

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2015, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr N Bastow, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs L Griffiths, J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams,
C Wood

OFFICER: Mrs C J Earley

157/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Bastow took the Chair, in the absence of Cllr D Porter. Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Cllr S Roy and from Cllrs: Mrs L Edwards, Mrs M Jones, C Perry and R Foreman.

158/15 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

159/15 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th August 2015.*
- b. *Resolved to receive the draft Minutes of the Bonfire Sub-Committee meeting, held on 10th September, and the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee meeting, held on 14th September.*

160/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 111/15(a) – Parking Concerns:

The Clerk submitted a further response from Emma Anthony, explaining that the request for an Officer to attend a future meeting would need to be forwarded to Victor Turner (done), together with copies of complaints forwarded to CCBC regarding the newly introduced parking restrictions on the promenade.

Resolved to note the correspondence and await a response/visit from Mr Turner.

b. Min. 112/15(c) – Prom Parking Survey:

It was noted that eight completed packs had now been received and members were asked for their support in taking further packs to survey September beach/promenade users, as this may give different responses than those during the school holiday period.

It was commented that as many as 35% of those surveyed by one member had dogs with them and the displacement of these dog walkers to other areas would also need to be considered. It was further noted that the beach and promenade at Colwyn Bay were more similar, in use, to that of West Shore in Llandudno (where parking is also currently free) than North Shore.

Resolved that members would assist with further surveys during September and that the results of the survey would then be collated and summarised by the staff during October.

c. Min 133/15(c) – Enforcement Concerns:

The Clerk submitted a response from ERF regarding a concern about parking on pavements confirming the enforcement responsibility/powers, which depend on whether there are any yellow line parking restrictions present. It was noted that a response is awaited from Regulatory Services regarding concerns about a lack of enforcement powers for Harbour Office staff and enforcement action by CCBC when FPN fines are not paid.

Resolved to note the response and to chase a response from Regulatory Services.

161/15 Conwy CBC:

a. *Resolved to receive notice of a request for a temporary traffic regulation at Kensington Avenue, Old Colwyn (19/11 to 3/12).*

b. Bus Shelter Maintenance:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update, following a phone call from Gethin George last week. It was noted that details should be received regarding proposals for routine cleaning of shelters and quotes for a replacement shelter by Eirias Park gates in the next few weeks. It was also noted that a report has been submitted to Cartrefi Conwy confirming that the grant-funded work to install a new shelter on Church Road had been completed.

c. Bay Life Programme:

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the updates received at the Officers' meetings held on 17th August 2015 and 14th September 2015.

Resolved to receive and note the report.

162/15 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted the following consultation documents for consideration:

a. Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

Concerns were expressed about specifying a councillor to elector ration of not less than 1:4,000 (for County Councils) and the impact this could have in some rural or Welsh speaking areas. However, concern was also raised about the possibility of very large Councils with more than 75 members and the proposal to remove the current cap of 75 to allow this. Members considered that councils of over 75 members would be too large and unwieldy.

Resolved to recommend that a response be submitted by the Clerk to highlight these concerns.

b. Improving Opportunities To Access The Outdoors For Responsible Recreation:

Concern was expressed about the proposal to vary rights attached to existing paths “**where appropriate**” to provide more routes for activities requiring ‘higher rights’, e.g. cyclists and horse riders. Members considered that only paths with a suitable surface that would not be damaged (e.g. metallised roads) would be suitable for ‘higher rights’ usage.

Likewise, concern was expressed about the proposed legislation to extend a universal right of access to inland waters (e.g. for canoeists), with a request that this be restricted to stretches of water with an appropriate minimum depth of water.

Resolved that the Clerk sends a suitably worded response to the consultation covering the above two points.

163/15 Older People’s Commissioner for Wales:

The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Care Review Statement on responses from Statutory Bodies. It was noted that the responses the Commissioner had received from the CSSIW and the Welsh Government had been less than satisfactory and dialogue with these bodies was continuing. A further review would be completed in 18 months time.

