

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr S Roy
Cllr S Williams (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker; Mrs L Edwards, Mrs L Griffiths, M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), C Wood.

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Bill Beattie and Chloe Shilton, Student Advisors

288/15 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Foreman, C Perry and the Chairman, Cllr N Bastow. Cllr S Williams (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.

289/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

290/15 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 15th December 2015.

291/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 240/15 – A55 Trunk Road:

Cllr Roy advised members that she had nothing to report from the recent meetings in Penmaenmawr about road works and traffic disruption on the A55.

292/15 Conwy CBC:

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

a. Consultation- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule:

It was noted that the CIL was introduced by recent legislation and is intended to largely replace S.106 agreements for new developments and provide funding for new or improved infrastructure within the community impacted upon by such development. The scale of proposed the levy (which varies for different communities in the County) and qualifying criteria are detailed in the draft charging schedule and research has been undertaken (including viability) to inform the proposed variances in levy.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation.

b. Update on works to improve the boating lake in Eirias Park:

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Caroline Jones, CCBC Leisure Service, confirming that a Wren funding application had been successful and works to include de-siltation of the lake, the creation of a coir roll silt retention revetment, creation of a natural reed bed area and installation of ultrasonic algae control equipment would be commencing.

c. Office Accommodation update:

The Clerk submitted details of stakeholder and public information events taking place in the Bay View Centre on 15th and 16th January in connection with the new office building. Members were encouraged to attend either event, to see the information available to the public and be aware of any concerns local residents may have. It was noted that the invitation has been circulated by e-mail to all members.

Resolved to receive and note the invitations to the stakeholder and public information events.

d. Temporary Traffic regulation:

The Clerk tabled details of an application to close a section of Dolwen Road for 11 days for a new BT collection.

Resolved to receive notice of the application, which falls outside of the Town Council boundary.

293/15 Welsh Government:

a. Trunk Road Safety Review:

It was noted that the results of the recent review are now available online at www.traffic-wales.com. The A55 through Colwyn Bay has been split into four sections and one (the section from central Colwyn Bay to the West End junction) is scheduled to have some engineering works during 2016/17. The 50mph restriction will remain in all sections.

Resolved to receive and note this information.

b. Consultation Document – Road and Street Works Strategy:

The Clerk submitted a copy of the consultation document, which seeks to set out an approach for significantly improving the way road and street works are managed, ensuring that communities have the services and well managed infrastructure on which they depend but that Wales ‘remains open for business’. The Welsh Government believes that these improvements can be made within the existing legislative framework, by building on existing relationships and

collaborations between Highways authorities and utility companies. The Welsh Government intends to lead this work through the approach it takes to the planning and implementation of road and street works on trunk roads and motorways.

Members expressed concerns that some road works seemed to be restricted to daytime hours only, when extending working days to 12 hours or more would help to reduce any disruption or inconvenience to road users. Also, emergency repair works often resulted in obstructions remaining for several days after the works have been completed. Members also raised frustrations at seeing temporary road closures in place with no obvious workforce / work taking place.

Resolved to request that the Clerk submits these general concerns to the Welsh Government for consideration.

c. Consultation on the Public Health Outcomes Framework

The Clerk submitted notice of the current written / online consultation and of a public consultation event being held in Llandudno on 18th January. It was noted that Cllrs S Roy and G Baker hoped to attend, depending on the time of the event, and would report back to a future meeting.

Resolved to receive notice of the consultation and await any feedback from Cllrs G Baker and/or S Roy.

294/15 Post Office:

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of the temporary closure of the Post Office branch at 446 Abergele Road, Penmaenrhos, due to the illness of the Postmaster and withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use. It was noted that the Post Office are investigating any options available for reinstatement of a service for the local community, which may include an outreach service.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence and await further information in due course.

295/15 Police and Crime Commissioner:

The Clerk tabled a written report from Cllr Wood following the PCC's recent consultation meeting in Llandudno. It was noted that the turnout at the meeting had been very low (only seven) and the questions posed by the PCC on policing priorities had been very loaded, making it very difficult to disagree with any of them. Concern was expressed about reducing police budgets and the impact this is having on Officers on the beat. A number of statistics on police numbers are included in the report. Questions were also asked about the need for a Chief Executive to support the PCC, at a reported cost of £75,000.

Resolved to thank Cllr Wood for his report, which was duly noted.

296/15 One Voice Wales Area Committee:

It was noted that Cllr Roy and Cllr Meredith had been unable to attend the recent meeting, due to clash with the last Policy & Finance Committee meeting.

297/15 Notice Boards:

- a. It was noted that the quarterly inspection of noticeboards is now due. Members volunteered to check boards within their wards and report back to the Clerk.

Resolved to request that the Clerk looks to purchase some staple removers to aid the tidying up of out of date notices on the boards.

- b. It was noted that it was hoped to make some progress in the next few months with looking at the possibility of providing two new boards in Rhos on Sea (Church Road and Llandudno Road), now that the office team is back up to full strength.

298/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. CVSC News – Winter 2015

299/15 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC. The Clerk declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 0/42328, as a neighbour, and offered to retire from the meeting if any member wished to discuss or comment upon that application.

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

- b. The Clerk submitted a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.
- c. The Clerk submitted notice of the withdrawal of applications 0/42223 and 0/42224.

300/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted notice of licensing applications recently registered by CCBC,

301/15 Notice of Public Meeting:

The Clerk submitted notice of a public meeting taking place on Thursday 14th January in connection with an application for 84 dwellings on land at Plas Gwilym Quarry, Llysfaen.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

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