

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith
Cllr D Porter, Chairman
Cllrs W Bagnall, N Bastow (see Min. 152/14), Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman,
Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden) (see Min. 152/14),
Mrs S Roy, S Williams, C Wood

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Miss M Leonard, Student Advisor

IN ATTENDANCE: V Currie and C Turner, CCBC Rights of Way Section
Member of the Public

150/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Perry.

151/14 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

Cllr D Porter declared a personal (non-prejudicial) interest in agenda item 3, as an employee of CCBC.

152/14 Visitor:

The Chairman welcomed Caroline Turner and Vicky Currie, CCBC Rights of Way Officers, to give a presentation on the current inspection/maintenance regime for Rights of Way in Conwy.

Caroline began by giving an overview of the current departmental changes within CCBC, which had resulted in rights of way work coming under the new ERF Department, under 'Open Spaces'. Work on the network will therefore be split into the three ERF areas of East, West and Rural. There will be two officers covering each area with responsibility for overseeing both roads and rights of way, including maintenance and enforcement issues.

- Cllr J Pearson arrived at this juncture

VC has recently been advised that she will not have a role in the new structure and CT is awaiting information on phase 2 of the re-organisation, once other positions have been confirmed.

All maintenance of the network will continue to be done in-house and the previous role of surveying the network will be integrated into the new maintenance roles.

Members were invited to ask questions at this point and the following matters were discussed: delays with repairs to the bridge and kissing gate at Nant y Glyn; work needed on promoting the network of paths in the Bay of Colwyn area; the need to temporarily close paths if they become dangerous; involvement in the Spring and Autumn Conwy Walking Week programmes; queries around the new staffing structure within ERF (not yet publicised); the need to report any issues/concerns with rights of way to the single ERF number / e-mail address, so that the manager can prioritise response; to note that the team has reduced staffing and is only able to deal with priority issues until the reorganisation is finalised; an assumption that the existing community maintenance scheme will continue after the current reorganisation, with up to £1,500 per annum available for repairs and maintenance of the local network.

- Cllr N Bastow arrived during the question and answer session.

Resolved to contact Sian (via CT) and invite her to a future meeting to discuss promotion of walks in Colwyn Bay.

Caroline and Vicky were thanked for attending and then retired from the meeting.

153/14 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th August 2014.

154/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 250/13 – Business Improvement District:

Cllr D Porter gave a brief verbal report following the recent launch events. It was noted that there had been approximately 20 businesses present at each of the events and that a survey of all businesses will now be undertaken by the Consultant, probably to include the wider area of Mochdre, where a substantial number of businesses are located. It was hoped that a vote of all businesses within the specified area, which is chosen by the businesses themselves, could be undertaken before the end of 2015. There are currently 9 BIDS in Wales and the Welsh Government is supporting the current work on the Colwyn Bay feasibility study.

Resolved to receive and note Cllr Porter's report.

b. Min. 20/14 – Asset Based Community Development:

It was noted that the Clerk has met with Libby Evans and Shane Wetton to discuss concerns about possible duplication between ABCD and work being done by the Communities First Team. Libby and Shane will be attending a meeting of this Committee on 18th November to respond to any concerns from Members and the Clerk will present a further written report to that meeting.

c. **Min. 107/14(c) – Gwynt y Mor Community Fund:**

The Clerk submitted follow-up correspondence from Rhyl Town Council confirming that the administrator of the fund would take no part in the decision making process for allocation of funds. This will be undertaken separately by a ‘Decision Making Panel’, which will be established later in the year. It had therefore been decided not to proceed with a joint proposal to administer the fund.

Resolved to note the correspondence and await details on the appointment of the Decision Making Panel in due course.

d. **Min. 133/14 – Welsh Government Consultation on Allotments and Community Gardens:**

The Clerk submitted a written response from the Allotments Officer, CCBC, to the questions raised at the last meeting and, following a brief discussion about the optimum size of plots and concerns about increased bureaucracy and reductions to farmers’ subsidies, members were asked to consider and agree any response to the 21 questions in the consultation document. It was noted that Town and Community Councils have specific powers and duties in respect of allotments and that this could be a service that the Unitary Authorities look to delegate in the future. It was therefore considered important to participate in the consultation.

