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

APOLOGIES
Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors A.J. Roberts, Mrs. P.M. Attridge, I.R. Smith and R.V. Williams.

POLICE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (327)
The Chair welcomed Inspector Darren Wareing and CBM Rob Stevenson to the meeting. Inspector Wareing introduced to Members CBM Stevenson who had only joined last Friday and having worked before in Sealand is familiar with the area. (CBM Stevenson’s contact number is 01352 708372).

The Clerk submitted letter dated 15 April 2008 from Inspector Wareing re: Current Staffing update (copy forwarded to Members with the Agenda). Inspector Wareing further added that he will have 5 Officers Community Policing by the 13 June i.e. CBM’s Andy Skyner, Rob Stevenson, Paul Williams and 2 new CPSO, a letter will be sent to the Clerk with full contact telephone numbers all will have then been issued with Blackberry devices.

Councillor J.B. Attridge was pleased with the report but concerned that previous Inspector’s had also stated that they would have a full compliment of Officers, and in fact Inspector Dave Jolly had stated that CBM’s sign up for a 2/3 years contract. Councillor Attridge further asked what assurances can be given as the town needs continuity. Inspector Wareing assured councillors that he has no intention of moving from his post and but some matters are out of his control and staff are flexible but he would do his utmost to retain the full complement.

Councillor A.I. Dunbar supported Councillor Attridge and the issues which he had reported on.

The Chair of the Council asked Inspector Wareing to convey the Councillors best wishes to Melanie Ledsham in her new post.

The Officers reported back on items previously discussed at the 9 April 2008 meeting:-

(a) Congregation of youths at Railway Terrace – this is an ongoing problem and patrols are made regularly and recent operations on Deeside have reduced the problem of youths drinking alcohol which has been seized and youths taken home. Inspector Wareing stated that the bottle marking scheme has now ended. He asked for Members support in requesting that the ban of alcohol signs be erected in Wepre Park. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the County Council
who stated that they are currently looking into where the signs are to be erected. Councillor J B Attridge requested that a strong letter be sent to the Chief Executive Flintshire County Council with copy letters to the local members. The Chair of the Council stated that the children would soon be breaking up for the Summer Holidays and the signs need to be put up before the end of term.

Inspector Wareing reported that Officers are regularly monitoring Wepre Park and is pleased with the way its working.

**N.B.** Councillor A.P. Shotton entered the meeting at this juncture.

(b) Graffiti and rubbish in the vicinity of the Salvation Army – CBM Stevenson stated that patrols are made and he has given fixed penalty notices to 2 persons last week with the Inspector’s support.

(c) Vandalism at Wepre Park – CBM Stevenson stated that he has been to the park in plain clothes last week to try and engage with the youths.

(d) Horse fouling is not hazardous at all and they have the support of the County Council’s Clean Team.

(e) Vandalism at the Cemetery – there has been no further reports since the last meeting and gathering intelligence on drug dealing continues.

(f) North Wales Police contact number – it is not possible to change the number to make it simple as this number is used for the whole of North Wales.

(g) Congregation of youths at the rear of the CAB – an operation took place last Friday alcohol was seized and youths taken home.

(h) Youths gaining access to the Swan public house – there has been no further reports. The Chair of the Council reported that he had received a report today of drug dealing.

(i) Elderly and youths riding bicycles on pavements – there is a problem throughout Deeside. Verbal warnings have been given and if it is found necessary cyclists will be prosecuted.

(j) Speed of traffic in the vicinity of Wepre Park – Officers are now trained with the speed gun and CBM Paul Williams has been out and about. Inspector Wareing stated that in view of Councillors’ concerns he would be speaking to Traffic Management to visit the area. Councillor Mrs. E.M. Barratt reported that she has tried for many years to get a zebra crossing or flashing lights installed due to the safety aspect of children coming and going to the park. The Clerk also reported that he had been informed that youths riding BMX’s to and from the park sometimes as many as 20/30 are riding on the pavements.

CBM Stevenson reported that arrests had been made including disorder and burglary with the assistance of the CCTV which is the envy of all areas.
The following matters were raised by Councillors and discussed:-

(i) Councillor A.I. Dunbar on behalf of Councillor A.J. Roberts reported that Mr Rob Walker of Wepre Farm has had his shed skylight smashed as youths are congregating outside his house and asked for more police presence.

