

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present: Alan Williams (Mayor), Keith R Roberts, Hywel Williams, Glyn Haynes, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM, Ken Tatlock, T Lloyd Hughes MBE, and Mrs Ann Kennedy

In attendance:

Robert Henderson Town Clerk/Financial Officer
Mrs P R Scott Clerk/Typist
Eira Fôn Parry Translator
Gareth Williams from the Holyhead Mail

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting. Everybody in the Council Chamber then stood in silence to remember former Councillor Mrs Norma Keegans who had recently passed away.

1. To ask the question – “Is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting? One member of the public was tape recording the meeting from the back of the Council Chamber.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received by Councillors W J Chorlton, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Raymond Jones, Jennifer Saboor, Vaughan Williams, Keith Thomas, Richard Parry and Adrienne Edwards

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:**

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in any Planning applications.

There were, however, no Planning applications to consider and Councillor Hughes did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Alan Williams in correspondence item (B) request for donation by the St David’s Celebrations Committee. He did not vote on this item after discussion and did not leave the Council Chamber when this was being discussed and voted upon.

4. **Mayor’s announcements:**

The Mayor first of all asked the members of the Town Council to remember the fact that a local person, Tony Haigh had been missing since 2018 and the family were still deeply concerned regarding his whereabouts.

The Mayor stated that he had been very busy and had attended various events, including a visit to Greystones in Ireland during the weekend of the 23rd November 2019 when their Christmas lights were switched on. He commented on how well the Holyhead Male Voice choir sang during this Ceremony. He also attended the Switch on Ceremony at Holyhead Swift Square on Saturday 30 November 2019 when the lights were switched on by Gruffydd Wyn and “Santa”.

5. **To welcome Annwen Morgan, Chief Executive of the Anglesey County Council, Rhys Hughes, Education officer and Councillor Ieuan Williams to the meeting:**

Annwen Morgan thanked the members of the Town Council for inviting her to attend the meeting.

She stated that after the Commissioners had been called in to run the Anglesey County Council in 2011 that the budget for education and leisure was deleted and afterwards split into two separate categories.

She stated that the Holyhead High School were responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Millbank Sports facility as it was for the use of the school pupils of the High School as had been in the past for several years. Any income received, as per the Agreement drawn up went to the Weightlifting Club at Millbank but this did not really cover maintenance costs paid to outside Contractors. Plans would now have to be taken to try and resolve the issue of the drainage problems and a short term plan would have to be looked at before a long-term plan could be put in place. Members of the High School were concerned at the current problems. Annwen Morgan stated that a considerable amount of money (£950,000) had already been spent in upgrading the facilities at the Holyhead Leisure Centre since 2015 and that as the Anglesey County Council were responsible for the whole of the island that there were also other Leisure Centres in other towns on the island which also had to be considered regarding funding and the Anglesey County Council did not want to see any of the Leisure Centres on the island having to close due to lack of funding.

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The Anglesey County Council were now actively trying to apply for external grant funding in order to maintain and up-keep the facilities at Millbank for now and in the future, this included firstly sorting out the drainage problem as well as fencing works and dealing with groundworks and clearing of weeds.

Rob Henderson, Town Clerk stated that Holyhead Town Council had already agreed that our staff assist by opening up and closing the gate at Millbank as and when required. This had commenced on the 2nd December 2019.

Annwen Morgan stated that a Press statement would be made on the 3rd December 2019 with the local press.

The officers of the Anglesey County Council were thanked for attending the meeting and left the Council Chamber at 6.50 p.m.

6. REVISED STANDING ORDERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A general discussion took place and it was *resolved*, proposed and seconded that this be further discussed at a future meeting to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Standing Orders.

Minute no. 5508/19

7. To receive the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019:

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to receive the Minutes as a true record.

Minute no. 5509/19

Councillor Ken Tatlock asked if the information of the survey of the air pollution/vehicle emissions at Blackbridge was known. The Town Clerk stated that he was still awaiting this information.

8. To approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019:

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded that the Minutes be approved.

Minute no. 5510/19

9. To receive the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2019:

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded that the Minutes be received as a true record.

Minute no. 5511/19

The Town Clerk stated that a Public Meeting would be arranged following the result of the General Election and before the Christmas break.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Jackie Blackwell CEO Anglesey Citizens' Advice Bureau : Request for financial assistance

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to make a donation of £100.00

Minute no. 5512/19

(b) Hanna Huws, Secretariat on behalf of Holyhead St David's Celebration Committee : Request for financial assistance

It was *resolved*, proposed and seconded to make a donation of £250.00

Minute no. 5513/19

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No applications for consideration.

12. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

The Town Clerk informed members that one member of the staff had to receive medical treatment after picking up a waste bag in the toilets when a needle had penetrated her leg. New lighting would be installed in the toilets to deter anyone taking drugs.

The meeting concluded at 7.35 p.m.
