

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllrs: G Baker, Vice-Chairman (Chairman)
Cllrs: B Barton; D Bradley; C Brockley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones; J Pearson (Mayor & Tree Warden); M Tasker; S Williams (Dep. Mayor); M Worth

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Gethin George, Conwy County Borough Council

366/17 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Cllr N Bastow, and from Cllr C Matthews.

367/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

368/17 Visitor to the Committee:

The Chairman welcomed Gethin George, CCBC, to the meeting to provide more information about the recent bus service consultation. Gethin explained that the results of the survey were not yet available and offered to respond to any questions or concerns that members may have.

An open question and answer session ensued with questions/comments about the following: what routes may be affected (mainly those receiving subsidies from CCBC, although it has been recognised that many of the current routes are historical ones and may not now be relevant/required); whether the results of the survey will be publicised widely (they will need to go through due political process before a 3 year plan is established); what the current level of subsidy is (approximately £800,000, with some Welsh Government grant funding); which routes are subsidised (those with a line under in the timetable book, some are fully funded and others have subsidy at quieter times only, e.g. evenings and Sundays); whether Arriva have a time limited license (no, it is an open market); whether there is a budget for the amount of savings to be made (no – will be looking at best case and worst case scenarios); flaws with the design of the survey, e.g. giving the impression you could only comment on one service (some elements were redesigned part way through to improve it); people generally struggled with the online form, including young people; how many responses (753 across a broad age range – county wide but with most being from Colwyn Bay and Llandudno areas); lack of awareness e.g. at college (focus groups were run with the youth council and at 2 high schools); publicity about sessions at libraries being misleading; lack of notice and/or information about local sessions and locations of these, e.g. one being at one end of a route but no session at the other end;

comments that the consultation had been poor.

Gethin was then thanked for attending and he retired from the meeting.

369/17 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 20th February 2018.

370/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Min. 317/17(b) – Law Commission, Planning Law Consultation:

The Clerk submitted an acknowledgement from the Law Commission.

Resolved to thank Cllr Barton for his assistance in formulating the response.

b) Min.317/17(d) – Town Council Website:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following a meeting with John Fotios on 1st March. It was noted that John is a website developer and had previously maintained the Town Council website when he worked for the Town Council. He confirmed that he considered two days work to update the theme to an adaptive one to be a fair estimate, based on his knowledge of the site and the amount of bespoke design elements it contains. It was noted that the Clerk is attending a One Voice Wales Innovative Practice conference at the end of this month and will be attending a session about innovative websites, to see if any additional changes to the site may be beneficial, whilst it is being updated.

Cllr Brockley offered to carry out the work to update the theme for the existing site free of charge.

Resolved to thank Cllr Brockley for his offer and await a further report from the Clerk, after the OVW event.

c) Underpass to Pier:

It was noted that a response is still awaited from Oliver Edwards, CCBC.

d) Min 350/17(a) – CVSC Playing Out:

The Clerk submitted confirmation of the playing out sessions booked for summer 2018 and members were asked to consider a suggestion that the Tan y Lan provision be moved to Wynn Gardens, due to lower than average attendance figures last summer. Concern was expressed that there are a lot of families in the vicinity of the Tan y Lan play area and there may be complaints/concerns if the long standing play provision is moved from there. It was felt that better promotion of the play opportunities, via social media, local noticeboards and local schools, may help to boost attendance.

Resolved to write to confirm that the Council would like to retain the provision at Tan y Lan this year and to suggest alternative methods of promotion.

e) Cycle Racks – Rhos on Sea:

The Clerk circulated photos showing the completion of the re-siting of seven of the cycle racks from the Promenade.

371/17 Conwy CBC:

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

a) Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulations at:

- (i) Hillside Road Rear Alley (14-15/3)
- (ii) The Close (14/3)
- (iii) York Road (14-16/3)
- (iv) Ivy Street Car park (25-26/3)

b) Bus Shelters: A brief update on the two new shelters from Gethin George.

c) Memorandum of Understanding regarding Child Burial Fees.

372/17 Town and Community Council Independent Review Panel:

Cllrs J Pearson and S Williams gave a verbal report on the recent engagement event in Caernarfon. It was noted that the four questions circulated by the Panel had been put to those attending to discuss in their groups. Some of the things discussed included planning, parking charges/car parks, toilets, speed limits, communication issues (with County Councils), community engagement, councillor training. Feedback is awaited in due course.

373/17 Keep Wales Tidy:

The Clerk submitted correspondence about ways that town and community councils could work with Keep Wales Tidy. It was noted that the new dog mess / anti-litter campaign that the Council has commenced, in partnership with CCBC, was one of the suggestions put forward.

A discussion then took place regarding beach clean-ups. It was noted that several of these take place during the year, possibly organised by a number of different groups, and that it may be useful to have/share a forward calendar to encourage greater community involvement.

Resolved to request that all Members advise the office staff if they become aware of any beach litter picks / clean-ups. These can then be added to the Council's events calendar, so that a full year summary will eventually be available and any gaps will be more apparent.

374/17 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that there were no additional items (for information only).

375/17 Planning:

- a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications notified by CCBC.

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

- b) Notice of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC was received.

- c) The Clerk submitted notice of a consultation on Edition 10 of Planning Policy Wales (draft PPW available via online link – 154 pages). Some concern was expressed that this consultation might be premature, given that the Law Commission's consultation on planning law in Wales has only recently closed.

Resolved to submit this observation/query, together with a copy of the response sent to the Law Commission. Further resolved to defer any more detailed response until members had had the opportunity to read the draft document.

- d) The withdrawal of application 0/44729 – High Lawns, Rhos on Sea, was noted.

376/17 Licensing:

There was no notice of any licensing applications.

The Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

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