

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 MARCH 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Dr S Roy
Cllr S Williams (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman, Mrs M Jones,
J Pearson (Tree Warden)

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Mr B Armstrong-Beattie and Miss C Shilton

365/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair, in the absence of the Chairman, and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: N Bastow (Chairman), Mrs L Griffiths and C Wood.

366/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

367/15 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 23rd February 2016.

368/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 451/13(c) – Bus Shelters:

The Clerk submitted an e-mail update from Gethin George, CCBC, regarding shelter maintenance and a quotation for a new shelter at Eirias Park gates. It was noted that CCBC hope to appoint a contractor soon for the routine annual maintenance of all shelters and will provide an update on the costs for 2016/17 when known. In the meantime, the maintenance contributions for 2015/16 financial year will not be claimed.

Resolved to request that further quotations are obtained for the supply/installation of a new bus shelter for Eirias Park (eastbound) and that designs and costs are submitted to the Town Council for consideration.

Further resolved to recommend that either one or two new shelters (eastbound and westbound) are purchased from the bus shelter funds remaining with CCBC (£8,992), subject to further quotations/designs being submitted.

b. Min. 320/15 – Notice Boards:

The Clerk submitted for consideration:

- i. An offer by the Men's Shed group to maintain the notice boards. This will include the removal of all notices, sanding and any repairs and then re-painting.

Resolved to authorise the Mens' Shed to carry out this work, confirming that the boards are to be re-painted in black and that any costs will be reimbursed from the street furniture budget.

- ii. A proposal by Cllr Baker that a policy be agreed re: type of notices permitted on the Council's open access community notice boards. Cllr Baker informed the Committee that she had recently had to remove several posters from the Rhos Park notice board that related to private companies and/or things taking place elsewhere (Rhyl and Llandudno). It was also queried whether a maximum size of notice should be stated. One member reported that the Cefn Road board (Old Colwyn) has recently been tidied up with plastic A4 size holders for notices. Members suggested that a monthly visit/check should be sufficient to ensure inappropriate or out of date notices are removed.

Resolved not to agree a formal policy for notices but to encourage local members to visit their community notice board(s) regularly and tidy/remove notices, as required.

369/15 Conwy CBC:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following correspondence from CCBC:

- a. A verbal report from the Clerk on the Bay Life Officers Group meeting held on 14th March.
- b. Temporary Traffic Regulations:
 - i. Notification of Welsh Water works on Church Road, Rhos on Sea.
 - ii. Parking prohibition on Llewelyn Road for North Wales Housing Assoc urgent works.
 - iii. Notice that permission has been received from CCBC for five new planters for Station Road (grant funds obtained by Colwyn in Bloom for purchase, installation and planting).

370/15 Cohen's Chemist:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, an application for the relocation of Cohen's Chemist, Conway Road, to the Medical Centre, West End, Colwyn Bay.

Resolved to receive and note the application.

371/15 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation document regarding Wales and the Borders Rail services, to include 21 consultation questions relating to rail services. Concerns were raised about the slow times of train services from Colwyn Bay to

Manchester and Liverpool and the need for improves services to these destinations and to Manchester Airport.

Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to the consultation document to include the above points and to copy this response to the N&MWALC (via Town Council representatives) to seek support.

372/15 Centenary Fields:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a proposal from Cllr Hughes that Queens Gardens be designated as a Centenary Field through Fields in Trust, in memory of those that lost their lives in World War 1. It was noted that funding may be available for protected fields.

Resolved to recommend that the Council writes to CCBC, as landowner, to request that consideration be given to designating Queens Gardens, Colwyn Bay, as a Centenary Field.

373/15 Ageing Well in Wales:

Cllr S Roy gave a brief verbal report following her recent attendance at events about:

- a. Dementia Friendly Communities (29th February)
- b. Ageism (10th March)

Resolved to thank Cllr Roy for her report.

374/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes of a meeting of OC(E)RA, held on 9.3.16

375/15 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received recently 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 from 15/2/16 to 28/2/16.

Resolved to receive and note the planning decisions.

- c. Cllr Bagnall gave a brief verbal report following the Planning Committee site visit he attended on 8th March.

Resolved to thank Cllr Bagnall for attending and giving his report.

376/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of any recent licensing applications for the Bay of Colwyn area.

Resolved to receive and note the latest notice of applications.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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