advice from the Internal Auditors, this item would need to be included on every Agenda in the future. There were no issues of Health & Safety to report.

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One member of the public at the back of the Council Chamber asked for clarification re: being able to ask a question/speak at a Council meeting.

She was informed that this request would need to be put in writing in good time (5 days) before the Agenda was posted out to members and a request for a sign to be put onto the downstairs door with the time when the Chamber would be finally closed to members of the public. This information could also be put onto the Town Council website.

The members of the public who were in attendance at the meeting then left the Council Chamber.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that the meeting go into Private Session for part B of the Agenda. (6.30 p.m).

Minute no. 5408/19

