

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr D Porter (Chairman)
Cllrs W Bagnall, N Bastow, Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman, Mrs M Jones, S Williams, D Wood

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Mr T Symonds, Student Advisor

36/14 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Griffiths; J Pearson; C Perry; S Roy and The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith.

37/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

38/14 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 20th May 2014.

39/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 460/13 – Flower Beds at Crematorium:

The Clerk submitted a response from Mr Lyn Davies, CCBC to the concerns about lack of maintenance of the flower beds. Despite Mr Davies's assurances, members were concerned that the beds were still unsightly, with a rabbit hole, large thistles and weeds, which have all been there for some time.

Resolved to request a site meeting with one of Mr Davies's team, to be attended by Cllrs W Bagnall and R Foreman.

b. Min. 19/14 – Town Council Website:

The Clerk submitted a response from TBC Marketing, confirming that an official video showing footage of the Forties Festival is available on-line and requesting that the Town Council also includes a link to this from its website, if the link to the other video is being added.

Resolved to include a brief news article about the Forties Festival on the website with links to both videos of the event.

c. Min 21/14 – Town Team:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report following a recent meeting with Richard Baddeley, the new Chair of the Town Team. It was noted that he would like the Town Team to be more involved in strategic decisions e.g) around the Colwyn Bay Masterplan and less focussed on small scale concerns and events. He would like to see Station Road re-opened to traffic and a walkway/driveway opened up to Ivy Street Car Park.

Members acknowledged that adequate parking facilities and footfall past shops was important to attract the small independent traders that keep the town centre alive.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Team will be taking place on 11th June and a report would be given at the next meeting.

40/14 Conwy CBC:

It was noted that there was no correspondence to report from CCBC.

41/14 Request from Cllr Mrs M Jones:

Members were asked to consider a request to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Abergele Road from where the 30mph limit currently ends to as far as Highlands Road, due to the residential developments on both sides of the road up to that junction. Concerns were expressed about the speed of some vehicles coming down the hill, estimated to be travelling at 40-45mph. It was felt that reducing the limit to 30mph at the earlier junction would encourage vehicles to slow down before approaching the hill.

Resolved to write to Highways to request that a lower limit of 30 mph be considered for this stretch of road.

42/14 North Wales Police:

Resolved to receive the following information:

- a. North Wales Police and Community Trust (PACT) Funding Opportunities.*
- b. Summer Anti Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2014.*
- c. National Volunteer's Week.*

43/14 Celtic Array:

The Clerk submitted correspondence about an extension to the consultation period, due to omissions in some of the appendices of the original consultation documents.

Resolved to note the amended consultation period and await further information regarding the onshore application for consent, which is expected to have a greater impact, particularly on Anglesey.

44/14 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes OCERA 14/05/2014
- b. A report from Cllr Roy on the Food Poverty Forum held on 22nd May (circulated by e-mail – for information).

45/14 Planning:

- a. ***Resolved to submit observations on the Planning Applications received from CCBC, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.***
- b. ***Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.***
- c. Cllr N Bastow gave a brief verbal report regarding the Conservation Area Advisory Panel meeting he attended on 4th June 2014. There were two applications relevant to Bay of Colwyn area:
 - i. 0/40680 – New Place of Worship at 1 Queen's Drive, Colwyn Bay:
The site is immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area so any impact on the CA must be considered. Concern was expressed about lack of car parking for a building containing a 350 seat main auditorium, crèche and café.
 - ii. 0/40734 – 17 New Two Bed Apartments at the former United Reformed Church, Colwyn Avenue:
There were no great concerns, other than a possible over-development of the site, but the height and design of the building is comparable to adjacent properties. Other concerns were the use of non-local building materials (Spanish slate) and removal of two protected trees (self-seeded).

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

- d. Planning Site Visits – 10th June: It was noted that details of the site visit had been circulated to members in Rhiw Ward but that no-one had been available to attend. Applications 0/40584 & 0/40585 (for 19 apartments at land off Kings Drive) were to be considered by the Planning Committee.
The Clerk informed Members that a copy of an e-mail that had been sent by a neighbouring resident to the Planning Officer objecting to this application had recently been copied to all Rhiw Ward members. It was noted that the Town Council had already submitted no objections to this application, which had been considered at the meeting held on 1st April.
- e. It was noted that an appeal has been lodged in respect of application 0/40609 for signage at 12-14 Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay.

46/14 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted notice of several licensing applications recently logged by Conwy CBC.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

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