

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY, AT 6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith, JP
Cllrs: W Bagnall; J Davies; Mrs L Edwards; R Foreman; D Griffiths;
Mrs L Griffiths; C Hughes; A Khan; Mrs H Meredith; A Pearson;
J Pearson; C Perry; Mrs V Perry; D Porter; J Reaney; Dr S Roy;
Mrs V Smith; S Taylor; G Ward; D Wood MBE; S Williams

OFFICER: Mrs C J Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Member of local Press

193/14 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: N Bastow; Mrs M Jones and P Richards.

194/14 Announcements:

The Mayor gave a brief verbal announcement about Cllr N Bastow, orders for this year's Council photograph and damage to pendant on the Mayor's Chain of Office.

Resolved to:

- a. *Send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr N Bastow.*
- b. *Contact Zurich to enquire about making a claim for repairs to the pendant.*

195/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr D Griffiths declared a personal/prejudicial interest in agenda item 5(c)(ii), as a member of Rhos Environmental Action Group (grant applicant).

196/14 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 1st September 2014.*
- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:*
 - i. *The General Purpose & Planning Committee, held on 9th September 2014.*
 - ii. *The Policy & Finance Committee, held on 24th September 2014 (Draft)*
 - iii. *The General Purposes & Planning Committee, held on 30th September 2014 (Draft)*

197/14 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:

a. Min 149/14(b) – Colwyn Victoria Pier:

- i. It was noted that a Special Meeting of the Council will be convened on Tuesday 21st October at 6pm to receive an update from Sasha Davies and Rob Dix, CCBC, and that Jess Steele and members of CVPT will also be in attendance.
- ii. The notes from an initial meeting of the Steering Group, held on 15th September 2014, were received.
- iii. The Clerk gave a verbal report following receipt of legal advice from Hedleys Solicitors regarding the Power(s) of the Council. It was noted that the Council does have powers available which would enable it to be a party with others for the restoration of the Pier and that the acquisition of the Pier, should the project proceed, should be by way of an entity which is not for profit and with limited liability, at which time further legal advice would be necessary. The Steering Group has therefore now appointed Jericho Road Solutions as a consultant to work initially on advocacy and preparation of a business case.

Resolved to receive and note this information.

b. Min. 184/14(b) – Annual Bonfire Event:

It was noted that a meeting of the Bonfire Sub-Committee has been convened for tomorrow. This will include a discussion regarding the location of the bonfire, following a campaign started at the end of September by a member of the Town Council (supported by members of the Colwyn Bay Environment Federation) against the siting of the bonfire in the lake and seeking a review of the CCBC Management Plan for the lake. It was noted that an additional budget may be required if the decision to drain the lake for this year's event is repealed at this late stage.

The Clerk informed members that lengthy discussions had taken place in 2011/2012, after the siting of the bonfire on the grass adjacent to the lake in 2011 had caused other, unforeseen problems. At that time, CCBC reviewed the management plan for the lake, to include a report from Ann Butler, CCBC's Biodiversity Officer. Based on the information available, it was agreed to continue to drain the lake each winter and re-fill to approximately one foot water depth once any debris has been cleared after the bonfire/firework display. This enabled the bonfire to return to the lake in 2012, as the preferred site. Any change to the management plan at this late stage would cause problems for this year's event, as an alternative location would need to be found and the site/operational/emergency plans and Risk Assessments would have to be amended accordingly.

Resolved to request that CCBC keeps to the existing management plan and drains the lake this year, with any debris to be removed quickly after the event and the water level increased back to one foot for the remainder of the winter. Further resolved to request that a meeting of all interested parties is convened to look at the future use(s) of the lake and, if necessary, consider other options for the siting of the bonfire from 2015 onwards.

c. Recommendations of the Committees:

Members were asked to consider and endorse the recommendations of the Committees, as detailed in the following Minutes:

- (i) Min. 155/14 – Re-siting of the plaque from the DOLOS unit .
- (ii) Min. 172/14(a) – Approval of a large grant (from Reserves) of £4,550 towards the Madoc Project.
- (iii) Min. 180/14(d) – Small Grants: Approval of small grant applications for quarter two.
- (iv) Min. 181/14 – St David’s Nomination: To submit a nomination for the Citizenship category.

Resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Committees, as outlined above and detailed in those Minutes.

- d. *Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committees, as detailed in the Minutes.***

198/14 Representation on Outside Bodies:

It was noted that Cllr S Williams has requested to stand down from the Amenities Sub-Committee and the Board of Governors at St Joseph’s School and members were asked to consider replacement nominations. It was queried whether the Amenities Sub-Committee was still required and the Clerk confirmed that work on Participatory Budgeting projects had been carried out by this sub-committee in recent years, to reduce the workload of the Policy & Finance Committee.

Resolved to appoint:

- a. *Cllr Mrs H Meredith to the Amenities Sub-Committee.***
- b. *Cllr Mrs L Edwards as a Governor for St Joseph’s School.***

199/14 Review of Polling Arrangements:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation document from CCBC regarding the current review of polling arrangements.

Resolved to submit a response to:

- a. *Glyn: Confirm the inclusion of the Town Hall as a polling station.***
- b. *Rhos/Dinarth: Suggest that an alternative location, such as Colwyn Bay Rugby Club or Llandrillo College, be sought in preparation for the sale of the Dinerth Road site.***
- c. *Rhiw: following the closure of St Andrews, query if a porta-cabin could be used on the Conwy Road School site, as a temporary arrangement.***

200/14 Towns Against Tax Dodging:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a request from Action Aid for a motion of support for a campaign to stop large multinational companies from paying UK taxes.

Resolved to receive and note details of the campaign.

The Meeting Closed at 7:20 pm

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