

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 29TH MAY 2018, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr S Williams
Cllr G Baker, Chairman (see min.28/18)
Cllrs: B Barton; N Bastow; D Bradley; C Brockley; Mrs M Jones; J Pearson (Tree Warden); C Matthews; M Tasker

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

28/18 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2018/19

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr N Bastow, took the Chair and invited nominations for the office of Chairman of the Committee for 2018/19. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Glenys Baker be elected as Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Cllr Baker was unanimously elected as Chairman of the General Purpose and Planning Committee for 2018/19.

Cllr G Baker took the Chair and called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2018/19. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Bob Barton be elected as Vice-Chairman. It was also proposed and seconded that Cllr Chris Brockley be elected as Vice-Chairman. A secret ballot then took place, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Cllr Chris Brockley was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2018/19, by a majority of 6 votes to 4.

29/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Campbell and M Worth.

30/18 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct for Officers, the Clerk declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications 0/45073 and 0/45132, which affect her neighbours' properties.

31/18 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 1st May 2018.

32/18 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Min. 429/17(b)– Local Democracy and Boundary Commission:

Resolved to recommend that the following response is sent to the Commission regarding its proposals for Conwy County:

Having carefully considered the proposals of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission, the Bay of Colwyn Town Council strongly objects to the proposed reduction from 4 councillors to 3 councillors for Llandrillo-yn-Rhos Ward. This would result in a ratio of councillors to electors of 1 : 1,999, based on 2017 electorate figures, which would be the highest ratio in the whole County. Although it may be classed as urban ward, by nature of its dense population, it also has one of the highest percentages of older residents of any ward in North Wales, and in our experience it is the older residents in our communities who take up more of the time of, and need more individual support from, our elected members. This should be taken into account by the Commission when making any final decision. We therefore request that the number of councillors for Llandrillo-yn-Rhos remains at 4, giving a much more acceptable ratio of 1 : 1,499, which is only 9.4% below the proposed County average (or 7.7% below, if the number of County Councillors, as a result, becomes 55).

b) Min. 41/17(b) – Youth Engagement:

It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr A Kealey are meeting with the Head of Conwy's Youth Service in June and will report back in due course on the potential for setting up a Colwyn Youth Action / Youth Forum type group.

c) Min. 410/17 – BBQ Stand for Picnic Area:

It was noted that the Clerk had recently attended a site meeting with a representative from Conwy CBC and that agreement has been given, in principle, to site a BBQ stand next to the electronic scoreboard, adjacent to western end of the picnic area. A 'minimal' charge would need to be levied for the weekly emptying of the bin and the amount of this would be advised shortly.

Resolved to authorise the Clerk to proceed with the three/four week trial, whilst costs for the bin emptying are received/negotiated.

d) Min. 411/17 – WG Review Pop-In Sessions:

It was noted that two drop-in events had been held at the Town Hall on 24th May. Attendance had been very low, despite publicity via e-mail, facebook and twitter, but around 12 responses will be submitted to the Welsh Government.

Resolved to thank the Members that had volunteered to assist with these sessions.

33/18 Conwy CBC:

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

- a) The Minutes of Cabinet (8th May), which include information on the Welsh Government's Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme, the proposed Local Area Fora and confirmation of the approval of the 'spend to save' project for the CCTV Digital Upgrade (supported by £30,000 from the Town Council over a 2 year period).
- b) Conwy Housing Strategy 2018-2023 and Local Housing Market Needs Assessment: Members received and noted the draft strategy, which it was felt adequately identified/addressed the current housing issues in this area.
- c) Community Environment Days: Details of the schedule for 2018/19.
- d) New Council Offices: A copy of the latest newsletter.
- e) Rhos Promenade: The Clerk tabled a copy of the initial draft plans for road/footway/cycleway improvements at Rhos Promenade and confirmed payment of the previously agreed contribution of the Town Council (£5,200) towards this work.

Resolved to place this item on the next agenda of the Committee for further discussion/comment.

- f) Bay Life Officer Group: The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following receipt of the minutes of the recent meeting that she had been unable to attend.

34/18 Welsh Government:

- a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation on the National Development Framework Issues, Options and Preferred Option. Cllr B Barton gave a brief verbal report on a workshop session he had attended last November, at which the consensus had been reached that no one individual option was any more important than the others. This seems to have been the general consensus, given the new preferred option (5) which is a combination of the previous four options.

Resolved to recommend that the Council agrees with the preferred Option, as outlined in the consultation paper.

- b) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation on proposals to temporarily dis-apply paragraph 6.2 of TAN 1, in recognition that 19 out of 25 local planning authorities are currently unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply, resulting in an increase in speculative planning applications for housing.

Resolved to recommend that the proposal be supported.

35/18 Notice Boards and Benches:

The Clerk requested verbal feedback from members on the quarterly inspections of street furniture (notice boards) and updated the inspection report accordingly.

36/18 Revive & Thrive:

Cllr S Williams gave a brief verbal report on the recent 'Considering a Town's Vitality and making Sure it's Sustainable' event, held in Whitchurch. It was noted that Whitchurch did not have a BID and so the Town Council had to work much more proactively in engaging with local businesses. A digital marketing campaign was underway to try to increase footfall. Previous efforts some years ago to do something similar in Colwyn Bay, via a shared web portal, had failed due to lack of business support.

A brief discussion ensued about the Colwyn BID, with recognition that this is working better in some areas (Rhos and Mochdre) than in Colwyn Bay and Old Colwyn. It was recognised that more needs to be done to try to engage local businesses in the BID, even if it doesn't continue after the initial five year term. The Clerk advised members that the BID Manager had recently left and her support officer would be taking up this post shortly.

Cllr Williams advised members that engaging with local businesses would be a priority for him during his year as Mayor and that he would be happy to have an informal chat with local businesses in an effort to find out what their issues are.

Resolved to accept the report from Cllr Williams and await a report back in due course.

37/18 Raynes Quarry Liaison Group:

Cllr Merrill Jones gave a brief verbal report from the meeting held on 18th May, confirming the number of ships loaded during the past year and the company's response to some concerns about the noise from blasting. It was noted that meetings would be held twice yearly in future.

38/18 Wales & West Utilities:

Members were asked to consider the need for a representative to attend the regional community workshop in Llandudno on 11th June.

Resolved that Cllr J Pearson will attend and report back.

39/18 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that the following items are available on request from the Clerk:

- a) Old Colwyn Residents Association – Minutes of meeting held on 9th May 2018
- b) Play for Wales Spring 2018 – Issue 50

40/18 Planning:

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

Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as outlined in Schedule

'A' attached.

The Clerk retired from the meeting during the discussion regarding application 0/45132, having declared a personal/prejudicial interest.

- b) The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC.

Resolved to receive and note the recent planning decisions.

- c) It was noted that a planning appeal had been lodged in respect of application 0/43938..

- d) It was noted that some amended plans had been lodged in respect of application 0/45028 and that a number of local residents had submitted objections.

Resolved to:

- (i) *Add this application to the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee, for further consideration.*
(ii) *Request that the Clerk contacts the Planning Office to query why the Town Council is not informed when amended plans are submitted.*

41/18 Licensing:

The Clerk submitted/tabled notice of a number of licensing applications. It was noted that the TENS relating to Rhos Pirate Weekend will be considered by the Rhos traders at a meeting later this week.

Resolved to receive and note the listing of licensing applications.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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