

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2015, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Dr S Roy
Cllr D Porter, Chairman
Cllrs: W Bagnall, R Foreman, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, S Williams,
C Wood

OFFICER(S): Mrs C J Earley, Town Clerk
Miss C Gardner, Student Advisor

108/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Mrs L Edwards, J Pearson, C Perry

109/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

110/15 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th July 2015.

111/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a. **Min. 86/15(a) – Parking Issues:** The Clerk submitted a response from Emma Anthony to the request that she attends a future meeting. It was noted that details of concerns would need to be forwarded to Emma in advance and she would need to ask the permission of her line manager to attend.

Resolved that members send details of any parking concerns by e-mail to the Clerk for forwarding to Emma.

- b. **Min. 89/15 – St Johns Church Grounds:** The Clerk submitted notes from a meeting of the OC(E)RA on 8.7.15, which confirmed that the new Vicar and the PCC would be discussing the concerns of local residents about the garden maintenance and a further meeting would be held in due course.

Resolved to note that discussions are on-going and await any further update.

- c. **Min. 86/15(b) – Victoria Pier:** The Clerk tabled, for information, a response from D Millar AM and the Welsh Government confirming that the Planning Inspectorate would determine whether a public inquiry would be held in respect of the CCBC application to demolish the Pier and that, if one was held, this

would be at the expense of the Welsh Government.

Resolved to receive and note the replies.

112/15 Conwy CBC:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of a request for a temporary traffic regulation at Russell Avenue (27/7 to 29/7).
- b. The Clerk submitted notice of an additional requirement in respect of contractors authorised to install festive lighting. It was noted that a response is awaited to confirm if our existing contractor has the required accreditation.
- c. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report from a recent meeting of the CCBC/T&CC Forum, at which Andrew Wilkinson, CCBC, had given a presentation about the recent increases in parking charges, forthcoming studies into under-used car parks (including Rhos on Sea) and the proposed feasibility study into introduction of parking charges on Colwyn Bay promenade. The Clerk advised members that she had passed their concerns about introducing charges whilst improvement works were still ongoing and about possible displacement of parking to residential areas on to Mr Wilkinson and had been assured that these would be taken into consideration in the study.

Members were then asked to and consider and approve using a questionnaire to assess the likely impact on both visitors and local residents of introducing charging on Colwyn Bay / Rhos on Sea Promenade. The results of this survey could then be used as evidence when CCBC presents its study and proposals.

Resolved to approve the questionnaire for use and to encourage all members of the Committee to visit the promenade for an hour during the next month and return any completed questionnaires to the Town Hall in the envelope provided.

113/15 North Wales CHC:

The Clerk submitted a letter of introduction, with appropriate contact details.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

114/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes – OC(E)RA meeting on 8.7.15
- b. Notes from a meeting of the Pwllcrochan Woods Local Nature Reserve Management Advisory Group, held on 6.7.15.

115/15 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 a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 22/6 to 5/7/15.

Resolved to receive and note the Planning Decisions.

- c. A brief verbal report was given by Cllrs D Porter, L Griffiths, S Roy and the Clerk on the Planning Aid Wales training events held on 15th and 21st July.

It was noted that the training on the 21st July, given by the Chief Executive of Planning Aid Wales, had been funded by the Welsh Government to raise awareness about the changing role of Town and Community Councils brought about by the recent Planning Act. It was noted that T&CCs were being encouraged to become much more proactive in shaping the planning framework and that Place Plans had been introduced, which could be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by the Local Planning Authority to give extra weight to local needs and views in Planning matters. LPAs are encouraged to assist T&CCs with the development of these and funding may be available from the Welsh Government. The Clerk informed members that a company called The Means is giving a presentation at the next P&F Committee meeting on support it can provide for the production of Whole Place Plans, which potentially could meet the definition of a Place Plan in the new Act.

It was noted that members had concerns that they were not always listened to by the Local Planning Authority, especially when submitting objections to planning applications. Mr Thomas advised Councils to read the Planning Officer's report when a decision goes against the local views, as this will explain the reasons that the decision was made.

Resolved to commence keeping a list of planning applications to which the Town Council has submitted objections and to cross reference this to the planning decision lists received from CCBC and copy Planning Officers reports to members for any cases where the decision differs.

Further resolved to request that the Clerk starts a glossary of terms / acronyms and circulates this regularly to help Councillors keep up to date (e.g. VVP, THI, Masterplan).

116/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted notice of one licensing application for the Bay of Colwyn area registered by CCBC for the period to 17 July.

Resolved to note the list of Licensing applications.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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