

**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 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith JP (Chairman)  
Cllrs: W Bagnall; N Bastow; Mrs L Edwards; R Foreman; D Griffiths;  
Mrs L Griffiths; A Khan; Mrs H Meredith; A Pearson; J Pearson; D Porter;  
J Reaney; Dr S Roy; S Taylor; G Ward; D Wood MBE; S Williams

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Several members of the public and press

**82/14 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J Davies; C Hughes; M Jones;  
C Perry; V Perry

**83/14 Mayor's Announcements:**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith, informed members of the sad news of the recent death of a past Mayoress, Mrs Gwen Jones.

Members were also informed of the dates of the forthcoming Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom judges' visits to Colwyn Bay (16<sup>th</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> July) and of the official opening of the new Dominoes Pizza business on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**84/14 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**85/14 Visitor to the Council:**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Gwyneth Millington, Chief Executive of Conwy Citizen's Advice Bureau, to address the Council regarding the work of the CAB in Colwyn Bay.

Mrs Millington delivered a presentation to the Council which gave a broad overview of the work of the CAB, the types of enquiries that they are able to help with and the history of the local office, which originally opened in Colwyn Bay on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1939 and will therefore have had representation locally (through outreach sessions in recent years) for 75 years in 2014. Several celebrations are planned to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including an open day, recognition at the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> October and a Partnership Dinner Dance on 21<sup>st</sup> November (details to be forwarded in due course).

Conwy CAB comprises 10 trustees, 46 volunteers and 18 paid staff and currently delivers its services from 3 main offices and 10 outreach venues (details circulated). Enquiries handled by the service in 2013/14 amounted to 7,718 issues being dealt

with, with 3,804 of these from new clients. The highest percentage of these related to welfare benefits (43%) with debt (29%) being second highest. Regular enquiries are also made regarding employment, housing, relationship and legal issues. During 2014/15 (year to date) in Colwyn Bay 152 new clients have been seen, with the majority being from Colwyn, Glyn, Rhos and Rhiw wards. The welfare reforms have resulted in an increase in benefit enquiries and debt enquiries, together with assistance needed for digital applications.

A brief summary was given of some of the current CAB projects, including scams and rogue traders; moneywise; working links; open door surgeries; marketing; debt and benefits answerphone; online advice; Adviceline Cymru (08444 772020).

Questions were then invited from members of the Council and these covered the following: types of employment queries; how the information gathered feeds in to national policy (via Social Policy team in London); whether Colwyn Bay could have a permanent office again; funding uncertainties; need for both permanent and outreach services.

The Mayor then thanked Mrs Millington for attending and she retired from the meeting.

**86/14 Minutes:**

- a. ***Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.***
- b. The Clerk submitted a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:
  - i. The General Purpose & Planning Committee, held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - ii. The Policy & Finance Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Draft)
  - iii. The General Purposes & Planning Committee, held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 (Draft)

**87/14 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:**

**a. Min. 28/14 – Colwyn Bay Masterplan Review:**

It was noted that a Special Meeting of the Council has provisionally been arranged for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**b. Min. 32/14 – Representatives on Outside Bodies:**

Members were asked to consider the appointment of representatives to the following outside bodies.

- i. Colwyn in Bloom – Cllr A Khan was nominated.
- ii. Sea Cadets – Cllr G Ward was nominated.

***Resolved to appoint Cllr Khan and Cllr Ward as representatives to the outside bodies, as detailed above.***

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

i. **Min. 56/14 – Pension Discretions**

*Resolved to adopt the policies on pension discretions, as detailed in the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee.*

ii. **Min. 63/14 – Small Grants**

*Resolved to approve payment of small grants, as detailed in the summary to the Minutes.*

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

**88/14 Casual Vacancy in Glyn Ward:**

It was noted that a vacancy has now been declared in Glyn Ward, following the sad news of the recent passing of Cllr Mrs Margaret Burrows.

*Resolved to submit notice of the vacancy to the local press.*

**89/14 Darren Millar AM:**

The Clerk submitted a request for a meeting with the AM.

*Resolved to send Mr Millar a list of future Council meeting dates and invite him to attend.*

**90/14 Small Grant Application:**

The Clerk submitted an urgent grant request from Le Sport Junior Squash Section for funding towards the Colwyn Classic 2014 event, due to a sponsor withdrawing at late notice.

*Resolved to accept the urgent application and to approve a grant of £500 towards the event, which is due to take place from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July.*

**91/14 Access all Eirias:**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on allocation of tickets for both events. It was noted that two spare tickets are currently available for the Saturday evening and a draw will be held. Members were reminded to contact the Clerk as soon as possible if they were interested in being placed on the 'reserve' list for tickets for either event.

*Resolved to note the verbal report from the Clerk.*

**92/14 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:**

*Resolved to exclude the public and press in accordance with S(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for consideration of the following matter, considered to be of a confidential nature:*

**Victoria Pier:**

The Clerk submitted informal notes from a meeting with Gavin Davies of CVP Trust and written advice from the SLCC Legal Officer, regarding a query about the relevant powers of the Town Council.

It was noted that a meeting has been arranged with the relevant officers from Conwy CBC to discuss the brief for the case that CVPT and the Town Council would have to make to the Project Board to progress a revised HLF stage one bid.

***Resolved to note the Clerk's report and authorise her to meet with representatives from CVPT and CCBC to discuss the way forward and to proceed with obtaining legal advice once further information is available about the proposed business model.***

- Cllr B Bagnall requested it to be recorded that he voted against this.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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