(ii) Councillor J.B. Attridge thanked Officers for their high visibility at Primrose Street, which was appreciated and stated that he and Councillor A.P. Shotton had visited the play area and had arranged for the County Council’s Clean Team to clear the bottles and smashed glass.

(iii) Councillor J.B. Attridge enquired whether there have been many instances of sneak thieves when members of the public are leaving their doors open. CBM Stevenson that there has been a number but are on top of it.

(iv) Councillor D Barratt reported that he had received a message last week that there was a fire in Wepre Park. Inspector Wareing stated that there had been a bin set on fire. Councillor J.B. Attridge referred to the County Council’s promise that CCTV cameras would be installed and requested that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive asking when the cameras are to be installed following provision in the County Council’s Budget for this facility.

(v) Councillor R.P. MacFarlane referred to the problems at Holly Court and Chestnut Court and to the criminal damage caused by youths drinking alcohol, doors have been kicked in causing distress to tenants and to the endless intimidation they suffer from these youths. He further stated that he would like to see prosecutions as the taxpayers have to pay for the repairs. Inspector Wareing stated that he is aware of the problems and officers do visit these premises regularly and also attend the residents meetings; CBM Stevenson has been put in charge of coming up with an action plan.

(vi) Councillor Mrs E.M. Barratt enquired whether there has been increase in issuing fixed penalty tickets. Inspector Wareing stated that there has been an increase and if anyone has a criminal record they will not be given a second chance they will go to Court.

(vii) Councillor A.P. Shotton voiced his concern that crime is getting considerably worse in Primrose Street/Dodds Drive. Inspector Wareing stated that patrols are ongoing and not always visible and he had in fact visited the area himself on Friday evening and noted that some areas need tidying up. Councillor Shotton stated that the Clean Team has been scaled down but there is money available for at least another 12 months and asked the Inspector to support the Town Council in their approaches for the service to be reinstated.

(viii) Councillor W. Hastings referred to horse fouling and a complaint from a resident dog owner who states that if he does not clear up the dogs mess he would incur a fine whereas a horse has a lot more deposits. Inspector Wareing stated that the police horses are effective and good for town and intends to use them in his policing. He further added that they have a 24 hr service agreement with the County Council in respect of deposits left on the carriageways.
(ix) Councillor R.V. Hill referred to the end of the school year this month and asked for more police presence as not all students are going to the proms. Inspector Wareing reported that he has a Special Operation arranged.

(x) Councillor R.V. Hill reported that he had received complaints that there is drug dealing taking place at the Cemetery. Officers noted.

The Chair thanked Inspector Wareing and CBM Stevenson for their valuable assistance.

08. SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME 2008

The Chair welcomed Mrs Janet Roberts, Scott Rolley, Phil Kelsall and Gareth Stacey to the meeting who had previously circulated to Members take away packs giving details of the varied activities planned for this Summer at the Sports Centre and also an afternoon scheme to be held each afternoon (Monday to Friday) at Wepre Park.

Mrs Roberts reported that they are all Connah’s Quay born and bred and have worked at Connah’s Quay and this will be the 32nd Quay Play, which was established in 1975 in partnership with the Connah’s Quay Town Council and Alyn and Deeside, Clwyd County Council and now Flintshire County Council. The cost of the Scheme this year is £7009.00, which will be match funded by the County Council and the Town Council pays the cost of the transportation to and from the Sports Centre.

Councillors put their questions to the Officers who replied accordingly.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance and valuable assistance.

09. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W. Hastings declared an interest in Item 19 – Connah’s Quay Cemetery. Councillor R.V. Hill declared an interest in Item 32(c) - Waiver of Hire Charges. Councillor J.B. Attridge declared an interest in Item 6 – Planning Applications.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 4/6/08

Councillor A.I. Dunbar (Chair) left the meeting at this juncture and the Chair of the Council remained in the Chair.

010. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held 9 & 29 April 2008 were received, approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

011. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 045103 23 Viking Way, Connah’s Quay
Proposed erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension

(b) 044914 Direct 2 Door, Unit E1, Tenth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park
Proposed erection of non-illuminated hoarding signs
012. **NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Clerk submitted Notification of Planning Decisions (copy forwarded to Members with the Agenda:- in respect of the following applications 034832, 044092, 044599, 044702, 044632, 044729, 044380, 044651, 044730, 044595 and 044718.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Notifications be received.

