NOTICE OF MEETING
The notice of meeting was taken as read.

APOLOGIES
Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors J.B. Attridge, E.W. Owen and R.V. Williams.

POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (259)
The Chair welcomed Inspector Darren Wareing, Inspector Mark Hughes & CBM Sian Atkinson to the meeting.

The Chair referred to letter 5 May 2009 from Inspector Darren Wareing (copy circulated to Councillors at the commencement of the meeting) informing Councillors that he will be leaving Deeside Police Station on 16 May 2009 to commence a new position and advising that Inspector Mark Hughes will be taking over the role of District Inspector for Deeside. On behalf of Councillors the Chair congratulated Inspector Wareing his new appointment and extended the thanks and appreciation on the Councillor for all the work he has achieved on Deeside over the last 2 years.

Inspector Wareing reported back on items previously discussed at the 1 April 2009 meeting:

(a) Youths causing problems at Thornfield Avenue – I have together with officers have spent a lot of time in this area and have spoken to youths about their behaviour and the speed gun has been used in this area. Officers will continue to monitor the situation as it is included in the Action Plan.

(b) Youths congregating at Badgers Walk/Ffordd Kinderley - CBM Sian Atkinson has been monitoring the area and there appears to be less youths. She will continue to visit.

(c) Instances of arson - there are problems and Inspector Wareing has discussed the problems with the Arson Reduction Team who have access to a Tour Bus but there
is a cost and hopefully they will be able to visit the area. Two have been caught and officers will continue to monitor the situation.

(d) Inconsiderate parking of a vehicle on Clivedon Road – the owner of the vehicle has been given a warning. The Chair stated that the van is still parked on the bend and Inspector Wareing stated that the person will be issued with a penalty notice.

Inspector Wareing invited Councillors to attend a Neighbourhood Forum Meeting to held on Thursday 7 May 2009 at the Community Centre when CBM Paul Williams will be in attendance and will introduce a new robust system which will be put in place, matters will be considered and an audit will decide which matters are to be dealt with and this will happen within 7 days.

The following matters were raised by Councillors and discussed:-

(i) Councillor P.J. Wainwright reported that he had noticed evidence of fires in Wepre Park and asked if young children are setting the fires. Inspector Wareing stated that bins and skips have been set alight and stated that this problem had been brought up at a recent JAG meeting and he had spoken with Lisa Fearn the Town Centre Manager about the possibility of including it within the “Tidy Towns”.

(ii) Councillor W. Hastings referred to an item on the Agenda from Neighbourhood Watch referring to a person in an old Mercedes car selling coats to elderly people and enquired progress – Inspector Wareing stated that this was a singular event and did happen on Deeside it was another park of Flintshire.

(iii) Councillor R.P. MacFarlane referred to the recent instances of arson at his home and stated that the ivy had now been cut back and amongst the foliage there had been several bottles of Vodka which he is of the opinion fuels these crimes. He further expressed his concern that youths as young as 8/9yrs are obtaining spirits possibly supplied by the parents which could effect their mental/physical health. Inspector Wareing that he agreed completely and Officers will continue to take alcohol away from youths and recently together with Off-watch had drawn up a poster “it could be the most expensive drink you take”. He further stated that test purchases will continue at off-licences. Councillor A.J. Roberts enquired how many were prosecuted for sale of alcohol to minors and to which he replied that four has been which was similar to last time.

(iv) Councillor A.J. Roberts reported problems of cars gaining access from Richmond Road and down to Fron Road – Inspector Wareing stated that Officers had patrolled the area last Friday and only saw a little motorbike and there have been no more reports recently but would continue to monitor parks i.e. Hillside Avenue, Central park etc.

(v) Councillor D. Barratt referred to an incident at Uplands Avenue/Ffordd Kinderley with regard to the banking hold up peoples gardens and a meeting will be held on the 11th – Inspector Wareing noted.
(vi) Councillor C. Granger expressed her thanks and appreciation to everyone who had been so helpful.

(vii) Councillor D.M. Birch also thanked the Inspector for his work on Deeside.

(viii) Councillor A.I. Dunbar reported that problems at Thornfield are as bad as ever which is affecting the whole neighbourhood, young children are unable to sleep due to the cars coming and going. Inspector Wareing stated that officers will continue to patrol the area at every opportunity.

