

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2015, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr Dr S Roy (Town Mayor)
Cllr D Porter (Chairman)
Cllrs: W Bagnall, N Bastow, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams, C Wood

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley (Town Clerk)

25/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Davies, and from Cllrs: L Edwards, C Perry and R Foreman.

26/15 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2015/16

Resolved unanimously to re-elect Cllr D Porter as Chairman and Cllr N Bastow as Vice-Chairman for 2015/16.

27/15 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared. Members were also informed of the need to complete a formal registration of interests, which will be made available to the public via the Council's website. Hard copies of the form are available on request from the Clerk.

28/15 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 28th April 2015.

29/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 452/14(d) – Overnight Parking on Promenade:

The Clerk submitted, for information, a response from Cllr B Cossey confirming that CCBC is looking into how it can deal with the problem of overnight parking on the promenade and at Eirias Park and Porth Eirias.

The Clerk also tabled a copy of a letter sent by Cllr B Bagnall to the Chief Executive, CCBC, requesting clarification as to whether the provisions of the Clwyd County Council Act 1985 para 14(1)(a) could be applied to the promenade.

Resolved to note the correspondence and to follow-up Cllr Bagnall's request with a letter from the Town Council to Highways and Legal Officers to query if this legislation is relevant and, if not, what other action could be taken.

b. Min 454/14 – Notice Boards:

Members reported back on recent inspections of notice boards in their wards and the inventory was updated.

30/15 Conwy CBC:

- a. Members were asked to consider a proposal for extended parking restrictions at Marine Road, adjacent to the pedestrian crossing tactile paving.

Resolved to support the need to extend the parking restriction at this point.

A discussion also took place regarding the dangers caused by vehicles parking too close to road junctions and it was queried whether this was a matter for enforcement by the Police or local wardens.

Resolved to write to Highways to enquire who is responsible for local enforcement of illegal parking at road junctions (where there are no marked lines).

- b. The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of a notice in respect of proposed speed restrictions on Abergele Road.

Resolved to note the proposals to extend the current 40 mph limit on Abergele Road from Highlands Road eastwards, to its junction with the A55 at Llanddulas.

- c. *Resolved to receive the notes from a meeting of the CCBC/T&CC Forum, held on 15 April.*

- d. The Clerk submitted a reminder about the Wake up to Wellbeing Event, to be held on 27th May at Eirias Leisure Centre and members were encouraged to attend, if possible.

31/15 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted a copy of the recent Natural Resource Management bulletin.

Resolved to receive and note the bulletin.

32/15 Public Health Wales:

The Clerk submitted information from Breast Test Wales about current screening programmes in the Colwyn Bay area.

33/15 Darren Millar, AM:

The Clerk submitted a brief update from Daren Millar on progress with the Colwyn Bay Medical Centre.

Resolved to note the update and to write to Rysseldene and Rhoslan surgeries to enquire whether there is any planned expansion or improvement to services for the new shared site.

34/15 Event Enquiry:

The Clerk submitted, for information, an enquiry received about organising a local event (sand sculpting competition) and a copy of her response, highlighting the grant funding available for events. It was noted that the local Rotary Clubs are currently looking into the feasibility of organising an event like this.

35/15 Colwyn Victoria Pier Trust:

Cllr D Porter and the Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following the recent announcement by the HLF, and a copy of the decision letter issued by the HLF was tabled, for information. Several Members expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of support shown by CCBC for the bid. It was noted that representatives from CCBC had recently met with representatives from CVPT and the Town Council and a follow-up meeting had been offered, once the group has received more detailed feedback from the HLF and considered its next steps.

Resolved to await the outcome of the meeting between the Steering Group members (CVPT and the Town Council) and the HLF Officer, as recommended by the Clerk.

36/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. CVSC News, Spring 2015
- b. The agenda for a meeting of the Theatr Colwyn Joint Management Committee, to be held on 29th May.
- c. Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2015 issue

37/15 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.

Resolved to submit observations on those applications, as detailed in that Schedule.

- b. Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 13/4/15 to 10/5/15 and 11/5/15 to 24/5/15.

- c. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, LDP33 – Dinerth Hall Farm Development Brief.

Resolved to note and support the Development Brief, which includes provision for on-site play provision and a contribution towards foundation phase education services, and to write to the Strategic Planning Policy Officer to query whether any consideration is given to the increased pressure on local health services (particularly GP surgeries) in planning policies relating to large residential developments like this one.

- d. The Clerk submitted a copy of the most recent update on the Planning (Wales) Bill. It was noted that Planning Aid Wales will be running a training session on Planning for Town & Community Councils in the Town Hall in July and that further details would be available at the next meeting of this Committee.

38/15 Licensing Applications:

It was noted that there were no recent licensing applications listed for the Bay of Colwyn area.

The Meeting Closed at 7.35 p.m.

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