

Minutes of a **Meeting** of the **NEW QUAY TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Memorial Hall, New Quay on **Monday 26 February 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor D Potter (Chairman), Councillor J Davies, J Evans, S Hartley, G Hopley , P Hopley, A Jones, M Rees and H Williams,

(7.00pm- 8.50pm)

Ambulance Station – New Quay

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Brian Pullen, Locality Manager and Mr Rob Jefferey, Area Operations Manager, Hywel dda. They informed Members that they wished to attend to provide members with an update on the Ambulance Station in New Quay. The Station had now become to the end of its life and not fit for purpose, also as the porter cabin was a temporary measure, no further planning applications could be submitted on this site. Mr Pullen also stated that the Fire brigade site could not accommodate both services; therefore one of their options was a station as part of the new Integrated Centre in Aberaeron as the land was free. He emphasised the station was just a building and a location to collect and hand over the ambulance. Concerns were raised by Members that the ambulance could not meet its target in New Quay of eight minutes. In response, the Locality Manager stated that the eight minutes was not viable in several areas not even Aberystwyth where a station was located as they were responding when mobile. Mr Jeffrey reported that the vision of the service and the health board was prevention and that Integrated centres could serve the residents of the community before there was a need for an ambulance, this was already done in the Tregaron area. To accommodate the concerns of Members regarding the population increasing in the summer, it was proposed that a paramedic would have a suitable base in New Quay. A Co responder vehicle was also seen as a viable option in New Quay and it was reported that that Station Manager for NQ Fire Station was currently considering this option. The RNLI station was also seen as a suitable location to train and support the community in first aid.

It was suggested that a portacabin could be located at the top of Church St Car park. In response, Mr Pullen reported that they wished to move away from portacabins and provide their employees with a suitable building for their needs and training.

Following questions from the floor, it was agreed

- (i) that attending figures for the ambulance for New Quay and Aberaeron be sent to the Clerk to distribute to Members; and
- (ii) the Locality Manager and Area Operations Manager attend a further meeting in two months

109 Apologies

Councillor B Stones apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

110 Personal Matters

None

111 Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest

118.02- Councillor J Davies personal interest

118.05 Councillor S Hartley and D Potter had received a dispensation to speak only

regarding matters in relation to the Tourist Information Centre and Councillor Jennifer Davies had received a dispensation to speak and vote.

118.03- Councillors D Potter, J Davies, J Evans, S Hartley, M Rees and H Williams- personal interest

112 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2018

112.01 The Minutes of the meeting of the 22 January 2018 were confirmed as a true record subject to amending the surname of Councillor Steve Hartley in minute 102.02.

113 Matters arising

113.01/102.02/89.02/78.02/66.05/59.0 Councillor Potter had contacted the Ceredigion Harbourmaster to ascertain if the beach could be raked with the licence for the dredging. No response to date.

113.02/103.02 Would be considered by Cabinet.

113.03/107.02 It was reported that an engineer had been appointed by the residents and a lease would be completed soon.

113.04/ 109.03 An acknowledgement letter would be sent to the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Living Seas team for their hard work in regards to litter picking.

114 County Councillor's Report

114.01 Had called in the paddle gates – and would be considered by the Thriving Overview and Scrutiny on the 5th March 2018. Also the mooring fees would be considered at this meeting, however, the Monitoring Officer had advised me to declare an interest even though I had a dispensation to discuss issues regarding the harbour.

114.02 A motion had been presented in Council for Ceredigion to reduce the use of plastic in the County

114.03 Options were being considered for the Tourist Information Centre

114.04 Meeting tomorrow night in Aberaeron Yacht Club regarding the 25% increase in mooring fees

114.05 No update on when the work to repair the pier had been received

114.06 The cost to apply for tourism signage for NQ attractions was £1,200 as the road was the responsibility of the Trunk Road Agency.

115 Finance

Opening Balance £25,022.92 (£1012.66 ring fenced for defibrillator and £500.00 towards the Dylan Thomas Project).

115.01 Clerk Salary & Expenses £265.00 (

115.02 Clerk back pay £98.32 (February)

115.03 Rugby Club (junior section) £100.00

Closing Balance £25,022.92 (£1012.66 ring fenced for defibrillator and £500.00 towards the Dylan Thomas Project).

Closing balance for Town Council account £23,046.94

The Review of the Budget for February was noted.

116 Planning Applications

116.01 A180130 Blaenwen Lewis Terrace- the proposed dwelling was out of character for New Quay and there would also be an issue with access.

116.02 A180073 – Dolau Inn, New Quay- Town Council are against this proposal for the following reasons:-

- (i) this would be an annexe to the Penwig,
- (ii) this was an iconic public house in New Quay
- (iii) the bond for the lease was £28,000 prior to any profit
- (vi) no evidence has been provided that the business was not viable, therefore has the planning service obtained accounts for their last year of business before the business was closed?
- (v) the application was against policy LU21 & LU22
- (iv) New Quay could not afford to lose another business in New Quay

117 Planning decisions

None.

118 Correspondence

118.01 Request for financial assistance from YFC Ceredigion was noted.

118.02 Request for financial assistance from Aberaeron Swimming Pool. It was agreed to donate £200.00

118.03 Request for financial assistance from Cardigan Bay Regatta. It was agreed to donate £100.00

118.04 Harbour wall- no update to provide to date

118.05 Tourist Information Centre/Public conveniences- previously discussed, however, a letter be sent to the Head of Service for Performance and Economy expressing the Town Councils' disappointment that they had not been consulted on both issues prior to be considered in the Ceredigion County Council budget savings.

118.06 Plastic Free New Quay- The Town Council agreed to support Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the constituency.

118.07 Action on minutes- was noted and would be considered in detail at the next meeting.

119 Arrangements for the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 7.00pm

120 Urgent items – discretion of the Chair

120.01 Members conveyed their disappointment that the WI market was relocating to Caerwedros, however, this was done on a business basis. Councillor J Evans provided Members with an update regarding the lease and no response or acknowledgement had been received from the Charitable commission.

120.02 Members enquired if the Town Council had been consulted on the new pavement at the bottom of New Quay. This was a Welsh Assembly direction and no consultation had

been done with the Local Member or Town Council.

120.03 Weeds remained a problem and a meeting a working group had been established to improve NQ. Several Members were not aware of the group and therefore better advertising was required. The next meeting was due to be held on Tuesday night at 7pm. Work on a NQ map was underway and was welcomed by the Council.