Councillor A.I. Dunbar (Chair) presiding

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

**SECTION 78 APPEAL – LAND AT SWAN HOTEL, CHURCH STREET, CONNAH’S QUAY**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 12 May 2008 from the Chief Planning Services Officer, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Members with the Agenda) informing the Town Council that an appeal has been made to the National Assembly for Wales in respect of the above.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk writes to the Planning Inspectorate, National Assembly for Wales reiterating the Town Councils’ previous observations but stressing the County Council’s current policy in respect of the UDP.

014. **DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Clerk submitted letter dated 9 May 2008 from the Head of Highway Strategy, Flintshire County Council (copy forwarded to Members with the Agenda) together with Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2008 (copy was not amenable to photocopying but was made available for inspection at the Office).

Councillor A.P. Shotton referred to considerable amount of alleyways in urban areas which are in danger of been lost due to lack of maintenance. The Clerk informed Members that a large amount are un-adopted but still have right of way. Councillor R.V. Hill referred to the alleyway between Isabella Court and Englefield Avenue which is used by elderly people some with disabilities which need urgent attention, tree roots rising in the footway and leaves which are slippy this alleyway used to be maintained but now the County Council says it is un-adopted. Councillor R.V. Hill also reported the alleyway between Glan yr Morfa Court and the Custom House which is used by elderly people who use it to avoid the steep hill up Mold Road.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk sends a comprehensive list to the County Council.

015. **WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1990 – ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981**
RECOMMENDED:
That this item be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee.

016. ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

(a) North West England & North Wales Shoreline Management Plan
The Clerk submitted letter dated 6 May 2008 from the Chief Highways & Transportation Engineer (Policy), Flintshire County Council together with leaflet and questionnaire (copies forwarded to Members with the Agenda) informing Councillors of the revision of the Shoreline Management Plan between Great Ormes Head, Llandudno and the Solway Firth.

RECOMMENDED:
That the correspondence be received.

COMPLAINT/REPORTS

(b) Carriageway Wepre Lane
Councillor P.J. Wainwright again reported the dangerous state of this road and his concern that with the Skateboard Park being recently opened a lot of children are using this road and this it is a matter of urgency that resurfacing is carried out. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Neil Hickey, the County Council’s Area Supervisor and he has carried out an audit of the roads in the town and Wepre Lane has been classed as urgent.

RECOMMENDED:
That the resurfacing of the road be awaited.

(c) Dog Bin, Thornfield Avenue
Councillor W. Hastings reported that the dog bin has been moved and a resident dog owner has stated that there is no incentive to use it especially at night, as they have to make a detour to find it. The Clerk reported that people living nearby had requested it be moved as it was overlooked from their kitchen window.

RECOMMENDED:
That representation is made to Councillor Brian Dunn.

(d) Street sign – Normanby Drive
Councillor C. Granger reported complaints from residents that the street sign needs to be re-sited at the moment it is sited on the left going up Clivedon Road and large lorries gain access and then have to turn around and if it where placed on the corner into Normanby Drive this would remedy the situation.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk writes to the Director of Highways accordingly.

(e) Pot holes – Shopping Precinct
Councillor D.M. Birch reported the dangerous state of the carriageway at the High Street Shopping Precinct, which needs urgent attention and referred to the elderly people who go there every Thursday to the market.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk writes to the owners of the shopping precinct accordingly.

(f) Carriageway – Golftyn Lane
Councillor D.M. Birch reported that cars are getting damaged due to the poor state of the carriageway at Golftyn Lane, a drain has broken and water is eroding the carriageway.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk writes to the Director of Highways accordingly.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 4/6/08

In the absence of the Chair of the Committee
Councillor P. Kindlin (Vice-Chair) presiding

017. MINUTES
The Minutes of Meeting held 9 April 2008 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

018. FINANCIAL REPORTS
The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):
(a) Statement of Cumulative Income & Expenditure for the months of March and April 2008.
(b) Consolidated Cash Summary for the period ended March 2007 & April 2008.
(c) Statement of Imprest Account Payments during the month of March & April 2008.
(d) Draft Annual Report 2007-08 (Financial Statement & Annual Governance) (copy separately forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:
That the Reports be received.

019. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR
Copy Appendix 8 – A suggested approach to internal audit testing forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).
The Clerk reported.

