

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr N Bastow, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

400/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Cllr Dr S Roy, and from Cllrs Mrs G Baker and C Perry.

401/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

402/15 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 15th March 2016.

403/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 352/15 – CCBC Car Parking Strategy:

The Clerk submitted, for information, responses from Iwan Davies and Cllr Phil Edwards, CCBC, acknowledging the Council's concerns about the proposals affecting Colwyn Bay. It was noted that consultation with affected Town and Community Councils is expected to take place during the summer.

b. Min. 368/15(b) – Notice Boards:

- i.** It was noted that the Rhos members have applied to donate some of their ward allowance funding to the Mens' Shed group towards refurbishment of street furniture in the Rhos on Sea area. This will be earmarked funding and cannot be used elsewhere in the town. General repairs and maintenance of notice boards elsewhere will come from the existing street furniture budget.

Resolved to request that the Rhos on Sea noticeboard be completed (painted) as a matter of urgency, as people are now trying to put notices on it again.

- ii.** The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a request from Cllr G Baker that Town Councillor photos and contact numbers be placed on the Town

Council's notice boards. It was noted that some concern had been expressed about data protection and possible prank or late night calls. The Clerk tabled a proposal from Cllr Baker that information be shared via community hall notice boards instead. However, these are not open to the general public and may be difficult to keep updated.

Resolved to recommend that Town Councillors contact details are included in the Annual Report, which can be made available both on the website or in hard copy (on request) and circulated via community centres/ doctors surgeries etc. and that a small notice is placed on each Notice Board with the Town Hall telephone number and website address.

Further resolved to ask the Clerk to check with our web host whether it would be possible for each Member to have a dedicated town council e-mail address (which could be redirected to their home e-mail) to save personal e-mail addresses being published.

- iii.** It was noted that the Town Council's picnic benches near Porth Eirias have recently been inspected by Cllrs Bagnall and Foreman. Members were asked to consider a suggestion that the Mens' Shed group be asked if they would be willing to carry out any minor repairs (e.g. replacement bolts).

Resolved to ask that the Clerk contacts the Mens' Shed to enquire if this is a project they would be willing/able to assist with.

Further resolved to check with the Council's insurers whether work by volunteers from the Mens' Shed to maintain street furniture would be covered under the Town Council's public liability insurance.

404/15 Conwy CBC:

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

- a.** Temporary Traffic Regulation to close the Promenade from Marine Road to the Pier between 25/4/16 and 10/03/17 for the next phase of the Waterfront project.
- b.** Notice of applications for disabled parking bays at Dundonald Road and Elwy Road.
- c.** Play Sufficiency Action Plan: A written report from Cllr Baker on the recent stakeholder event was tabled by the Clerk. Members were encouraged to read the report and raise any matters arising from it at the next meeting, when it was hoped Cllr Baker would be present.
- d.** It was noted that an Officer from CCBC had attended a site visit with County Cllr R Parry and had subsequently turned down a request by Rhos Town Councillors to donate some of their ward allowances towards purchasing two or three child-sized disabled friendly picnic benches, due to a lack of evidence of need. It was further noted that Cllr Mrs G Baker will be visiting Ysgol Gogarth (Llandudno) to do some research on the needs of children with disabilities and will report back in due course.

Resolved that the Clerk contacts Mr T Gravett, to state the concerns of this

Committee around the manner in which the request had been turned down.

- e. The Clerk submitted a copy e-mail and gave a brief verbal report following a recent site meeting called by Caroline Jones, CCBC Leisure Services, regarding use of the boating lake. It was noted that CCBC would like to give the lake time to settle following the extensive recent works and are therefore reluctant to agree for it to be drained in October for this year's bonfire event. A temporary site outside of the lake will therefore need to be found for this year's bonfire, which may result in additional costs to make good the site after the event. A quotation is awaited from CCBC.
- f. The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of a letter from a local resident to CCBC to complain about the closure of the long-stay car park at Lansdowne Road.
- g. The Clerk tabled, for information, further correspondence from Mr V Turner, CCBC, requesting confirmation of partial funding from the Town Council towards design costs for possible improvement works at Rhos on Sea promenade. It was noted that a site meeting has been arranged for 13th April to consider any temporary solutions to current safety concerns, as identifying funding to implement any larger scale improvements could take several years.
- h. The Clerk tabled, for information, an e-mail from Philip Vipond, CCBC, giving a brief update on the project to install a new mixed ability roundabout at Rhos on Sea and asking for confirmation of the Town Council's contribution (£7,500) towards improvements at Tan y Lan playground.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence from CCBC.

405/15 One Voice Wales:

The Clerk submitted, for information:

- a. Notice of the publication of a new updated guide to Community Asset Transfer.
- b. A report from Mike Harriman, OVW representative on the BCUHB Stakeholder Reference Group.
- c. Notice of the next Larger Councils Committee meeting, taking place on 13 April 2016 (Town Council will no longer be in membership on that date).

406/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. RWE Press Release – North Wales Hydro
- b. RWE Community Newsletter
- c. Wales & West Utilities – invitation to attend stakeholder workshop

407/15 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.
- c. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a Welsh Government consultation document regarding revision of Planning Policy Wales Chapter 6: The Historic Environment.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation document.

408/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of any licensing applications listed by CCBC in recent weeks.

Resolved to receive and note the licensing applications listing.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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