

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held in the Monsanto Suite, Royal International Pavilion, Llangollen on Tuesday 29th May, 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillors E.C. Edwards (Leader), D.M. Holder, R.W. Hughes, D.M. Morris, E.A. Owens, A.E. Roberts, W.R. Webb and E.W. Williams.

Observers - Councillor R.J.R. Jones.

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive, Legal Services Manager, Director of Resources, Financial Controller.

APOLOGIES

Councillors I.M. German, G.M. Kensler and K.E. Wells.

117. URGENT MATTERS

The Leader gave notice of the following items which in his opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972:-

- (i) Membership of the Dee and Clwyd Flood Defence Committee ~ Item to be taken at 13A
- (ii) Membership of the Regional Flood Defence Committee ~ Item to be taken at 13B
- (iii) Foot and Mouth Disease ~ Verbal Update by the Director of the Environment
- (iv) Correction to Cabinet Minutes of 1 May 2001

118. MINUTES OF THE CABINET

The Minutes of the Cabinet held on 17 May 2001 (previously circulated) were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 May 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

119. WLGA CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to nominate one member to represent Denbighshire County Council on the WLGA Co-ordinating Committee for the twelve months commencing with the sixth Annual Meeting of the Association on 15 June 2001.

RESOLVED that Members agreed Councillor W R Webb represent Denbighshire County Council on the WLGA Co-ordinating Committee for the twelve months commencing with the sixth Annual Meeting of the Association on 15 June 2001.

120. WLGA ~ APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADVISERS

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to nominate officers to serve as Standing Advisers both on the Welsh Language and on Waste for the WLGA by 15 June 2001.

RESOLVED that Members nominated Dilys Hughes, Senior Education Officer and substitute Eirwen Jones, Welsh Advisory Teacher for the Advisers on the Welsh Language and Ken Ewing, Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services and substitute Brian Lyden, Community Services Manager: Public Protection and Regulatory Services for the Advisers on Waste.

121. RECRUITMENT

The Leader submitted the following applications for approval:-

- (i) Temporary Sessional Workers, Mental Illness Team, Llangollen Sc 3 ~ Personal Services Directorate;
- (ii) Administrative Support to Financial Assessment Officers Morfa Hall, Rhyl Sc 2 scp 11-13 ~ Personal Services Directorate;
- (iii) Temporary 3 Year Contract Staff Development Officer, Training, Henllan PO1 scp 33-36 ~ Personal Services Directorate, and
- (iv) Walking the Way to Health Co-ordinator Culture, Leisure and Tourism -Countryside Services Sc 2 ~ Lifelong Learning Directorate.

RESOLVED that the external advertisement of the above mentioned posts be approved.

122. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TEACHERS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (DCC TCC)

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to nominate two LEA representatives to meet with the Teachers Union side at future meetings of the proposed new forum. At County Council on 15 May 2001 Members endorsed a recommendation from the DCC/TCC that the Lead Cabinet Member for Education, the Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and two nominated LEA representatives participate in the DCC/TCC.

RESOLVED that two Members of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee be the two LEA representatives to meet with the Teachers Union side at future meetings of the new forum.

123. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON LEISURE CENTRE USER FORUMS

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to nominate 2 Member representatives to serve on the Corwen and 3 Member representatives on the Denbigh Leisure Centre User Forums.

Councillor R.W. Hughes proposed and it was agreed that the County Council representatives for Prestatyn be 2 Independent Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 DAW Member.

RESOLVED that the following Members represent the County Council on the Corwen and Denbigh Leisure Centre User Forums:-

Corwen - Councillors W.R. Webb and C.H. Williams
Denbigh - Councillors R.E. Jones, D Jones and G.M. Kensler

AND IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that in respect of the Prestatyn Leisure Centre User Forum the following Members represent the County Council: Councillors N.H. Jones, T.M. Parry, K.E. Wells and 1 DAW Member.

124. AUTHORISATION OF NEW INSPECTOR

Councillor A.E. Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to authorise Susan Amy Thelwell to inspect homes within Denbighshire.

RESOLVED that Members approved the authorisation of the named officer.

125. SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS - MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983 - APPROVED SOCIAL WORKERS

Councillor A.E. Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services presented the report (previously circulated) seeking approval for the appointment of the following Approved Social Workers:-

Alan James, Ellie Jones, Lis Lewis, Phillip Murray, Johnny O'Hagan, David Richards and Val Thomas

required to discharge the statutory functions of Section 114 of the Mental Health Act 1983 and further, Walter Barr as an Approved Social Worker Out-of-Hours.

RESOLVED that Members:-

- (a) received the report, and
- (b) formally approved the Appointments of the Social Workers named with immediate effect and remain valid until 31.12.2005 as detailed in 2.2 of the report and until 31 December 2002 as detailed in 2.3 of the report.

126. LOCAL ROAD SAFETY GRANT

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking the approval of a programme of work, as detailed in the report, funded by the National Assembly. The National Assembly have granted £125,000 to the Council for 2001-2002 under its Local Road Safety Grant Scheme.