RECOMMENDED:
That the current Internal Auditor (Compacc) is re-appointed.
020. RISK ASSESSMENT
The Clerk reported that Clerk’s role is to review the Risk Assessment on an ongoing basis and it is a life working document and any Members wishing to inspect may do whenever they would like.
Councillor R.P. MacFarlane enquired whether the Staff should be given training if there are any courses applicable.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk’s report is received.

021. ZURICH MUNICIPAL ENHANCED COVER IN LIGHT OF THE CORPORATE HOMICIDE AND MANSLAUGHTER ACT 2007
The Clerk submitted letter dated April 2008 together with leaflet from Zurich Municipal (copies forwarded to Members with the Agenda).
The Clerk reported that the policy is automatically upgraded and there is no extra charge to the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter be received, copy of which to be passed on to the Staff.

022. NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF TOWN & LARGER COMMUNITY COUNCILS
The Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting of the Association held on 18 April 2008 and the following items where the main topics of the agenda both of which are included on this Agenda i.e. Post Office and The Gloucestershire Charter – Local Councils Working Together with Local People.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Clerk’s report be received.

023. POST OFFICE
The Clerk submitted letter dated 28 April 2008 from the Senior Welsh Affairs Manager, Post Office (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) addressed to Mr J Roberts, Hon. Secretary, North Wales Association of Town & Larger Local Councils.
The Clerk reported that the public consultation document had not yet been received.

RECOMMENDED:
That the letter be received.

024. CONNAH’S QUAY CEMETERY
The Clerk submitted letter dated 16 April 2008 from Miss Janet Wilcock, Hon. Secretary to the Parochial Church Council (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) expressing their concerns regarding the shortage of new burial plots in Connah’s Quay.
Councillor R.V. Hill wholeheartedly supported the letter and the urgency for this matter to be resolved. The Clerk referred to letters that had been sent and also to the meeting with the Chief Executive some months ago and there has been no further update since.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive requesting an update.

**025. NEUROLOGY SERVICES IN NORTH WALES (186)**
The Clerk reported no further update.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Committee.

**026. PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILET**
The Clerk reported that due to the closure of the toilets at the Bowling Green and the imminent demolishment of the toilets on Fron Road where the new Health Centre is to be sited it will be necessary to decide where to put a new tardis type toilet. Councillors unanimously agreed to the provision of a new toilet as long as it is sited in view of the CCTV cameras.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk writes to the Mr Harvey Mitchell, Flintshire County Council informing him that the Town Council agrees to the siting of a public toilet in the vicinity of Wepre Drive/Mold Road.

**027. THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHARTER**
**LOCAL COUNCILS WORKING TOGETHER WITH LOCAL PEOPLE**
The Clerk submitted copy of The Gloucestershire Charter (copy forwarded to Members with the Agenda).

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Charter be received, copy of which to be forwarded to Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council.

**028. WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT**

(a) **Local Vision**
Referred from the 9 April 2008 meeting of this Committee (copy of the Clerk’s highlighted relevant aspects of the document forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

The Clerk reported.

**RECOMMENDED:**
That the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council accordingly.
(b) Proposals to Change in the Structure of the NHS in Wales
The Clerk submitted letter dated 9 May 2008 from Gail Roberts, Chief Officer, Community Health Council and letter dated May 2008 from Sian-Marie James, NHS Re-Structuring Project Team, Department of Health & Social Services (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) together with copy of the Consultation Paper (copy not amenable to photocopying but was made available for councillors inspection at the office).

Councillor J.B. Attridge referred to the meeting to be held at the Maelor Hospital on 9 June 2008 and stated that if anyone wished to attend they may do so.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the correspondence be received.

029. GROUNDWORK WREXHAM AND FLINTSHIRE NEWSLETTER

Councillor R.V. Hill reported that talks with Groundwork, the Clerk and the Town Centre Manager are on going in respect of the former allotments site behind the Police Station.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the correspondence and Councillor Hill’s report be received.

030. DEESIDE COLLEGE
The Clerk submitted letter dated 21 May 2008 from Charles Jenkins, Clerk to the Deeside College Corporation (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda) which stated that an item has been included on the Agenda for a meeting to be held on 2 July with the Search Nomination and Induction Committee after which a letter with the outcome will be sent to the Town Council.

The Clerk reported that he and the Chair of the Council had spoken with the new Clerk, Charles Jenkins recently and from what they could gather there will be favourable changes to the governing of the College and the Town Council’s letter has been taken on board.

