

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES / LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021 10.00 a.m. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Councillors present:- W J Chorlton, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Hywel Williams, Keith Thomas, Adrienne Edwards, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE and the Mayor, Richard Parry (Ex-officio)

In attendance:

Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR-PERSON:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to elect Councillor W J Chorlton as Chairman.
Minute no. 5667/2021

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to elect Councillor Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE as Vice-Chairperson.
Minute no. 5668/2021

3. Is any member or Officer making a recording of this meeting?
No – one was recording the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES for absence:

No apologies were received as all members of the Sub-Committee were present.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:

The Town Clerk declared an Interest in an item in “Any other Business” as he is the Chairman of the Holyhead & District Round Table, although he has no financial interest personally in this regard. Councillor Hywel Williams declared an interest in the “Any other Business” item regarding the Holyhead & District Round Table proposed “Community Fun Day” to be held on Saturday 28 August 2021 as he is a member of the Holyhead & District Round Table.

6. To receive, for information the Minutes of the previous Sub-Committee meeting held on Friday 12 March 2021 (by remote)

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to receive the Minutes.
Minute no. 5669/2021

7. UP-DATE ON 3G PITCH IN “Y PARC”:

The Town Clerk stated that the new 3G pitch was well ahead of completion and the handing over would take place this Friday morning. The “Y Parc” website would be completed and up and running by early August. Bookings for the use of the 3G pitch were now taking place. A new special tractor with a brush had been purchased to clean the 3G pitch surface.

A discussion was held regarding a sinking fund and it was agreed that the Town Council should set up a fund each year for a replacement 3G surface pitch in 10 years time.

The Town Clerk hoped that an official opening of the 3G pitch could be held in the near future as he wanted local school pupils to be invited to the Ceremony.

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8. PROPOSED CAR PARK AT “Y PARC”

The Town Clerk explained that Cadarn Consultants had carried out sampling of the ground at the Park, some of which was made up of in-fill and other areas were rock. The Council had then identified a suitable location for the construction of a car park in the most suitable area near to the tennis courts.

The Town Clerk explained that the proposed car park would contain 26 car parking spaces (24 plus 2 for disabled) and it was proposed that a one-way system would be introduced. Members thought that it would be a good idea for a token system to be adopted and then if persons used the facilities in the Pavilion café they would get a discount on their purchase. This would be to prevent anyone from parking in the spaces on a long term basis. Final decisions on this would be discussed at a later date. At the present time the introduction and construction of the car park spaces was being determined by the Planning Dept and part of the planning process would involve letting the local residents in the area aware of the proposals.

9. PROPOSED SPLASH PAD AT “Y PARC”:

The Town Clerk stated that there was a Splash Pad at the Rhyl Sun Centre and that he would be looking at a similar Splash Pad for “Y Parc”. He was proposing to apply for Lottery funding towards the cost of this. He wanted to see what different Companies had to offer and wanted to inform members of his proposals and to make preliminary enquiries at this stage.

10. Bench at the corner of Mill Road with Porthdafarch Road: (Photograph of the bench was included with the Agenda):

As members could see from the photograph the existing bench had been placed in this location some 30 years ago and was falling apart. A local person from the area had requested that another bench be installed in its place as a lot of locals sat on this bench on their way to either Mill Road or to Porthdafarch beach.

Councillor Hywel Williams stated that he was aware that there were some spare plastic benches available and he would look into this on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that members agree to this course of action by Councillor Hywel Williams.

Minute no. 5670/2021

Councillor Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE wished the area around the “Carreg Y Bwgan” stone to be cleared up and benches put around it in order to tidy up that area. Councillor Mrs Ailia Lewis stated that there was also a bench at the top of “Lon Plas” in a similar state.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Town Clerk informed members that the Cinema projector kept breaking down all the time and was in an urgent need to be replaced as there were some block buster films due to come to the town in the next few months. The cost of a new projector would be £26,000 and he informed the Committee that by deferring other expenditure, such as a new heating system, that was not so urgent that the Town Council would be able to afford to purchase a new projector as the Cinema could not function effectively without this important equipment. The Town Clerk would Email all Town Councillors in regards to this proposed purchase to keep them informed as he needed permission on this straight away.

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It was resolved, proposed and seconded that the Town Clerk proceed in purchasing a new projector for the Empire Cinema.

Minute no. 5671/2021

The Town Clerk, as he had already Declared an Interest handed the meeting over to the Community Services Manager, Debbie Parry at this stage.

Debbie Parry explained that it was proposed to hold a Community Fun Day at “Y Parc” on Saturday 28 August 2021 as a joint venture between the Holyhead & District Round Table and the Holyhead Town Council.

The Holyhead Town Council had already set aside the sum of £3,000.00 in the budget for such an event and it was proposed, in conjunction with the Holyhead Round Table that a suitable event would be of benefit to the community during the Bank Holiday weekend and that this year no Holyhead Festival on the Newry Beach was taking place due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Round Table were proposing having bouncy castles and having use of the Walking Football, Bowling Green and 3G pitch also additional fast food in conjunction with service offered by the Pavilion café and live music as well.

Councillor Hywel Williams declared an interest as he is a member of the Holyhead & District Round Table.

Members of the Sub-Committee resolved, proposed and seconded to agree to the “Community Fun Day” on the 28 August 2021, for the benefit of the community, in principle dependent on the Sub-Committee seeing plans and costings on the proposed event.

Minute no. 5672/2021

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE did not vote on this resolution.

The Town Clerk stated that he would be arranging a meeting with the Holyhead Bowling Club soon in relation to renewing their Agreement with the Town Council.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 a.m.

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