The Chair thanked for their valuable assistance.

322. **YOUTH LEADER – CONNAH’S QUAY HIGH SCHOOL (271)**

The Chair of the Council welcomed Councillor Nigel Steele Mortimer who had kindly agreed to attend and give a presentation.

Councillor Steele Mortimer had sought an explanation for the loss of funding for a full-time Youth Leader and the position was that the grant from Cymorth had ceased at the end of the last financial year and there was no provision in the budget for 08/09.

He further reported that the Director is preparing a review of service report that will be submitted at the end of April and it may be a pressure on the Budget and could be dealt with. Flintshire County Council would be happy to share the costs like Buckley had and this would amount to the Town Council paying £3,500 and the County Council putting in £1,500.

324. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J.B. Attridge declared an interest in Item 7 – Planning Applications.

Councillor R.V. Hill declared an interest in Item 24 (a) – Waiver/Reduction of Hire Charges

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1/4/09**

Councillor A.I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

325. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 March 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

326. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(i) 045726 The Dairy, 2 Mold Road, Conna’s Quay
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of apartment block comprising 9 apartments (3 one bedroom and 6 two bedroom) on upper floors with lower/basement level car parking and surface level parking to rear.

Councillor J.B. Attridge in his capacity as a County Councillor reported that this application had been considered that afternoon by the County Council’s Planning Committee and it had been recommended for approval subject to a site meeting which will be held on the 24 April.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk writes to the Acting Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council reiterates its previous reservations i.e. with regard to parking issues, access onto Mold Road and the height and saturation of the site.

(iii) 046066  17 Llandore Close, Connah’s Quay
Proposed erection of a two storey side extension

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk writes to the Acting Head of Planning Services informing him that the Town Council has no objection to this application.

327. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS
The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):- 044285, 045759, 045900 and 045945.

Councillor R.V. Hill referred to application 045900 Provision of cemetery at Kelsterton Lane and reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting convened by the County Council on 23 March when it had been noted that one of the conditions of the owner of the land is that no crematorium be sited in the vicinity.

Councillor Hill voiced his concerns regarding the speed limit on this lane, which is 60 mph and suggested that the highway (B5129) leading to Kelsterton Lane is 30 mph and this should be extended up to the entrance to the cemetery. He further suggested that a bus stop lay-by is sited on the wide verge so that people visiting the cemetery can be dropped off.

Councillor D.M. Birch also put a suggestion forward that when people are leaving the cemetery on to the B5129 this should be a left turn only and will necessitate drivers going to the roundabout.

RECOMMENDED:
(i) That the Notifications be received.
(ii) That the Clerk writes to the County Council accordingly.

328. PLANNING APPLICATION 044967 – LEASON HOMES (FLATS IN CHURCH STREET, CONNAH’S QUAY)
The Clerk submitted copy letter dated 16 March 2009 from Mr & Mrs P Wilcock (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) to the Chief Planning Officer, Flintshire County Council formally registering their concerns and objections to this application.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received.

329. **TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 (AS AMENDED)**

**SECTION 78 APPEAL – SITE AT THE OLD FIRE STATION, CHURCH STREET, CONNAH’S QUAY**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 12 March 2009 from Glyn P Jones, Acting Head of Planning Services, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) notifying that the appeal will take 6 weeks from the starting dated of 9 March 2009 following which a copy of the appeal decision will be forwarded to the Clerk.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received.

330. **FLINTSHIRE’S UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP)**

The Clerk submitted press extract from the Evening Leader dated 23 March 2009 (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda), which stated that the long awaited report would soon be available.

The Clerk stated that the County Council has 20 days to inspect the draft report and it will then be available on the internet and he will forward an advanced copy to Councillors.

**RECOMMENDED:**

(i) That the extract be received.

(ii) That the Clerk’s report is received.

331. **ROADS & FOOTWAYS**

**ITEMS OF COMPLAINT/REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS**

(a) **Rubble at the rear of the Boathouse**

Councillor W. Hastings expressed his concern regarding the rubble from the low wall at the rear, which youths could pick up and use as missiles.

The Clerk stated that this matter has been brought to the developers attention and the site is to be hoarded off.

