

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 25TH 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

218/16 Apologies for Absence

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

219/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

220/16 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 4th October 2016.*
- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the Draft Minutes of the Bonfire Sub-Committee meeting held on 11th October.*

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, advising members of the need to change firework suppliers at short notice, due to the previous contractor having problems securing public liability insurance and arranging required training for fire station staff. An alternative supplier had now been secured and would be attending a site meeting later this week with the fire service, prior to providing the necessary risk assessment and insurance documentation.

221/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. **Min. 112/16(c) – Welshpool Town Council:**

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Council's budget and several of the slides from a recent presentation given by the Welshpool Town Clerk at a SLCC event, giving an indication of the range of services delivered. It was noted that devolution of services and asset transfer is happening across Wales, but has progressed quicker in some counties than in others. The large and rural nature of Powys may be one reason why devolution has happened more quickly there, together with the willingness of the Town Council to increase its precept to provide more services locally. Cllr L Griffiths informed members that Welshpool had consulted with local residents and they were happy to pay a higher precept to maintain and improve local services, such as the tourist information and public

conveniences. Grants were also being received from Powys CC towards the costs involved.

The Clerk advised members that she was making efforts to try and rekindle regular meetings between Conwy CBC and its town and community councils, to keep us better informed about any future changes to service delivery which may impact on our local communities. Regular communication is vitally important if we are to have time to consider alternative delivery models to prevent future cuts to local services. Concern was also expressed that many people qualify for council tax exemptions and would have no hesitation supporting increases in the precept, whilst it didn't affect them.

Resolved to receive and note the information about services in Welshpool and await an update from the Clerk regarding improving communication with Conwy CBC.

b. Min 112/16(c) – One Voice Wales Conference:

It was noted that Cllr S Williams was not able to attend and that Cllr Roy attended in his place and will be reporting back to the Policy & Finance Committee.

c. Min. 196/16 – Rhos Promenade:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a response from Mr Vic Turner, CCBC declining the Council's request for a re-deployable CCTV camera to be used at Rhos Promenade to monitor the safety of pedestrians.

Resolved to request that the Clerk contacts the CCTV Control Room to enquire if they would be willing to place a re-deployable camera in the area to monitor the number and frequency of near misses and minor incidents involving pedestrians on the footpath alongside the beach/harbour area.

222/16 Conwy CBC:

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

a. Temporary Traffic Regulations:

- i.** A one way system on Colwyn Bay Promenade until 30th November.
- ii.** Llanrwst Road, from the junction with Victoria Park to Oak Drive for carriageway resurfacing (5/12 to 8/12).

b. Communities First: Notification that the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children is minded to phase out the Communities First programme and establish a new approach, but that a period of engagement will take place before any decision is reached.

c. Request for letter of support from Venue Cymru, which is seeking Arts Council for Wales funding to continue some of its community outreach projects, including Inspire Days and educational links.

Resolved to authorise the Clerk to send a letter of support on behalf of the Council.

d. Consultation on Proposed 20 mph zones outside schools:

Resolved to support and welcome the proposals for 20mph zones outside several of our local schools.

e. Colwyn Bay Promenade Consultative Group:

Notice of next meeting, to be held on 7th November.

223/16 Colwyn Bay War Memorial:

- a.** It was noted that this year's Service of Remembrance will take place at 11am on 11th November and the Remembrance Sunday parade and Service will take place at 10:30am on Sunday 13th November.

It was further noted that details of the Service in Old Colwyn will be forwarded to local ward members in due course.

- b.** To receive notice of an additional service to remember the contributions of women to the war effort during the First World War.

224/16 Other Correspondence:

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

- a.** Minutes of the OC(E)RA meeting, held on 12.10.16.
b. St Kentigern Hospice 5 Year Strategy – 2016-2021

225/16 Planning:

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

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

- b.** The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.
- c.** The Clerk submitted notice of an Appeal Hearing in respect of application 0/42812.
- d.** Cllrs N Bastow and C Wood gave a brief verbal report on the site visit held in respect of the proposed 3G pitch in Eirias Park. It was noted that the application had been approved by the Planning Committee.

- e. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a pre-application consultation in respect of the Imperial Hotel site.

Members generally welcomed the application, which it was felt would protect and bring back into use a prominent local building, along with providing additional ground floor retail space and generating greater footfall in the town centre.

- f. **Licensing:**

The Clerk submitted notice of any licensing applications registered by CCBC over the past three weeks.

The meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.

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