A Member queried the road safety improvements to be made on the A525 Sarn Lane to Morfa Lodge roundabout and asked for more details of the plans. The Director of the Environment confirmed plans would be made available to enable further discussion to take place.

RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report and endorsed the proposed programme of work to be implemented by the Head of Highways and Transportation.

127. ERECTION OF A SUNDIAL ON ST ASAPH COMMON BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ST ASAPH

Councillor W.R. Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property Services presented a report (previously circulated) seeking consent of the Council as regulators for permission to erect a sundial on St Asaph Common. Subsequent to the report it was confirmed that the Rotary Club had decided not to proceed with its application for consent but that St Asaph Town Council would be invited to proceed with the project in its stead. Upon advice from the Legal Services Manager it was:-

RESOLVED that Members grant permission as regulators of St Asaph Common to the Town Council of St Asaph upon receipt of a formal application in writing subject to planning approval and all other necessary consents being obtained.

128. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NUCLEAR FREE FORUM

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members agreement to the Authority continuing to subscribe to the Nuclear Free Forum.

A suggestion was raised that attendance at any one meeting by 3 Members was excessive although it was confirmed that Members do not receive attendance allowance, only mileage. Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED that Members agreed to continue to subscribe to the Nuclear Free Forum for a further 12 months with one Member only in attendance.

129. MEMBERSHIP OF THE DEE AND CLWYD LOCAL FLOOD DEFENCE COMMITTEE

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking a nomination following the resignation of Councillor A.E.W. Jones to represent the County Council on the Dee and Clwyd Local Flood Defence Committee. The County Council is currently represented by Councillor R.LI. Williams and the former Councillor.

RESOLVED that Members agreed the Labour Group nominate one of their Members to replace former Councillor A.E.W. Jones to represent Denbighshire County Council on the Dee and Clwyd Local Flood Defence Committee.

130. MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL FLOOD DEFENCE COMMITTEE

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking a nomination to represent Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham Local Authorities on the Regional Flood Defence Committee and to confirm that duration of the appointment.

The Legal Services Manager advised Members that Flintshire County Council had confirmed that they would be nominating Councillor Meirion Matthews to continue to represent all three Authorities on the Regional Flood Defence Committee until the date of the next County Council elections.

Councillor W.R. Webb proposed Councillor R.LI. Williams be the nomination from Denbighshire.

RESOLVED that Members agreed to nominate Councillor R.LI. Williams to represent Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham on the Regional Flood Defence Committee.

131. CORRECTION TO CABINET MINUTES OF 1 MAY 2001 ~ JOB RE-EVALUATION FOLLOWING RESTRUCTURING

The Chief Executive drew the Cabinet's attention to the disparity between Minute 19 of the Cabinet meeting of 1 May 2001 and Minute 359 of 1 August 2000 - the latter having been approved by Council and some officers having moved onto the new HS salary structure with effect from 8 July 2000.

RESOLVED that Members agreed that 8 July 2000 be confirmed as the common implementation date of initial job re-evaluation following restructuring.

132. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ~ UPDATE

The Director of the Environment updated Members on the Foot and Mouth Disease and informed Members that Sue Essex AM had sent further guidance on opening footpaths. Footpaths could be opened unless they were within 3km or less of an outbreak (infected area). The National Assembly for Wales wanted an accelerated programme of opening the paths. Denbighshire could initially concentrate on the Clwydian Range, Llangollen, the paths around the towns. Over a period of 3-4 weeks all the paths in the County could be open. The Director also informed Members that the Denbigh and Flint Show had asked for guidance on whether or not to go ahead with their event mid August.

Following discussion Members agreed that the process of opening the paths should be concentrated initially on the tourist areas and locally used paths, which would be open within a week.

The Leader sought guidance from Members as to the Denbigh and Flint Show. The Chief Executive reminded Members that they had given their support to the National Eisteddfod in Denbigh which would take place before the Show. Members agreed to support the Denbigh and Flint Show, and hoped that the Show Committee would ensure that adequate precautions in terms of preparation would be taken.

Councillors E.W. Williams and R.W. Hughes commended staff for their hard work and dedication within the Foot and Mouth Financial Assistance Unit. The Director of Resources reported that approximately 100 applications for financial assistance had been received.

RESOLVED that Members note the report.

133. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the

likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

134. INSURANCES

Councillor E.A. Owens presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members approval to the acceptance of the lowest tender for the various categories of insurance cover following the recent tendering exercise. Councillor Owens detailed the process to Members and said the current agreement would end on 31 May 2001.

RESOLVED that Members confirm Zurich Municipal as the Council's main insurers.

135. PLANNING APPEAL: BRYN DETHOL, LLANGOLLEN

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members approval for additional funds to defend a planning appeal. Councillor Morris explained the background to Members who in turn supported the proposal.

RESOLVED that Members agreed to the provision of emergency funds to enable the Council to engage external planning advisors and an external advocate for the Public Inquiry.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 a.m.