Resolved to receive and note the statement from the Commissioner.

164/15 North Wales Community Health Council:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation paper issued by BCUHB regarding ‘Temporary Changes to Women’s and Maternity Services in North Wales’. A letter was also circulated from the Community Health Council regarding its role in representing citizens across North Wales and requesting that comments be sent to it to help it form its own response. Details were also circulated of public consultation events across North Wales, one of which is being held at The Interchange in Old Colwyn on Monday September 21st from 1:00 to 2:30pm and 5:30 to 7:00pm (no need to book).

Concern was expressed that the Board needs to concentrate its resources on tackling the root cause of the current staffing problems, i.e. the loss of the training contract at

Ysbyty Glan Clwyd and the wider issues around recruitment and opportunities for career development for doctors, rather than responding to symptoms by temporarily cutting services at any of the major hospital sites, which, irrespective of which site is chosen, will undermine confidence further and inconvenience many service users.

Resolved to respond to eh BCUHB consultation (with cc to the CHC) that the Council supports Option One – that services stay as they are now and the Board continues to manage risk and issues with medical staffing and team working, working with the Wales Deanery to discuss how confidence can be regained to enable it to reintroduce training positions at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, possibly by Ysbyty Gwynedd and Glan Clwyd working together as a network to improve teamwork and increase capacity.

165/15 National Library of Wales:

The Clerk submitted an received via the National Library of Wales seeking permission for UK Web Archive to take an archived copy of the Town Council's website.

Resolved to give the necessary permission for an archived copy to be taken.

166/15 Rhos on Sea Promenade:

The Clerk submitted a written motion proposed by Cllr D Griffiths. Councillor L Griffiths explained the proposal to members, confirming that it was being made on health and safety grounds due to the danger that this short stretch of road currently causes to cyclists and pedestrians. It was noted that there have been a number of accidents and near misses along this stretch of road in recent years, some of which have been witnessed by members of this Council. Several slight amendments and additions to the motion were therefore proposed.

Resolved to write to the Chief Executive, CCBC, (cc to Sustrans), to state that: "This Council requests that work is urgently carried out in Rhos on Sea to bring together the cycle track from Rhos Point to the Cayley Arms, so as to avert the serious congestion and health and safety issues that are there at present. This should include looking to widen the road to allow safe two-way traffic and to provide a new pedestrian walkway/ cycle track on the beach side of the current railings."

167/15 Colwyn Bay Post Office:

The Clerk submitted information about proposals to modernise Colwyn Bay Post Office.

Resolved to receive and note the proposals.

168/15 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that the following items of correspondence are available on request from the Clerk:

- a. Minutes – OC(E)RA meeting held on 12.8.15
- b. CVSC News – Issue 105 Summer 2015
- c. Play Wales – Issue 45 – Autumn 2015

169/15 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.

Resolved to submit observations on these applications as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.

- b. The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC.

Resolved to receive and note the Planning Decisions.

- c. Two brief written reports were submitted by members who attended the recent planning site meetings in respect of applications 0/41800 and 0/41855.

Resolved to receive and note these reports and thank the members for attending.

- d. The Clerk submitted the following notices received from CCBC in respect of recent applications:
 - i. 0/41843/44 – application withdrawn
 - ii. 0/41533 – application withdrawn
 - iii. 0/41852 – notice of appeal
 - iv. 0/41901 – application withdrawn

- e. It was noted that the Welsh Government has published a consultation on proposed updates to chapter 10 of Planning Policy Wales and TAN 4 (planning guidance). It was noted that this will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

- f. It was noted that the following Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) have recently been adopted by CCBC: LDP09 Design, LDP14 Conservation Areas, LDP16 Conwy CA Management Plan, LDP27 Coastal Flood Risk Protocol.

170/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted, for information, details of one TEN recently logged by CCBC for the Bay of Colwyn area.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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