Councillor Hastings also reported numerous appreciative comments by residents with regard to the extensive displays of daffodils on the roadsides entering Connah’s Quay.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the reports be received.
(b) **Potholes**
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Barratt reported 4/5 holes in the carriageway outside 116 Wepre Park and also problems with cars hitting a manhole, which needs urgent attention.
The Clerk referred to the Councillor Tony Sharps letter dated 24 March 2009, which had been circulated to Councillors at the commencement of the meeting regarding restoration of the roads to pre-winter conditions.

Councillor D. Barratt also reported large pot holes in the carriageway outside the post box Wepre Drive and also on the corner of Ffordd Newydd severe break-up of the surface.

**RECOMMENDED:**

(i) That the Clerk writes to the Director of Highways accordingly.
(ii) That the Clerk’s report is received.

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 1/4/09**

Councillor P. Kindlin (Vice-Chair) presiding

332. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of Meeting held 4 March 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

333. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**
The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-
(a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the month of February 2009.
(b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the period ended February 2009.
(c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of February 2009.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Reports be received.

334. **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES (311)**
The Clerk reported that he and the Town Centre Manager have heard nothing as to provision of a replacement toilet but would continue to press the County Council until such provision is made.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk’s report is received.

335. **REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE**

The Clerk reported that the Town Council’s observations regarding the boundaries at Central and South Ward still stand and following the decision of the Commissions Final Proposals this will be published and submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government.

**RECOMMENDED:**

(i) That the letter be received.
(ii) That the Clerk’s report is received.

336. **SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 17 March 2009 from the Head of Highways, Flintshire County Council together with School Travel Plan leaflet (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

Councillor R.V. Hill stated that this scheme has been on-going for the last 20 years.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the correspondence be received.

337. **LOCAL HEALTH BOARD – ROWLANDS PHARMACY**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 20 March 2009 from Bethan Jones, Primary Care Assistant, Local Health Board together with application and plan (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) for relocation from St Mark’s Dee View, Connah’s Quay to 75 High Street, Connah’s Quay.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had received a phone call from Ron Evans, Community Health Council opposing this application as it is too close to Wepre Pharmacy.

Councillors also objected to the application on the grounds that Rowlands Pharmacy still have the lease to the unit at the Red Hall Precinct and it would be more beneficial to the community if they were to re-open it.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to Bethan Jones, Primary Care Assistant accordingly.

338. **MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2009/10**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 3 March 2009 from Simon White, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) inviting the Town Council to join membership of One Voice Wales.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the letter be received.

339. THE DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER PACK FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
The Clerk submitted CD ROM together with useful factsheets and leaflets (CD and Leaflets were made available for inspection by Councillors at the Office).

It was noted that FLVC have a vacancy for a part-time post whose job it will be to visit and advise the elderly on the switchover.

RECOMMENDED:

That the information be received.

340. STOP ASB IN WALES AT THE ROOT CAUSE
The Clerk submitted e-mail dated 4 March 2009 from Rob Edwards, Education, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) inviting Councillors to attend a conference at Llandrindod Wells on Thursday 26 March 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the e-mail be received.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 1/4/09
Councillor D.M. Birch (Chair) presiding

341. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 March 2009 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

342. MONITORING OF ACTIVITY/PROFITABILITY
The Clerk submitted the following Statements (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):

(a) Civic Hall Activity/Profitability Statement for the month of February 2009.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Statement be received.

(b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statement for the month of February 2009.
RECOMMENDED:—
That the Statements be received.

343. WAIVER/REDUCTION OF HIRE CHARGES
RECOMMENDED:
Ratification of the actions of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of this Committee in waiving/reducing the hire charges in respect of the following events:-

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

(a) Connah’s Quay High School – Performing Arts Students
Charity Band Night held Saturday 14 March 2009
WAIVER.

(b) Ms Doreen Lee
Line Dance in aid of Deeside Women’s Aid held Friday 20 March 2009
WAIVER.

(c) Clwyd- Flint WI
Dance Day to be held Thursday 26 March 2009
REDUCTION OF 50%.

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

(d) Ysgol-y-Bryn School
Concert/Celebration to be held Thursday 25 June 2009
WAIVER.

344. CONNAH’S QUAY SPORTS CENTRE

The Clerk submitted copies of the following reports (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):—

(i) Usage Report Summary April – December.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Reports be received.