

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 APRIL 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

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

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Miss L Austin, Administrative Assistant

413/16 Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Foreman.

414/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

415/16 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th March 2017.

416/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(a) Min 363/16 – Picnic Benches:

The Clerk submitted, for information, a request from the CCBC Events Team to relocate the picnic benches slightly, to provide an events space (CCBC to cover costs of this). It was noted that no further response had been received about the steel plates.

The correspondence was received and noted.

(b) Min. 400/16(e) – Planning Aid Wales:

Cllr S Williams gave a brief verbal report on the recent Planning Aid Wales course that he attended with Cllrs M Jones, G Baker and J Pearson on 28th March 2017. He thought the training session was an insightful event; and that Planning Aid Wales and the Welsh Government are trying to give the community a voice. It was discussed what developers need to do more of (the minimum is not good enough!) and that there was a need to raise the bar. Work is being done to encourage developers to treat this as an important stage in the Planning process.

Cllr G Baker informed the Committee that, due to extensive consultation, the new Council offices in Colwyn Bay had only had 4 objections. This demonstrates the benefit of thorough pre-application consultation. As consultations were only required in developments of 10+ houses, some fear had been expressed that developers may try

to get around the requirement for pre-application consultation by building only nine properties, or applying for permission in phases of nine or less for larger sites.

Cllr S Williams was thanked for his report.

(c) Bus Shelter Maintenance:

The Clerk submitted email correspondence from Gethin George, CCBC, confirming that the bus shelter maintenance works, requested by the Town Council last year, will be carried out during the first 2 weeks of May 2017 and all works completed by 20th May.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

(d) All-ability Roundabout in Rhos-on-Sea:

The Clerk submitted an email, received from a member of the public, in appreciation of the all-ability roundabout in Rhos on Sea.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

417/16 Conwy CBC: The Clerk submitted the following correspondence from CCBC:

(a) Temporary Traffic regulation – Abergele Road lay-by, Old Colwyn.

The Clerk submitted email correspondence from County Cllrs C Carlisle, B Cossey and B Squire regarding the parking prohibition. The committee queried the reason for the closure and discussed whether the length of the parking prohibition, at 12 months, was excessive.

Resolved to write to CCBC requesting information on the reason for, and the length of, the parking prohibition.

(b) Bay Life Strategic Management Board:

Cllr W Bagnall submitted a written report from the last meeting of the Bay Life Strategic Management Board, held on 22nd March. It was noted that the new 'tag line' for Colwyn Bay will be 'Culture Colwyn'. The Waterfront Project will have one permanent kiosk, with temporary vans allowed. Letters spelling out 'COLWYN' will feature on one headland. The next phase of waterfront improvements will be the Old Colwyn end of the Promenade, which requires talks between Network Rail (who own the land to the sea) and the Highways department at the Welsh Assembly, as the works will need to protect the railway and A55.

The one-way system by the Toad Hall will be removed by the 7th April. The RSL Strategic Purchases/Space for Living project will involve buildings by the Park Hotel being demolished, when a traffic system will be put in place and the pavement closed off.

Resolved to write to CCBC to request the works be completed during the school holidays to avoid congestion in the town.

Resolved to receive and note the report.

417/16 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following correspondence:

(a) Deeside Corridor Improvement Consultation.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

(b) Policy Discussion to improve bus services in Wales.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

418/16 Raynes Quarry:

Cllr M Jones read out the Quarry Managers report received from the meeting held on 31st March 2017, which confirmed that in 2016, 56 ships containing 162,855 tonnes of aggregate were loaded. Total tonnage extracted and sold in 2016 was approximately 342,000 tonnes down on the previous year. It was reported that there had been a good start to 2017. Less explosives are being used and electronic detonation devices are being used instead to minimise vibration, noise and inconvenience to local residents. A new assistant manager has been appointed– a Rhos on Sea resident. The quarry hopes to maintain staffing levels for the 12 months ahead and no issues were reported with dust, pollution or concerns from local residents.

Resolved to receive and note the quarry manager's report.

419/16 Tree Charter:

The Clerk submitted correspondence regarding the Tree Charter and asked members to consider if the Town Council should register as a 'Charter branch'. This involves, as a minimum, signing up to receive free copies of the Charter's newspaper. However, it could also involve gathering support and obtaining funding for projects and activities around trees. It was noted that the Town's coat of arms includes a large oak tree and it would therefore be appropriate to show support form projects involving our local trees.

Resolved to recommend that the Town Council registers Colwyn Bay as a 'Charter branch' and supports any local projects involving protection or enhancement of trees.

420/16 Other Correspondence:

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

(a) Newsletter Colwyn BID March 2017

(b) Llandudno and Colwyn Bay Tramway Society Newsletter March 2017

(c) CVSC News – Spring 2017

421/16 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) Planning Decisions issued by CCBC:

Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 27/02/17 – 26/03/17.

(c) Notice of appeals in respect of applications 0/43453 & 0/43346 – 23 Hesketh Road and the Footpath on B5113, Llanrwst Road opposite Sunningdale Avenue, Colwyn Bay and members were asked to consider whether they wished the Clerk to submit any comments/objections.

Resolved to write to support the CCBC Planning Committee's decision to refuse application 0/43453 (23 Hesketh Road) based on grounds noted in the decision letter and to note the appeal in respect of 0/43346 (no objections submitted).

(d) Appeal Decision in respect of 0/43292 – Spar, 12 Abergele Road

Resolved to receive and note the Appeal Decision.

422/16 Licensing:

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of four licensing applications received in relation to the Creative Rhos event to be held on 29th April 2017.

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

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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