

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Williams, Vice Chairman  
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones,  
J Pearson, C Wood

**OFFICER:** Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

**242/16 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: N Bastow, Mrs L Edwards and R Foreman.

**243/16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**244/16 Minutes:**

*Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, subject to the addition of the amount of the Band 'D' precept at Welshpool Town Council.*

**245/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a. **Min. 70/16(g) – Centenary Fields – Queen’s Gardens:** An email update from Fields in Trust was noted.
- b. **Min 222/16(a)(i) – Emergency one way extension – Colwyn Bay Promenade:**

An email was submitted confirming the expected duration of the lane closure/one way system on the Promenade (until March 2017).

*Resolved to write to Conwy CBC to advise them that the works are having a negative impact on Rhos on Sea traders and to request consideration and advice is given via ROSTA eg: discounted rates if traders can prove business interruption. It was noted that evidence would be required.*

- c. **Min. 147/16(h) – Car Parking Asset Strategy Review:** The clerk submitted the interim report No 2 from the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, confirming that charges will apply from 10am to 4pm on Colwyn Bay Promenade.

*Resolved to recommend that the Council writes to Conwy CBC to recommend charges also apply in Porth Eirias car park, except for permit holders, otherwise this will be permanently full and spaces will not be available for watersports / restaurant customers.*

- d. **Min 199/16 – Extension of 30mph zone:** It was noted that Conwy CBC were unable to extend zone as there has not been a significant change to accesses directly onto Abergele Road since last review of all speed limits.

**246/16 Conwy CBC:**

The following correspondence from CCBC was received and considered:

**a. Meeting of Bay Life Officer Group:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the current VVP activities and it was noted that a one year transition programme is expected for the period April 2017 to March 2018, until the Welsh Government launches its replacement funding programme. A brief update was also given on the review of the town centre elements of the Masterplan. Architects impressions are being worked on for four themes: arrival and orientation, engaging public spaces, car parks/environment and a town green. These are likely to be discussed at the next Strategic Board meeting and it is hoped that a public consultation will follow early next year. Plans by Arriva Trains Wales to upgrade Colwyn Bay station were also discussed and many felt this was a missed opportunity, as funding was only available for minor alterations and redecoration and not a total overhaul, like in Llandudno.

**b. New Office Accommodation Building:**

The Clerk submitted a Notice of Bowmer and Kirkland's application for a one way system around the new office site. This was noted by members.

**c. Traffic Regulataions:**

The Clerk submitted the draft Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order 2016 covering amendments to parking restrictions in various roads in Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn/Rhos on Sea. These were noted by members.

**d. Active Travel Routes:**

A letter was submitted regarding Active Travel Routes and members were encouraged to look at their own wards/areas and comment (on-line) where necessary.

**e. Colwyn Bay Promenade Consultative Group:**

Cllr Bagnall delivered a verbal report covering the following items discussed at the recent meeting:

The Waterfront Project is looking at 3 more phases: The Toad to the start of the breakwater, Rhos Harbour to Rhos Point and Porth Eirias to Old Colwyn. Proposals for the Pier include a short boardwalk only (to the start of old theatre)

Cllr Bagnall was thanked for attending and giving his report.

**247/16 Community Health Council:**

The Clerk submitted a copy of the review of the National Standards for the Community Health Councils. This was noted by members.

**248/16 Ageing Well in Wales Event:**

It was noted that Cllr G Baker had been unable to attend.

*Resolved to ask Cllr S Roy if she has any report to submit on the event.*

Cllr G Baker informed colleagues that the ageing well team were working with Conwy CBC (Wellbeing Officer) and Rhos Traders on a project to establish a dementia friendly shopping area in Rhos on Sea.

The Clerk advised members that the November 2016 Newsletter was available on request.

**249/16 Noticeboard Rhos on Sea:**

Members were asked to consider the preferred location for a new community notice board in Rhos on Sea (Dinerth Road area). The sites of Dinerth Stores and the Co-op were considered, with each having different advantages. It was noted that the Town Council should consider the needs of local residents (tax-payers) and not businesses when reaching a decision.

*Resolved to submit pre- application planning enquiry regarding a possible noticeboard outside Dinerth Stores (to check if planning permission would be required) and to ask Town and County Councillors for Dinarth Ward for views on the best location.*

**250/16 BT Consultation:**

The Clerk submitted a consultation regarding the removal of a number of Payphones identified by BT across the County, including three in the Bay of Colwyn area. It was noted that very few phone calls had been made from these boxes during the past year and it was no longer cost effective to retain them. The Clerk also submitted an email and letter notifying of suspension/extension of the current payphone removal consultation, due to the required to post the public consultation notices in the payphones bilingually. Members understood the reasons for the proposals, as the usage of most of the identified payphones was very low. The Consultation and letter were therefore noted by members.

**251/16 Theatr Colwyn Joint Management Committee:**

It was noted that a meeting of the Committee had been held recently but that no report was available.

*Resolved that the Clerk would contact Cllr D Griffiths and Cllr N Bastow to request a report be submitted at the next Committee Meeting.*

The Committee was informed that Cllr Chris Hughes had been appointed as the new Chair for 2016/17, on behalf of CCBC.

**252/16 Natural Resources Wales:**

The Clerk submitted information sheets about the issues NRW does and does not deal with. These were noted by members.

**253/16 Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales:**

The Clerk submitted the updated Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice document in respect of the forthcoming boundary reviews. This, including the draft timetable for the Conwy review (commencing in Q2 2017) was noted by members.

**254/16 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 09.11.16.
- b. Email of congratulations from North Wales Police re: Bonfire Night.
- c. Conwy Youth Service – Autumn Newsletter
- d. Play for Wales Issue 47 – Autumn 2016.

*- Cllr Lindsay Griffiths retired from the meeting at this juncture.*

**255/16 Planning:**

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

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

**256/16** The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.

***Resolved to receive and note the planning decisions.***

**257/16** The Clerk submitted a consultation letter re: supplementary Planning Guidance LDP40 – Trees and Development.

***Resolved to email a copy to Cllr Jeff Pearson (Tree Warden) and to delegate authority to the Clerk, following consultation with Cllr Pearson, to submit any comments to planning.***

**258/16 Licensing:** The Clerk submitted notice of any licensing applications registered by CCBC over the past three weeks.

The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

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