

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present:- Keith R Roberts (Chairman), Keith Thomas, Alan Williams, Hywel Williams, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, W J Chorlton, Ken Tatlock, Adrienne Edwards ,Mrs Ann Kennedy BA(Hons) MBA and Glyn Haynes

In attendance: Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott Clerk/Typist

The Chairman, Councillor Keith R Roberts welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. To ask the question – “Is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting? No – one was recording the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES for absence were received by Councillors T Lloyd Hughes MBE, Richard Parry, Raymond Jones, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Jennifer Saboor and Vaughan Williams

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

No Declarations were made.

4. To welcome Mr Freddie Jones from the Conygar Investment Company to the meeting:

Mr Jones stated that he was happy to up-date the Town Councillors regarding Conygar’s proposals at the Newry Beach area of the town. In the past, it was a joint venture with Stena Line, but now Conygar had complete control of the proposed development. At the present time, the consenting processes/Marine License and Sea Notice were being finalised and then in about 6 weeks time the Architect would be able to go through the scheme in greater detail and the Town Councillors would be able to have sight of the plans at a later presentation. The outline application had to be extended as the original consent would expire in 7 years as from 2014 and the Harbour Revision Order would be granted from the Welsh Government. By March of next year (2021) Mr Jones envisaged that all the background paperwork would be finalised and the development would be ready to commence. Certain amendments to the plans, such as the height and number of units had to be made. It was proposed that the scheme would be integrated with the town centre by way of signage.

Some Councillors voiced their concerns over the price of the new apartments and whether they would be affordable. Mr Jones stated that he Anglesey County Council are hoping that they will be affordable as they would be sold under Section 106. He also stated that during construction of the development this would mean additional employment for the town, and afterwards, once the development was up and running. It was envisaged that the scheme would take approx. two and a half years to construct and would be completed in different phases.

Some Councillors were hopeful that the development was positive for the town in providing added employment and in attracting more tourists to the area. It would also have a positive effect on the Leisure Festival held each year at the end of July at the Newry Beach.

Mr Jones was thanked for attending the meeting and he left the Council Chamber at 6.25 p.m.

5. To receive Minutes of various Sub-Committees:-

Staffing/Audit : 9 January 2020;

Finance and Property Sub-Committee 20 January 2020

Finance and Property Sub-Committee 12 February 2020:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that all Sub-Committee Minutes be approved as a true record.

Minute no. 5552/2020

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6. One Voice Wales 2020/2021 : Membership:

On the advice of the Town Clerk that it was beneficial to the Town Council to renew this membership, *It was resolved*, proposed and seconded that the membership fee should be paid at a cost of £1,946.00.

Minute no. 5553/2020

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(A) Siwan Jones, Legal Assistant, Anglesey County Council : Prohibition of Waiting Order 2020 – Ffordd Fer and Longford Road Holyhead

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the correspondence.

Minute no. 5554/2020

(B) Siwan Jones, Legal Assistant, Anglesey County Council : Waiting restrictions Order 2020 : various locations (Porthdafarch Road, Arthur Street and Tan yr Efail, Holyhead

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the correspondence.

Minute no. 5555/2020

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

The Town Clerk reported of the incident which occurred in the Swift Square toilets. He also reported that blue lights had now been fitted in the mens toilets and that the deterrent up until this point has proved successful.

The meeting concluded at 6.35 p.m.
