

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015, 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, R Foreman,  
Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden),  
S Williams, C Wood

**OFFICER:** Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk  
Miss C Gardner, Student Advisor

**428/14 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Roy.

**429/14 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**430/14 Minutes:**

*Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.*

**431/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**a. Min. 378/14(f) – Trolibocs Concerns:**

The Clerk submitted a detailed response from CCBC to concerns raised at a previous meeting about problems with the Trolibocs recycling containers during high winds. It was noted that a number of problems were experienced during recent high winds, but that residents had been happy with the way CCBC had responded.

*Resolved to receive and note the response from CCBC.*

**b. Min. 380/14(a) – Noticeboards:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update, following a response from the owner of the property at Church Drive / Penrhyn Avenue confirming that they had removed the noticeboard from the side wall of the shop as they believed it was no longer being looked after, it looked untidy and it was causing a nuisance to residents in the flat above (due to hammering of notices).

It was queried whether anyone had missed the noticeboard and the Clerk confirmed that several queries had been made, mainly through the shop.

It was suggested that one possible solution would be to ask the owner for permission to install a new lockable glass-fronted display board, with keys being held by the shop and/or local members to enable notices to be changed. The Clerk circulated information on man-made timber notice boards supplied across the UK, with a typical lifespan of 20 years+ (5 year guarantee) and little/no maintenance required. Wooden boards are also available from local suppliers.

***Resolved to ask that the Clerk speaks to both the premises owner and the shop manager to ask if they would agree to a new design noticeboard being installed, subject to further discussion about the appropriate style/size/materials.***

**c. Min. 400/14 – Street Lighting:**

The Clerk submitted information from Mr Carrie on current energy consumption data for street lighting in the County (marked confidential).

***Resolved to thank Mr Carrie for the information and query why it is confidential, if it is being paid for by local taxpayers.***

**d. Min. 402/14(b) – Eirias Boating Lake:**

The Clerk submitted a brief response from Caroline Jones, CCBC, confirming that the Welsh Government had chosen not to support the boating lake project, but that other funding options will be explored with the user groups.

***Resolved to receive and note the response.***

**e. Min 402/14(c) – Colwyn Leisure Centre:**

Cllrs C Wood, L Griffiths and the Clerk gave brief verbal reports on the site visit to Colwyn Leisure Centre, which had taken place on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Mr Hardy had reaffirmed the County Council's commitment to the future of the centre and used the forthcoming health precinct developments as evidence of this. He outlined proposals to convert existing general activity space into health precinct use (for 70+ health/social care professionals) and build new multi-purpose activity space on-site. He also talked about future proposals to create an all-weather football pitch, artificial bowling green and hydrotherapy pool. Members stated their ongoing concerns that these projects should not detract from keeping up with general maintenance of the open access leisure facilities, including the well-used swimming pool.

***Resolved to note the verbal reports.***

**432/14 Conwy CBC:**

- a.** The Clerk submitted notice of a Traffic Regulation Order for road closures from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April for the 1940's Festival.

- b. The Clerk submitted formal notice of the forthcoming merger of Ysgol Glan y Mor and Ysgol Pendorlan.
- c. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the Bay Life Officers Group meeting, held on 16 March, and submitted a detailed written report from Cllr B Bagnall on the following Bay Life Strategic Board meeting.

***Resolved to receive the reports.***

- d. Colwyn Bay Promenade Consultative Group: The Clerk submitted notice of the next meeting and minutes of the meeting held on 4/11/14. It was noted that ongoing concerns about dog mess on Porth Eirias beach and overnight parking on the promenade would come up as 'matters arising' at the next meeting.
- e. Car Parking Charges: The Clerk submitted notice of variation to charges at CCBC car parks. It was noted that the decision had already been made by CCBC and the Town Council could do little to influence county-wide policy on CCBC owned sites.

***Resolved to receive the notice.***

- f. Central Bus Stop: The Clerk submitted, for consideration, proposals to move the eastbound bus stop from outside the Central to diagonally opposite the existing westbound stop (two options were presented), together with objections from County Councillors C Hughes and A Khan. An e-mail from Rob Dix with regards to the need to improve the streetscape and remove 'areas of conflict', including the location and management of the bus stops was also tabled. Concerns were expressed about the proposed 'temporary' relocation of the eastbound bus stop and resulting loss of short stay, disabled and taxi parking or bottleneck, if parking remained. It was noted that there was no obvious solution to this problem, which had been ongoing for many years.

***Resolved to suggest that the proposed relocation of the bus stop should be considered as part of the review of the town centre element of the Colwyn Bay masterplan, which will be subject to full consultation, allowing all those affected the opportunity to comment.***

#### **433/14 Ageing Well in Wales:**

The Clerk submitted a brief written report from Cllr S Roy on the recent event.

***Resolved to receive and note the report.***

#### **434/14 Colwyn BID:**

The Clerk submitted a summary of the comments made at the recent area meetings.

***Resolved to receive and note the vision, challenges and opportunities identified by local businesspeople.***

**435/14 How to Save our Town Centres:**

The Clerk submitted details of a free seminar taking place at Bangor on 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
*Resolved to receive details of the seminar.*

**436/14 Field Finders Campaign:**

The Clerk submitted details of a campaign by Fields in Trust and Carnegie UK Trust to identify 900 playing fields across the UK that benefit from protection in perpetuity.

*Resolved to note details of the campaign.*

**437/14 Adopt a Kiosk:**

The Clerk submitted details of kiosk adoption opportunities from BT.

*Resolved to receive and note the adoption opportunities.*

**438/14 Other Correspondence:**

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

- a. Conwy People's Partnership Update – February 2015: Working Together for Wellbeing.
- b. CCBC Conservation Area Advisory Panel – meeting held on 4 March.
- c. OVW – Notice of Larger Local Councils Committee meeting, taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It was noted that the Clerk has asked for volunteers to attend the meeting, as the Council has not yet appointed representatives to the Committee.

**439/14 Planning:**

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

*Resolved to submit observations on the applications, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.*

- b. *Resolved to receive and note the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC between 2/3/15 and 29/3/15.*
- c. Cllr N Bastow gave a brief verbal report on the Planning Site Visit earlier today at the Welsh Mountain Zoo. It was noted that the application had been generally supported, with only one objection from a nearby resident. A decision is to be made tomorrow.
- d. The Clerk submitted, for information, the Welsh Government's Planning Prospectus Overview document, which confirms the proposed hierarchy of Planning Policy and support for the adoption of 'Place Plans' to be led by local Community and Town Councils with support from the LPA.

**440/14 Licensing Applications:**

The Clerk submitted details of several recent licensing applications logged by CCBC.

*Resolved to receive notice of the licensing applications.*

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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