

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
10 DECEMBER 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Flintshire County Council of Flintshire County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA on Tuesday, 10 December 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Carolyn Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: Alex Aldridge, Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Haydn Bateman, Chris Bithell, Derek Butler, Clive Carver, David Cox, Peter Curtis, Ron Davies, Adele Davies-Cooke, Rosetta Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, Andy Dunbobbin, David Evans, Jim Falshaw, Robin Guest, Ron Hampson, George Hardcastle, Cindy Hinds, Ray Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Hilary Isherwood, Joe Johnson, Christine Jones, Stella Jones, Colin Legg, Brian Lloyd, Mike Lowe, Dave Mackie, Nancy Matthews, Ann Minshull, Billy Mullin, Tim Newhouse, Mike Peers, Neville Phillips, Mike Reece, Tony Sharps, Paul Shotton, Ian Smith, Nigel Steele-Mortimer, Owen Thomas, Sharon Williams, David Wisinger and Arnold Woolley

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Marion Bateman, Amanda Bragg, Helen Brown, Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, Chris Dolphin, Brian Dunn, Carol Ellis, Ted Evans, Veronica Gay, Alison Halford, Trefor Howorth, Rita Johnson, Kevin Jones, Richard Jones, Phil Lightfoot, Richard Lloyd, Hilary McGuill, Ian Roberts, Aaron Shotton, David Williams and Matt Wright

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Director of Environment and Team Manager, Committee Services

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

70. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair provided details of two recent events, the local flooding due to bad weather and the accident at Mold Market.

Councillor Bernie Attridge paid tribute to all involved with both incidents, particularly the staff in streetscene and asked if his thanks could be passed on.

As the local Member for Bagillt West, Councillor Mike Reece expressed his thanks to Council staff for their prompt action during he recent flooding in his ward.

Councillors Alex Aldridge, Rosetta Dolphin and Glyn Banks also paid tribute to all of the staff involved, citing examples of where prompt action had prevented further problems.

The Chief Executive thanked Members and said the Police collision investigation into the accident at Mold Market was ongoing. He praised the swift action of market traders, Council staff and customers in what was an unusual

accident. Future pedestrian security around the Market area would be reviewed post the investigation.

He added that he had been contacted by several senior Members to ask that the authority support the White Ribbon Campaign, which aimed to end violence and abuse against women through the pledges of individuals, communities and organisations to stand up and speak and act against domestic violence. He sought Members approval for the authority to become a corporate supporter, which was in line with the 10,000 Safer Lives Campaign in Wales, a request which was unanimously approved.

71. SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services introduced the report which sought approval for the reason for Councillor Ted Evans' inability to attend meetings for 6 months in line with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Bernie Attridge proposed that the County Council support the recommendation outlined in the report which was duly seconded.

In response to a question from Councillor Tony Sharps on whether such decisions could be taken under delegated powers, the Chief Executive explained that it was a statutory provision as outlined in the Local Government Act 1972 and had to be considered by County Council.

Also, the wording 'failure to attend' throughout the report would now be referred to as 'inability to attend' to be more accurate and sensitive to the situation.

RESOLVED:

That Council approve Councillor Evans' inability to attend meetings due to his ill-health.

72. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 11.45 am and ended at 12.12 pm)

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Chair