Resolved to ask members to submit any comments on these questions to the Clerk in the next week and to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to draft a response to the consultation document.

e. **Min. 138/14 – Proposed variation of License:**

The Clerk submitted further details of the proposed variation to the conditions of the license for Weatherspoons.

Resolved to receive and note the further information.

f. **Min. 140/14 – Application of Smart Water:**

It was noted that smart water has been applied to the memorials in Queens Gardens and Old Colwyn and that a national publicity campaign is being undertaken to deter theft.

155/14 Conwy CBC:

- a. The Clerk submitted notices of temporary traffic regulations at:
- i. Llanrwst Road (Conwy Road to Victoria Park) – 16/9/14
 - ii. Llanrwst Road (St Andrews Road to no. 210) – 30/9/14
 - iii. Mynydd Lane (whole Road) – 10/11/14
 - iv. Upper Promenade to Penrhos Road Alley – 13/10/14 to 13/12/2015
 - v. The Clerk tabled details of an amendment to the Colwyn Bay Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (Draft). It was noted that the notice for the original draft Order had not been received and a copy would be requested and placed

on the next agenda.

- vi. The Clerk submitted correspondence regarding the removal of the DOLOS unit, seeking suggestions from Members for re-siting the plaque.

Resolved to recommend that the plaque be re-sited to Station Steps, where the DOLOS had originally been sited.

- vii. The Clerk submitted a copy of the agenda for the next meeting of the Bay Life+ Officer Group and offered to give a verbal report on the meeting at the next meeting of this Committee.

156/14 Colwyn Bay Town Team:

- a. The Clerk submitted a copy of the agenda for the meeting held on 3rd September, which included the minutes of the previous meeting and Draft Proposals for the Masterplan review. Cllr D Porter gave a brief verbal report, confirming that the main focuses of the meeting had been to discuss and agree the Team's submission to the Masterplan review and the launch of the BID feasibility project. Members raised concerns about a few of the 25 proposals in the Town Team's report. It was noted that this was just one of a number of submission made during the consultation period and that everyone would have the opportunity to comment once CCBC reviews these and submits its preferred options for public consultation.

Resolved to receive and note the agenda, documents and verbal report from the recent meeting.

- b. The Clerk submitted notice from the Town Team of an event to mark the Welsh Government's "Support your High Street" campaign.
- c. Members were asked to consider an urgent request from the Town Team for funding for bunting for use at the event, which runs from 20th to 27th September. It was noted that the Town Team has not previously applied for any funding from the Town Council. Members considered whether it was better for the Town Council to purchase bunting to store and loan out on request. However, it was noted that the bunting would then be the responsibility of the Town Council and the need to cut it to fit certain lengths may limit its re-usability. It was also queried whether the Leisure Centre has any stock of bunting for events that may be available on loan.

Resolved to authorise a grant of £300 to the Town Team for the purchase of bunting for local events, provided that this cannot be borrowed from CCBC.

157/14 NHS Wales:

The Clerk submitted details of a change of ownership of pharmacies at 54-56 Conway Road and 146 Conway Road.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

158/14 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that the following item(s) of correspondence are available on request from the Clerk:

- a. OC(E)RA – Minutes of a meeting held on 13.8.14.

159/14 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted details of the planning applications received from CCBC.

Resolved to submit observations on these applications as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.

- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 4/8/14 to 31/8/14.*
- c. *Resolved to receive notice of an appeal in respect of 0/40839 at the Rhos Fynach.*
- d. It was noted that there was no report available from local members from the Planning Committee Site Visits held on 13th August and 9th September.

160/14 Licensing Applications:

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

Resolved to receive and note the recent licensing applications.

161/14 Additional Correspondence:

The following additional items of correspondence, considered to be of an urgent nature, were permitted to be tabled by the Chairman:

- a. Notice of a change of dates for the Colwyn Bay Celtic Fayre to 27th – 30th November 2014.
- b. A request for all service requests for Environment, Roads & Facilities (ERF) to be directed to erf@conwy.gov.uk and not officers' personal email addresses.
- c. Notice of a public meeting on Monday 22nd September at 7.00pm, called by OC(E)RA regarding a possible tidal lagoon from Rhos Point to Rhyl.
- d. A request to assist with distribution of a survey on health services for the N&MWALC.

The Meeting Closed at 7.30 p.m.

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