

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

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

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

304/16 Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed all to their first meeting of 2017 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Foreman.

305/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

306/16 Minutes:

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

307/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 283/16(b) – Queens Gardens:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report from the meeting held earlier today with Cllr S Williams, Tom Gravett and Phil Vipond (CCBC):

It was noted that a plaque has been ordered to explain the designation of the gardens as a Fields in Trust ‘Centenary Field’ but its location and mounting is yet to be finalised (TG and PV were visiting the gardens after the meeting to look at options). It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a small-scale unveiling ceremony with accompanying press release to raise awareness of the designation of the gardens and the work of Fields in Trust. The Clerk had informed the others that the Town Council is considering having a small event in the Gardens to raise a flag to mark Commonwealth Day (13th March) and that it may be possible to combine both events. A working group has been set up to discuss ideas for Commonwealth Day and a meeting is due to take place next week.

Resolved to note the report and await more detailed proposals from CCBC and the Commonwealth Day Working Group.

b. Min. 284/16(f) – Play Equipment:

The Clerk submitted a response regarding the expenditure on play equipment for 2016/17 and it was noted that a further update will follow in due course.

308/16 Conwy CBC:

The following correspondence from CCBC was received and considered:

a. Bay Life Strategic Management Board meeting:

Cllr W Bagnall submitted a written report from the last Board meeting, held on 19th December 2016. A discussion ensued about the Masterplan review, the damaged culvert in Eirias Park and two identified ‘hubs’ in the town, one in the Douglas Road area and one on Abergele Road around Stermats/Cambrian photography. One member queried what had happened to the Rhos Plan, developed in 2007?

Resolved to receive the report and await further information/consultation on proposed revisions to the town centre elements of the Colwyn Bay Masterplan.

Further resolved to request a copy of the Rhos Plan (2007?) and query whether there are any proposals or timescales to progress any elements within this.

b. Bus Shelters:

It was noted that information is still awaited from CCBC (Gethin George) on the committed expenditure to date and the remaining budget, but members were asked to consider a request for £500 from this budget, providing there are sufficient funds remaining, towards the cost of replacing the damaged/removed shelter on Llandudno Road (opp Dinerth Road).

Resolved to approve the request for £500 towards the replacement shelter for Llandudno Road, providing there are sufficient funds remaining in the budget for 2016/17.

c. Conway Road Bus Stop:

Notice of a temporary relocation during the accommodation construction works, after which the bus stop and a new bus shelter will be provided.

309/16 Welsh Government:

a. National Development Framework (NDF):

Members noted the commencement of work on the NDF and considered sending up to two representatives to an engagement event on 7th February to find out more about it.

Resolved that Cllr B Bagnall and the Clerk attend and report back.

b. Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the guidance and consultation document. It was commented that the process and guidance for considering transport projects makes sense, in principal, but some reservations were expressed about the cost/bureaucracy involved if it has to be used for smaller projects / minor changes.

Resolved to receive and note the guidance.

c. Rhos Point Re-development: ~

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, correspondence from Colwyn Bay Heritage Group, via Cllr D Griffiths, raising concerns about the possible loss of the old toll house, which is all that remains of the former Rhos Pier, during any proposed redevelopment of Rhos Point. It was noted that the CCBC development brief may refer to its retention being 'desirable', but that the Colwyn Bay Heritage Group (CBHG) feels that its retention/protection should be essential and a requirement of any redevelopment of the site.

It was noted that Mr Creber (CBHG) has recently spoken to Alan Sharp, CCBC, to make him aware of the request sent to local councillors and explain the reasons for it.

Resolved to recommend that the Town Council writes to Alan Sharp / Bay Life Office to support the request made by Colwyn Bay Heritage Group.

310/16 Penrhyn Bay Surgery:

Members were asked to consider a proposal to request an update from the Penrhyn Bay Surgery, following reports that the situation there has worsened and no new GPs have yet been recruited. It was noted that the Town Council has limited powers to directly assist the surgery, but would have the option of referring any ongoing concerns to the Primary Care team at the Health Board (BCUHB) and/or the Community Health Council.

Resolved to write to both the Penrhyn Bay surgery and Cadwgan Surgery to ask for an update, following their attendance at the Council meeting last September.

311/16 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes of an OC(E)RA meeting, held on 14th December.
- b. Tramway Society newsletter – December 2016
- c. Welsh Ambulance Services Network News – Winter 2016.

312/16 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC during the past three weeks.

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. It was noted that the full consultation document re: LDP35 – Safeguarding Employment Sites will be included with the next agenda.

313/16 Licensing:

The Clerk submitted notice of one licensing application, relating to a refit at the Co-op in Old Colwyn.

Resolved to receive and note details of any recent licensing applications.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

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