

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith, JP
Cllr D Porter, Chairman
Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs L Edwards, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), Mrs S Roy, S Williams, C Wood.

OFFICER: Mrs C J Earley, Town Clerk
Student Advisor: Charlotte Gardner (Eirias)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr P Richards,
Members of the Public and Press

265/14 Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed Student Advisor Charlotte Gardner to her first meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Bastow, R Foreman, C Perry & Student Advisor Katrin Dallimore.

266/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

267/14 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th November 2014.

268/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 248/14 – Bus Shelters:

It was noted that acknowledgement had been received from Cartrefi Conwy for the grant application for £1,000 towards the new Church Road bus shelter. It was further noted that the Shelter is to be on the pavement (not on Catrefi Land) as this is a simpler process and does not require any legal agreements to be drawn up for use of the land. The Shelter should be installed by March 31st 2015.

The Clerk also submitted a copy of correspondence received from local residents via Cllr P Edwards, which has been sent to CCBC to request a new shelter at Brompton Avenue. It was noted that new shelter requests are first considered by CCBC before the Town Council is approached to consider funding and/or an annual maintenance contribution.

b. Min. 247/14(d) – Conwy Bean Timebank:

The Clerk gave a verbal report, informing members that she had recently attended the third workshop which had continued the process of identifying launch partners for both volunteering opportunities and bean 'spend' (to ensure liquidity) and working

on a communication strategy for the new timebank.

- c. **Min. 249/14(d) – Frontloading the Development Control Management System:** The Clerk submitted correspondence confirming the definition of “householder development” and it was noted that the consultation response has now been sent:
- d. **Min 253/14 - Tidal Energy:** The Clerk submitted a response from David Jones MP and Darren Millar AM to the letter sent. Their responses were noted.

269/14 Conwy CBC:

- a. **Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations:** The Clerk submitted a document detailing the response of the Electoral Officer to submissions made during the recent consultation. It was noted that no suitable alternative premises had been identified to replace St Andrews Church Hall and that districts AD1 and AD2 would be combined at St John’s Church, Conway Road.

Resolved to receive and note the comments of the Electoral Officer

- b. It was noted that Station Road was closed on Thursday 4th December from 16.00 – 19.00 for a Christmas Fair. Cllr Porter reported that it had been a very respectable event, given the small budget, and the music and entertainment had been well received.
- c. A notice of a request for a temporary traffic regulation for BT work on 16/12/2014 was received and noted.
- d. **Draft North Wales Joint Local transport Plan 2015-2020:** Members considered the draft plan and were in general agreement with the vision and actions detailed therein. However, concern was expressed about a lack of funding for the identified improvements necessary to local and regional transport networks, including the Colwyn Bay integrated transport hub.

Resolved to receive and note the draft plan.

270/14 National Assembly for Wales / Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted the following consultation documents:

- a. **Planning Committees, Delegation and joint Planning Boards:** Members considered the consultation document and were in general agreement with the recommendations contained therein. However, some concern was expressed regarding the quantity of individual letters (20 and/or signatures on a petition (30) required to trigger a referral to the Planning Committee.

Resolved to request that the Clerk submits a response to the consultation document to suggest that either ten individual letters of objection and/or a petition containing fifty signatures should be required to trigger the referral of a planning application to the Planning Committee.

- b. Proposed amendments to legislation on the power to override easements and other rights.

Resolved to note the consultation document.

271/14 Ageing Well in Wales:

The Clerk submitted an introduction and invitation to join the new initiative.

Resolved to recommend that the Council joins the Ageing Well in Wales initiative.

272/14 Natural Resources Wales:

The Clerk submitted a summary report on Tree Cover in Wales' Towns and Cities. A brief discussion took place about the advantages and disadvantages of trees in towns, with members concluding that trees do enhance the local landscape, provided appropriate trees are planted in appropriate places.

Resolved to receive and note the summary report.

273/14 Colwyn Bay Model Boat Club:

The Clerk submitted draft proposals for the renovation of Eirias Park lake, as submitted by the Model Boat Club to Conwy CBC. A discussion took place about ways in which the needs of various users, including the annual bonfire, could be accommodated. It was noted that this should not be impossible and that greater engagement with a variety of groups using the lake should enable a new management plan to be prepared, which could also include user groups looking for grant funding and/or volunteers to help make improvements. The suggestion that an area of the lake be separated as a wetland habitat for wildlife was also welcomed. The Chairman reminded members that CCBC would be holding a meeting to consider the future of the lake and that the Town Council had asked to be invited to this meeting. A representative of the Model Boat Club was in attendance at the meeting and stated that he was aware a meeting was taking place on 12th December.

Resolved that the Clerk contacts CCBC to query whether a meeting is to be held on 12th December and, if so, why the Town Council has not been informed and invited to send a representative.

274/14 Remembrance Sunday:

The Clerk submitted letters from Rydal Penrhos School and a local resident giving feedback on the recent Service. It was noted that a request had been made by the Vicar in 2013 to swap the order of the services at Queens Gardens and St Pauls, but this had been rejected by members of the Royal British Legion in favour of the traditional arrangements. Members commented that the involvement of the orchestra and choir from Rydal Penrhos had been well received and it was queried if it would be possible to have a list of the pieces played in the order of service next year. It was felt that the current order of the two services worked better with the parade and gave residents the opportunity to attend either or both services, as they wished.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence and report it to the representatives from the British Legion when meetings take place to discuss next year's event.

275/14 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that there were no additional items of correspondence available on request from the Clerk.

276/14 Planning:

- a. Members considered the planning applications received from CCBC.

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

- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.*

- c. Cllr B Bagnall gave a brief verbal report on the Planning Site visits held earlier today and it was noted that the electronic sign on the Promenade for Porth Eirias was a little too large/obvious and that action was being considered to mitigate this.

- d. **SPG Update:** The Clerk submitted an update letter from CCBC, together with a copy of draft SPG LDP23: Change of use within town and neighbourhood centres, which it was noted had been considered by CCBC Cabinet earlier today.

Resolved to note the SPG update and to write to CCBC to query why Rhos on Sea and Old Colwyn centres had not been included as shopping zones.

277/14 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted notice of several licensing applications recently logged by CCBC.

The Meeting Closed at 7:30 pm

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