

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Dr S Roy
Cllr N Bastow, Chairman
Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams, C Wood

OFFICER(S): Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
B Armstrong-Jones and C Shilton – Student Advisors

348/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs L Griffiths.

349/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

350/15 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 2nd February 2016.

351/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 264/15(a)- Rhos Promenade:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a reply from Vic Turner, CCBC, to a request that additional parking restrictions be imposed, on a temporary basis, to the south side of the road from Fortes to the Rhos Fynach in Rhos on Sea, to improve pedestrian and cycle safety until funding is found for a wider programme of improvements. It was noted that Mr Turner felt there were sufficient restrictions at the present time, but members reported more ‘near misses’ witnessed today.

Resolved to request that Mr Turner attends a site meeting at either 9am or 3.30pm on a weekday with Cllr Wood so that he can witness the safety issues along this stretch of road. Further resolved to notify other Rhos Ward members of the date/time of the visit.

352/15 Conwy CBC:

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

- a. **Car Parking Asset Strategy Review** – A copy of the report to the CCBC Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet and a link to the webcam recording of both meetings. It was noted that Cabinet had referred the matter back to a Joint Communities and Customers Scrutiny meeting for further consideration, due to the number of representations received, but that the automatic number plate recognition technology is to be implemented.

Members outlined their concerns about some of the proposals in the strategy relating to car parking charges in the Bay of Colwyn area.

Resolved to recommend that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, CCBC, and copied to local county councillors to state that this Council has strong concerns about some of the recommendations in the Car Parking Strategy affecting the Bay of Colwyn area, particularly around:

- i. ***Proposed introduction of car parking charges at Berthes Road car park in Old Colwyn, as this is used as a school drop off and collection point and to support other local shops and services, such as the Post Office. The introduction of fees would therefore have a severe and detrimental impact on local residential streets and small businesses and negate the good work done through the Safer Routes to Schools programme.***
- ii. ***Proposals to introduce parking fees on the length of the promenade (sections 1a to 5 on the attached plan). Members have significant concerns about the negative impact this may have on the health and wellbeing of the local population, many of whom visit the promenade and beach regularly for fresh air and exercise, including daily dog walkers. The Council does not agree that free before 10am and after 4pm on section 5 only will be sufficient to meet the needs of the dog walkers and concentrating so many dogs in such a small area of the waterfront could render this section of beach unsuitable for use by others, including young families, fishermen and the general public.***
- iii. ***Members also have strong concerns about the impact on nearby residential streets of the introduction of car parking charges on the whole length of the Promenade, in particular from the sections from Marine Drive westwards. The County Council should be reminded that the length of the promenade in Craig y Don, Llandudno, remains free of charge, despite having amenities such as the café and paddling pool.***

In light of these concerns, the Town Council request that other options be fully explored, such as free parking at certain times (e.g. before 10 and after 4 on the whole of the Promenade) and free short-term parking, possibly for local (Conwy) residents only in some or all of the County's car parks which serve local amenities such as schools, Post Offices etc, for example up to 30 minutes free at any time (monitored via automatic number plate recognition technology).

- b. **Copy of 1901 Land Transfer** – A request for the document (found in the CCBC storage cabinets in the copier room by the County Museums Officer), which is an agreement relating to a transfer of land forming the promenade and highway from the railway company to The Urban District Council of Colwyn Bay and Colwyn in 1901, to be lodged with County Archives. The Clerk informed members that

CCBC would be the successor Authority and not the Town Council.

Resolved to agree to return the document to CCBC for archiving.

- c. **Conwy Play Sufficiency Stakeholder event:** An invitation to attend the event. A brief discussion took place around play sufficiency and the Student Advisors advised members that, in their view, younger children felt safer playing in properly equipped and fenced off play areas than in open spaces.

Resolved that Cllr Mrs G Baker would attend and report back to a future meeting.

- d. **Colwyn BID** – The Clerk gave a brief verbal report from the meeting held on 2nd February, confirming that representatives had now been appointed to the BID Strategic Board and Project Board and it had been confirmed that the Town Council representative on the Project Board would be the Town Clerk.

- e. **Consultation on Draft Local Validation List (LVL)** – for information.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation document.

353/15 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, proposals relating to the Statement of Public Participation for the National Development Framework. It was noted that it is proposed to have three periods of public consultation during the development of the NDF, with this being the first.

Resolved to receive and note the document.

354/15 Planning Aid Wales:

The Clerk submitted information regarding training events from Planning Aid Wales. It was noted that some Committee members had already completed PAW training during the last few years.

Resolved to encourage any members who had not previously taken up training from PAW to attend.

Further resolved that the Clerk would find out the locations for the North Wales General Introduction to Planning sessions and forward these to members.

355/15 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes of OC(E)RA held on 10/2/16
- b. A brief report from Cllr Glenys Baker on the recent Health Impact Forum relating to the new CCBC Office Accommodation (which the Clerk read out to the meeting).

356/15 Planning:

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

The Clerk declared an interest in respect of application 0/42328, which affected some of her neighbours, and therefore withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this application.

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

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

Resolved to receive and note the Planning decisions.

357/15 Licensing Applications:

It was noted that no licensing applications had been listed for the Bay of Colwyn area in recent weeks.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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