

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY, AT
6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2016**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr J Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs: R Foreman; D Griffiths; Mrs L Griffiths; C Hughes; Mrs M Jones;
Mrs H Meredith; A Pearson; J Pearson; P Richards; Dr S Roy; Mrs V Smith
JP; S Taylor; G Ward; C Wood MBE

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs G Jones and Mrs S Hughes.

98/16 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs E Edwards, A Khan, A Mason, C Perry, S Williams.

99/16 Announcements:

The Mayor informed the Council that the Colwyn Bay entry to Wales in Bloom had recently been judged and invited members to view the displays, which will remain at the Town Hall until the Britain in Bloom judging on 9th August.

100/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

101/16 Presentations:

Previously deferred agenda item 6(a): Min. 58/16(a) – Long Service Award was brought forward.

The Mayor invited Mrs Gwenda Jones and Cllr C Hughes to come forward to accept a small gift as a token of appreciation for their long service to the Town Council (17 years and 21 years respectively). Cllr Hughes was then invited to say a few words and he spoke about what an honour and privilege it had been to represent the Glyn ward on the Town Council for the past 21 years and the importance of democracy. He commented that the Town Council was going from strength to strength and thanked his fellow members and the electors of Glyn Ward for their support.

- Mrs Jones and Mrs Hughes then retired from the meeting.

102/16 Visitors to the Council:

It was noted that representatives from BCUHB will be attending the next meeting of

the Council to respond to concerns about GP recruitment.

103/16 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 6th June 2016.*
- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:*
 - i. *The General Purpose & Planning Committee, held on 14th June 2016.*
 - ii. *The Policy & Finance Committee, held on 29th June 2016 (Draft).*
 - iii. *The General Purposes & Planning Committee, held on 5th July 2016. (Draft)*

A discussion took place about these Draft Minutes and it was requested that an additional paragraph be added to summarise concerns expressed at the meeting about the severe loss of open space within the park that would be caused by the creation of the new pitch, given that CCBC could not give an undertaking as to when the clearing/reclaiming of additional overgrown/unused land would happen, as no funding had yet been identified.

Resolved to request that the Clerk adds an additional paragraph to the draft Minutes, as outlined above, prior to approval of the Minutes by the Committee at its next meeting.

104/16 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:

- a. See Min. 101/16 above.
- b. Min. 62/16 – Annual Action Plan:

The Clerk submitted, for review and updating, the action plan from 2015/16. It was noted that we are nearing the end of the current 5 year term of office and that no new items had been submitted for inclusion following the e-mail sent around after the last Council meeting.

Resolved to request that the Clerk updates the action plan accordingly and circulates a copy to all members.

- c. Min. 63/16 – Congolese Embassy Visit:

The Mayor and Cllr D Griffiths gave a brief verbal report from the recent visit by representatives of the Congolese Embassy. It was noted that it had been a very pleasant visit and that the Rev'd Hughes had been held in very high regard in Congo (formerly Zaire), due to his missionary work. The representatives from the Congolese embassy were therefore keen to establish stronger links in the local area and were also looking at the possibility of refurbishing the Congolese graves in Llanellian Road cemetery.

The Clerk tabled a letter of thanks on behalf of the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo, requesting details of any conditions the Embassy would need to fulfil in order to refurbish the graves.

Resolved to respond that the appropriate contact in respect of the cemetery would be Canon Quentin Bellamy of St Catherine's and St John's Church, Old Colwyn.

It was further noted that Cllr D Griffiths intends to set up a group of interested persons to take forward the links with the Congolese Embassy.

d. *Resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Committees, as detailed in the following Minutes:*

i. *Min. 85/16 – Youth and Events Grants: To endorse the grants approved by the Committee, as detailed in Schedules 'B' and 'C' to the minutes.*

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update regarding Events Grant application 'C' from NWAMI. It was noted that the event would not be able to go ahead with the reduced grant of £800 offered, as total costs of the event exceed £2,400 and no funding had been found from other sources.

- Cllr S Roy declared an interest, as a Director of NWAMI, and she retired from the meeting during consideration of this matter.

The Clerk informed members that Cllr Roy had contacted her to say that the proposed headline act, Ballet Nimba (recommended by the Arts Council for Wales), had since agreed to perform for 2 hours for the £1,800 fee, not one hour as mentioned in the application, and that other local performers would perform before and after the headline act for minimal fees.

The Council reconsidered NWAMI's request for £1,440, but still had concerns that the event, as put forward, and with minimal publicity spend (£150) would not have the impact needed to attract any significant numbers of additional visitors into the town and that footfall on a Saturday afternoon in the Sea View Road area is not usually very high.

Resolved to endorse the decision of the Policy and Finance Committee and not offer any higher grant amount, but instead to recommend that NWAMI seeks to engage with town centre businesses to try to get their support to create a bigger Inter-culture type event in the future that would have more trader involvement, more publicity and a greater impact around the town centre.

ii. *Min. 85/16 (c) – Small Grants: To approve payment of the small grants, as detailed in Schedule 'D' to the minutes.*

The Clerk also submitted, for consideration, further information provided by applicant E about the costs of the display boards, printing, translation and other related costs.

Resolved to approve the requested grant of £500.

- e. To resolutions of the Committees, as detailed in the Minutes, were noted.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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