Councillor A.P. Shotton stated that the outcome was awaited but stressed the importance of the Town Council having a voice on what is the best College in Wales.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the letter be received and outcome awaited.

031. HOPE HOUSE CHILDREN’S HOSPICES
The Clerk submitted April 2008 Newsletter (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

**RECOMMENDED:**
(i) That the Newsletter be received.

(ii) That the Clerk write informing Hope Hospice that the Civic Hall is available to hold a fund-raising function free of charge.

032. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

The Clerk submitted e-mails dated 13 & 15 May 2008 from Sue Williams (copy forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda).

RECOMMENDED:

That the e-mails be received.

033. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

The Clerk reported that the full Planning Application for the new Health Centre will be submitted on 18 June 2008 by Haven Health.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk’s report be received.

034. LAND – MAENGWYN AVENUE

The Chair of the Council briefly reported on the background for the new councillors information of the donation of land (approx. 4.5 acres) from the former Alyn and Deeside District Council to the Town Council for the building of a Community Centre. This land while in the process of transferring to the Town Council was encroached upon and it was agreed that the County Council would donate another parcel of land as an alternative. The County Council have now offered yet another parcel of land approx. 3.5 acres and this is situated on swamp land.

The Chair expressed his concern that this matter, after countless meetings was still not resolved and suggested that the County Council be given 7 days notice or take legal proceedings.

Councillor J.B. Attridge expressed his disgrace and stated that is unacceptable that following meetings with the Chief Executive no progress had been made and the matter should have been resolved years ago and totally supported the 7 days notice. He further referred to the Town Council’s Solicitors fees which are mounting up considerably following the amount of paperwork involved over the years.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Clerk make enquiries as what costs are involved from the Council’s solicitor and writes to the Chief Executive giving 7 days notice to start legal proceedings.
RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE – 4/6/08

Councillor D.M. Birch (Chair) presiding

035. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held 4 April 2008 were received, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

036. MONITORING OF ACTIVITY/PROFITABILITY

The Clerk submitted the following Statements (copies forwarded to Members with the Agenda):

(a) Civic Hall Activity/Profitability Statements for the months of March & April 2008.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Statements be received.

(b) Community Centre Activity/Profitability Statements for the months of March & April 2008.

RECOMMENDED:
That the Statement be received.

037. 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 (a) to (i) and in respect of (j) this item be deferred until the next meeting:

CIVIC HALL – FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

(a) Deeside Phoenix JFC
Presentation to be held Sunday 25 May 2008
WAIVER.

(b) Amanda Ashton on behalf of Flintshire County Council
Charity Event to be held Friday 20 June 2008.
WAIVER.

(c) Deeside Over 50’s Forum
Falls Awareness to be held Monday 23 June 2008
WAIVER.

(d) Deeside District Girlguiding
Show to be held Saturday 5 July 2008
WAIVER.

(e)  North Wales Police
Neighbourhood Forum Meeting to be held Thursday 31 July 2008
WAIVER.

(f)  Hospice of the Good Shepherd
Light up a Life Service to be held Sunday 14 December 2008
WAIVER.

(g)  Christ Church Deeside
Christmas Carol Services to be held Tuesday 16, Thursday 28 & Friday 29 December 2008
WAIVER for the 1st booking and 50% reduction for the other two bookings.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

(h)  North Wales Police
Neighbourhood Forum Meeting to be held Wednesday 13 August 2008
WAIVER.

(i)  Deeside Naturalists’ Society
Illustrated Talks to be held on Fridays 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 21 Nov, 2008 16 Jan, 20 Feb and 20 March 2009.
WAIVER for the 1st booking and a 50% reduction in respect of subsequent bookings subject to the Centre being available up to two months in advance.

(j)  Residents Dodd’s Drive/Arnold Grove/Princess Street/Howard Street/
North Wales Police/Neighbourhood Watch – Meetings

038.  THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The Clerk submitted the following (copies forwarded to Councillors with the Agenda):-

(a)  Letter dated 18 April 2008 from Paul Trickett, Northop Hall Cricket Club in respect of the Centenary Dinner held at the Civic Hall.

(b)  Card received 19 May 2008 from Rev Elaine Hodge in respect of Line Dance held at the Civic Hall.

RECOMMENDED:
That the correspondence be received, copies to be passed to the Civic Hall Supervisor.