

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr N Bastow, Chairman
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Edwards, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson, Mrs V Smith JP, S Williams, C Wood

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Mr T Owens, Student Advisor

193/16 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Foreman and C Perry.

194/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

195/16 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 13th September 2016.

196/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 264/15(a) – Rhos Promenade:

The Clerk submitted a further response from Mr V Turner.

Resolved to write back to Mr Turner to state that details can be provided of two witnesses that have been in vehicles which have hit pedestrians (with wing mirrors) and to formally request temporary mobile CCTV coverage next Spring (May onwards) so that Highways Officers can see for themselves the extent of the problem.

b. Min. 148/16 – Play Wales Conference:

It was noted that Gareth Stacey would be happy to attend a future meeting to report back on the recent Play Wales conference.

c. Min. 146/16(a) – Bus Shelters:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a detailed quotation for the works identified during the recent survey of shelters. The Clerk informed Members that CCBC would pay for any works involving the timetabling information and for the removal of the redundant electrical boxes at a couple of bus shelters. The rest of

the works (£12,538.37) would need to come from the Town Council's budget, which currently stands at around £9,237, after payment for the new shelter at Eirias Park. The Clerk informed members that the bus shelter maintenance budget of £5,250 had been returned to the Town Council in 2014/15, as no progress had been made that year in arranging for a cleaning/maintenance contract. There is therefore a need to catch-up now with works from previous years. A discussion also took place regarding an older (30yrs+) shelter in Upper Colwyn Bay, which requires approximately £2,020 of works. It was queried whether it may be more cost effective in the longer term to look at replacing this shelter.

Resolved:

- i. ***To request that the Council re-allocates the £5,250 returned to it previously to enable the bus shelter maintenance to be brought fully up to date.***
- ii. ***Subject to the above, to instruct Gethin to proceed with all works, except to the aforementioned shelter in Upper Colwyn Bay (nr. Hafodty Lane).***
- iii. ***To request a quotation, for comparison purposes, for the replacement of the shelter nr. Hafodty Lane.***

d. Penmaenrhos Post Office:

The Clerk submitted a letter giving an update on the temporary closure and the on-going search for other suitable premises.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

197/16 Conwy CBC:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following correspondence from CCBC:

- a. Bay Life: A written report from Cllr B Bagnall following the recent Strategic Board meeting.
- b. Temporary Parking Prohibition: Notice of a request for a restriction on Nant y Glyn Road from 5/10/16.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

198/16 Telecoms Base Station Installation:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a pre-application consultation letter from Clarke Telecom in respect of a proposed base station installation on Llanrwst Road, Upper Colwyn Bay. No concerns or objections were expressed.

Resolved to note the proposals and submit no comments at this stage.

199/16 Request for Speed Limit Restriction:

Members were asked to consider a verbal proposal from Cllr M Jones for the Town Council to formally request that Highways reconsider a previous request that the

current 30mph restriction on Abergele Road to be extended as far as Highlands Road, due to the increase in dwellings along that stretch of road.

Resolved to recommend that the Council writes to Highways to formally request that the 30mph zone be extended up Abergele Road to its junction with Highlands Road.

200/16 Proposed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:

The Clerk submitted, for information, an update from Darren Millar AM.

201/16 Parliamentary Constituency Review:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, notice of the initial proposals in respect of the parliamentary constituency review.

Resolved to recommend that the proposals be received and noted.

202/16 Planning Aid Wales Community Engagement Network Event:

- a. The Clerk and Cllr G Baker gave a verbal report following their attendance at a recent half day workshop event.

It was noted that several towns in Wales had now adopted town plans (now being referred to as Place Plans) and these were being used as Case Studies to help encourage others. A representative from the Welsh Government had been present and some of the challenges around getting plans adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance (so that they carry weight alongside the LDP) were discussed. It was noted that all interested parties needed to be involved in the process, including the town/community council, local planning authority and developers, for the plans to be meaningful and assist in informing future development and prioritising use of community infrastructure levy monies. The Welsh Government had removed the statutory footing of place plans from the recent Planning Bill and had not issued any guidance on how they should be prepared and what they should include. It was noted that Mold's Town Plan will have cost in excess of £40,000 in consultancy fees by the time it is adopted. Welshpool's had been created 'in house' for a much lesser cost, but the Council has much greater staffing resources and an ex Surveyor / Town Planner as a Clerk. It was further noted that CCBC had submitted details to the Welsh Government of the software that had been developed to assist with the community engagement for the Abergele Place Plan and that this could potentially be rolled out for use across Conwy and/or Wales.

Resolved to note the report and await further guidance from the CCBC Strategic Planning Officer and/or the Welsh Government.

- b. The Clerk submitted, for information, copies of several recent articles on the neighbourhood planning process in England.

203/16 Colwyn Victoria Pier:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following a recent meeting between representatives from CVPT, the Town Council and the CCBC Pier Board. It was noted that the main outcomes of the meeting had been:

- a. That CCBC would be submitting an application before the end of the year for the substantial demolition of the Pier, with proposals to retain/repair a short length of boardwalk to the extent of the existing 1970's building (which would be removed), together with the stanchions to demonstrate the extent of the former Pier.
- b. That CCBC has now agreed for the Royal Commission to have access to the Pier to carry out a detailed measured survey of all its components,, providing that its access protocol is adhered to.
- c. That CCBC will provide a letter to the Trust to aim to clarify the 'twin-track' approach, as the continuing efforts by CCBC to seek permission to substantially demolish the Pier have made it difficult for the Trust to obtain any grant funding to progress its own redevelopment proposals.

It was queried who would pay for the demolition and shortened boardwalk and it was noted that this expenses would fall entirely on local taxpayers.

Resolved to note the report and await further developments.

d. Other Correspondence:

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

- i. Minutes of the OC(E)RA meeting, held on 14.9.16.
- ii. Colwyn BID Newsletter – Sept 2016

204/16 Planning:

- a. Members considered 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.***
- c. ***Resolved to receive notice of an Appeal in respect of application 0/42812***
- d. ***Resolved to receive and note a consultation on Colwyn Bay Conservation Area Management Plan SPG.***

205/16 Licensing:

Resolved to receive notice of several recent licensing applications in the Bay of Colwyn area.

The Meeting Closed at 7.40 p.m.

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