

**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 19TH JANUARY 2015**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Val Smith, Town Mayor (Chairman)
Cllrs: W Bagnall; J Davies; Mrs L Edwards; D Griffiths; Mrs L Griffiths;
C Hughes; Mrs M Jones; A Khan; J Pearson; Mrs V Perry; D Porter;
J Reaney; P Richards; Dr S Roy; S Taylor; G Ward; S Williams

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

308/14 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: N Bastow, R Foreman,
Mrs H Meredith, A Pearson, C Perry, C Wood.

309/14 Announcements:

The Mayor reminded members about the PB Voting event taking place in Colwyn
Leisure Centre tomorrow evening.

310/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

311/14 Visitor to the Council:

The Mayor welcomed Rachael Gill, Marketing and Communications Manager,
CCBC, and her team member Sara to the meeting to present a request for funding
towards the Access all Eirias and Prom Xtra events in 2015.

Rachael thanked the Town Council for the invitation to attend and for its previous
funding support for both events. Copies of the recently approved CCBC Events
Strategy document for 2015-2020 were circulated and it was noted that CCBC has
confirmed its continuing support for events, due to the economic return they bring for
the whole County. A brief verbal report was then given on plans for both events in
2015, with the ultimate aim of both being to bring visitors to the area to spend locally
and help to attract further inward investment. A verbal request was then made for
ongoing support of £20,000 per annum for Access all Eirias and £10,000 per annum
for Prom Xtra for the next 3-5 years (subject to satisfactory annual evaluation).

A brief question and answer session followed the presentation, with members
thanking Rachel and her team for the valuable work they do in bringing major events
to the area. Questions arose about: details of the line-up for the second night of
Access all Eirias (not yet available); how we can encourage more of the visitors to
visit the down and district centres; whether the events may be able to become self-
sustaining in the future; concern about the affect any merger with Denbighshire may
have on future support for events.

- Cllrs J Pearson and G Ward arrived during the presentation and question and answer session.

A proposal was made that Rupert Moon should be invited to speak at a future meeting on WRU's plans for the future and that the Council should commit to continued financial support for the two events for the next three years (subject to annual evaluation). This was not seconded or voted upon and will be deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved to thank Rachel and Sara for attending and giving an informative presentation and to consider the request for funding for 2015 under agenda item 6(a)(vii) – Annual Estimates.

312/14 Minutes:

- a. ***Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 1st December 2014.***
- b. ***Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:***
 - i. The General Purpose & Planning Committee, held on 9th December 2014.
 - ii. The Policy & Finance Committee, held on 7th January 2015 (Draft).
 - iii. The General Purposes & Planning Committee, held on 13th January 2015. (Draft)

313/14 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:

- a. Members were asked to consider and endorse the recommendations of the Committees.

Resolved to endorse the following recommendations, as detailed in the respective Minutes:

- i. ***Min. 271/14 – Ageing Well Wales: To join the Ageing Well in Wales initiative.***
- ii. ***Min. 281/14(a)(i) – To endorse the appointment of a small Buildings Sub-Committee, as detailed in the Terms of Reference in Schedule 'A' attached.***
- iii. ***Min. 281/14(a)(ii) – To support, in principle, the request from Colwyn Bay Mens' Shed for occupation of the rear garages, subject to completion of the transfer of freehold and agreement over the terms of any lease/rental.***
- iv. ***Min. 288/14 – Town Centre Chaplaincy Project: To offer support in principle for the project.***
- v. ***Min. 291/14(a) – Small Grants: To approve payment of small grants, as detailed in Schedule 'B' to the P&F Committee Minutes.***
- vi. ***Min. 292/14 – Society of Local Council Clerks CiLCA Review Meeting: To authorise the Clerk to attend.***
- vii. ***Min. 291/14(d) and 290/14 – Annual Estimates:***
 1. ***To approve the Large Grants for 2015/16, as detailed in Schedule 'B' attached.***
 2. ***To approve the Annual Estimates for 2015/16, as detailed in Schedule 'C' attached, and agree a precept requirement of £412,000, an increase of 3% on 2014/15 (£1.24 per annum increase for a typical Band 'D' property).***

- b. It was noted that there were no recommendations from the General Purpose & Planning Committee meeting held on 13th January requiring endorsement.
- c. *Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committees, as detailed in the Minutes.*

314/14 Meeting Dates 2015/16:

Members were asked to consider and approve the timetable of meetings of the Council and its main Committees for 2015/16.

Resolved to confirm meeting dates of the Council and main Committees for 2015/16, as detailed in Schedule 'D' attached.

Further resolved to bring forward the meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee scheduled to take place on 1st April to Wednesday 25th March, due to Easter holidays and the need to authorise any final expenditure before the year-end of 31st March.

315/14 North Wales Police:

It was noted that a new management structure has recently been implemented and that Chief Inspector Neil Thomas is now responsible for Neighbourhood Policing and partnerships across Conwy and Denbighshire. It was noted that C I Thomas has been invited to attend a future meeting of the Council to introduce himself to members and outline his priorities for neighbourhood policing.

316/14 Colwyn Bid:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following a meeting of the BID Steering Group on 6th January. It was noted that the Steering group is currently looking to strengthen representation from Old Colwyn and Rhos on Sea and that generally positive feedback has been received from the Mochdre business forum, although inclusion of Mochdre in the BID area could present some challenges, due to the differing needs and aspirations of the business district to the retail centres. Marketing work is continuing and several workshops for local businesses will be held during week commencing 19th February.

317/14 Bay Life Strategic Board:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report following the Board meeting held on 8th January. It was noted that the Welsh Government had given a generally positive response to the recent 'gateway review', noting just three improvements needed in the areas of communication and community benefits. Highlight reports had been circulated for the twelve current VVP projects and further information on these is available on request from the Clerk. It was also noted that the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation has recently been updated and thirteen of the twenty local 'Lower Super Output Areas' (smaller than wards) improving overall and seven having worsened.

318/14 Additional Urgent Correspondence:

The Clerk tabled, with permission from the Chairman, one additional urgent item of correspondence received from CCBC today, outlining the reasons for the Council's decision to pursue the application to demolish the Victoria Pier on health and safety grounds and advising that an exhibition will take place in the Bay View Centre from 19th to 23rd January to show the proposals to the public.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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