

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith JP  
Cllr D Porter (Chairman)  
Cllrs: W Bagnall, N Bastow, Mrs L Edwards, Mrs L Griffiths,  
J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams, C Wood

**OFFICER:** Mrs C J Earley, Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Members of the Public and Press

**182/14 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: R Foreman; M Jones; C Perry; S Roy

**183/14 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**184/14 Minutes:**

- a. *Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.*
- b. *Resolved to receive the draft Minutes of a meeting of the Bonfire Sub-Committee, held on 9<sup>th</sup> September.*

Members were reminded that a minimum of eight volunteers would be needed from the Town Council to assist with parking and traffic management both before and after the event.

It was also noted that a Facebook page had recently been set up by a member of the Town Council to seek support to stop the Eirias Park boating lake being drained each year "by the local council". The Clerk reminded members that the lake is not drained just for the bonfire, but as part of CCBC's ongoing management plan. A risk assessment undertaken by the County Council requires the water level to be dropped each winter and this also gives an opportunity to seek to clear the lake of debris and invasive weeds, which can restrict boating activity.

**185/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a. **Min. 154/14(d) – Welsh Government Consultation on Allotments and Community Gardens:**

The Clerk submitted a draft response to the consultation, which had been prepared by the Chairman and Clerk with input from other members of the Committee.

*Resolved to approve the response to the consultation, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached, to include one minor addition to the response to Qu.18.*

**b. Min. 159/14(a) – Planning Observations:**

The Clerk submitted a brief response to comments regarding app'n 0/41005, confirming that, if approved, a condition would be imposed restricting use of the garage as ancillary to the main accommodation.

*Resolved to receive and note the response.*

**c. Min. 155/14(a) – Proposed draft Traffic Regulation Order, Colwyn Bay:**

The Clerk submitted full details and plans for the proposed TRO, which amends parking restrictions in the following roads:  
Woodlands Park, College Avenue, The Cloisters, Queen's Drive, Tan-y-Bryn Road, Brewis Road, Llawr Pentre, Marine Road, Abergele Road, Victoria Road, Alwen Drive, Church Drive, Woodland Park West.

*Resolved to note and support the proposed TRO and to request that additional kerbside marks are included on Marine Road to prevent disabled parking too (following the request of a disabled driver).*

**186/14 Conwy CBC:**

- a. The Clerk submitted a written report from Cllr B Bagnall on the recent Bay Life+ Strategic Board Meeting and the Clerk confirmed that this also covered the draft reports submitted at the recent Officers' meeting.

It was queried what area the proposed BID for Colwyn Bay would cover and the Clerk confirmed that the current feasibility study indicated that initial contact with businesses suggested preference for an area covering Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay and Rhos-on-Sea.

*Resolved to thank Cllr Bagnall for his report.*

**187/14 Financial Inclusion Awareness:**

The Clerk advised members that she had attended one of the recent training events to help raise awareness about financial inclusion issues. It was noted that information on referrals and signposting of local residents who are experiencing financial difficulties to the various agencies which operate in the Conwy & Denbighshire areas is available on request.

**188/14 Princess Diana Garden:**

It was noted that the 'mystery' gardener has not yet been found, but it is hoped that, if identified, he/she can be encouraged to work alongside the Council's appointed worker.

*Resolved to put a sign up at the site to encourage the volunteer to get in touch.*

**189/14 BCUHB:**

The Clerk submitted a report on changes in the commissioning of the Mental Health Community Advocacy, Service User and Carer Involvement services.

*Resolved to receive and note the report.*

**190/14 Other Correspondence:**

- a. It was noted the following items of correspondence are available on request from the Clerk:
  - i. OC(E)RA – Minutes of a meeting held on 10.9.14.
  - ii. Tramway Society Newsletter, September 2014
- b. The Clerk submitted notes from OC(E)RA and a report from Cllr C Wood following the Public Meeting held on 22.9.14 regarding a potential tidal lagoon for Colwyn Bay.

It was queried what the cost of electricity produced by tidal energy would be and it was noted that the payback period of 35 years when compared to an expected lifespan of 120 years+ was preferable to some other forms of renewable energy.

- c. The Clerk submitted notes from a recent meeting of NWAMI.

*Resolved to receive and note these items of correspondence.*

**191/14 Planning:**

- a. The Clerk submitted information on ‘top tips’ for responding to Planning Applications, circulated by the SLCC.

*Resolved to note the information and keep it on file for future reference in Committee meetings.*

- b. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.

*Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in Schedule ‘B’ attached.*

- c. The Clerk submitted a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.

*Resolved to receive and note the planning decisions, as detailed on Schedule ‘C’ attached.*

- d. The Clerk submitted the CCBC Draft Conservation Area SPG. A discussion took place about the restrictions on the use of PVCU windows on public facing elevations and it was noted that there are now some very good, wood-like PVCU windows which would have a much greater lifespan and require less maintenance than wood, which is often inferior in quality to how it used to be.

*Resolved to query whether the SPG should be updated to allow consideration of*

*good quality, traditional style, wood-like PVCU on a case by case basis.*

- e. The Clerk submitted notice of Planning Site visits to be undertaken on 7<sup>th</sup> October, to include one application in the Bay of Colwyn area.

***Resolved that Cllr Bastow would attend the site visit to speak in support of the application.***

**192/14 Licensing Applications:**

The Clerk submitted notice of several licensing applications recently logged for this area. A brief discussion took place about the license application for the Rhos Fynach, with regards to its live music. It was noted that live performances were not known to have caused any nuisance to local residents to date.

***Resolved to receive and note the licensing applications.***

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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