

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Cllr S Williams  
Cllr G Baker, Chairman  
Cllrs: B Barton; N Bastow (Dep Mayor); C Brockley; Mrs M Jones; J Pearson (Tree Warden); C Matthews; M Tasker; M Worth

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

**226/18 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G Campbell and D Bradley.

**227/18 Declarations of Interest:**

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

Cllr C Matthews declared a personal interest in item 12(d) (notification of a Pre-application Planning Consultation event), as a Board Member of Cartrefi Conwy.

**228/18 Minutes:**

*Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

**229/18 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**a) Min.181/18 (c) – Hesketh Road Bus Shelter:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update, following a conversation with a colleague of Gethin George's, Conwy CBC, earlier today. It was noted that Gethin had not thought it possible that CCBC could make a claim for the damaged shelter, as they didn't have any of the bus shelters insured. The Clerk had explained that the claim would be made against the insurance policy of the driver/vehicle involved in the incident, if these details could be obtained.

*Resolved to request that CCBC follow this up with NW Police, to ascertain if a claim could be made against the vehicle/driver involved in the incident.*

**b) Min. 181/18(b) – Welsh Water Works in Rhos on Sea:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of a letter sent to local residents summarising the location and dates of road closures during the works and it was noted that a workaround has been agreed for the annual Rotary Tree of Lights event.

c) **Min. 210/18 – Building Communities Trust, Invest Local:**

The Clerk responded verbally to the question raised at the last meeting, explaining that ten wards (including Glyn) had been specifically targeted by the National Lottery, under the Building Communities Trust: Invest Local project, for funding intervention. This was due to the relatively low level of past lottery funding applications from these wards and the position of the ward in the Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation. The fund was not open to any other wards to apply to.

**230/18 Conwy CBC:**

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence from CCBC:

- a) Disabled Person's Parking Places Order 2018, to include proposals for new disabled parking bays at Appleton Court, Hillside Road, Cadwgan Road, Grove Park, Penrhyn Avenue and Winston Close and revocation of bays at Winston Close and St David's Road.
- b) The Clerk tabled responses from Tom Gravett, CCBC, and Bill McMillan, on behalf of the Old Colwyn Conservation and Environment Federation, who had applied to the Town Council for grant funding for the replacement bridge. It was noted that the Federation is still trying to find a way of meeting the conflicting requirements of both CCBC and Natural Resources Wales in respect of the design of the replacement bridge. Mr McMillan hopes to be able to come up with a suitable compromise solution on paper and get approval from both CCBC and NRW before seeking any quotations for its construction. As any in-stream works to support the walls can only take place between April and October, it was noted that no further progress can be made until next year.
- c) Colwyn Bay Market:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on conversations she had had with Rob Dix, CCBC (Bay Life), with regards to the future management of the market now that Ingrid Lewis's post had been made redundant. The Mayor, Cllr S Williams, also reported on a conversation he had had with Mr Dix and Mrs Jane Richardson, Strategic Director for Economy and Place, CCBC, where he had reported that local businesses had raised concerns about the lack of interest and investment in the market. It had been suggested, as a result of these discussions, that the Town Council and Colwyn BID might want to work together to seek to improve/expand the weekly street market, to trial holding featured markets (e.g. antiques, street food, youth markets etc) to help bring more shoppers into the town centre on a regular basis. Members were in agreement that there appeared to be potential to improve the market, as has happened in places like Mold.

***Resolved to recommend that the Council supports working more closely with Colwyn BID (e.g. by the formation of a new Joint Management Committee) to explore ways in which the current weekly street markets can be expanded and improved, possibly to include additional days for themed markets.***

### **231/18One Voice Wales:**

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

- a) Sustainable Drainage Systems – details of training events on the new mandatory requirement for SuDS for all new developments, which comes into force on 7 January 2019.

*Resolved to authorise Cllr J Pearson to attend the introductory session on 15<sup>th</sup> November and to ask that he reports back, in due course.*

### **232/18NWAMI:**

Cllr Colin Matthews submitted the NWAMI constitution document and gave a brief verbal report on a recent meeting he had attended. It was noted that NWAMI aims to bring people together from different cultures and backgrounds through shared interests, such as music, and are looking for a suitable room for the storage of a number of large musical instruments, and which would also be suitable for music rehearsals. It was noted that some/all of these instruments had been purchased using a grant from the Town Council several years ago, and it would therefore be good to see them being used regularly.

*Resolved to request that Cllr Mathews finds out more about where the instruments are currently stored, how much room is needed (sq feet of floor area) and whether NWAMI has any funding available for hiring/renting a room.*

### **233/18Community and Voluntary Support Conwy:**

Cllr G Baker gave a brief verbal report on CVSC's recent AGM. It was noted that there had been three very interesting speakers (on behalf of Creating Enterprise, Tŷ Gobaith and Rhyl Flats Community Fund) and that Cllr Baker and Cllr Matthews had both been appointed Trustees (Cllr Matthews on behalf of Cartrefi Conwy).

### **234/18Remembrance Sunday Events:**

It was noted that all members are encouraged to attend the community services in either Colwyn Bay or Old Colwyn on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November (as per details circulated by the Assistant Clerk).

### **235/18Street Furniture:**

It was noted that the quarterly inspections of notice boards are now due (assistance was requested from Members in inspecting those in their wards for any signs of damage and removing any out of date posters/notices).

### **236/18Other Correspondence:**

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

- a) Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Society – Autumn 2018 newsletter
- b) Old Colwyn Residents' Association Open meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> October.
- c) Agenda for the N&MWALC meeting, held on 26<sup>th</sup> October (report to follow)

- d) Pages of the Sea – additional information about the event taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**237/18 Planning:**

- a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC, as detailed on Schedule ‘A’ attached. Cllr J Pearson (Tree Warden) reported that he had no objections to any of the tree applications included on the agenda for the last meeting.

*Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in that Schedule.*

*Further resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to submit observations on application 0/ 45625 , once the Tree Warden has reported back from his site visit.*

- b) Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 8/10/18 to 21/10/18.

- c) *Resolved to receive a copy of the Inspector’s Decision following the appeal lodged in respect of Xanadu, Brompton Avenue (granting permission for the conversion to a HMO).*

Members stated concern about the continuing lack of adoption of SPG in respect of conversion to HMOs, which could result in further successful appeals.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk writes to CCBC to query what SPGs are currently still outstanding, since the adoption of the LDP, and what the timescale is for drawing these up and adopting them.*

- d) The Clerk tabled an invitation to members to attend a pre-application planning consultation event on 1<sup>st</sup> November in respect of land to the rear of Sefton Road.

*Resolved to note that Cllr Merrill Jones will attend and report back.*

**238/18 Licensing:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of several recent licensing applications lodged for the Bay of Colwyn area.

*Resolved to receive the notice of licensing applications.*

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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