

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2015, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr D Porter, Chairman
Cllrs W Bagnall, N Bastow, Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman,
Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), Mrs S Roy, S Williams

OFFICER: Mrs C J Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr P Richards and representatives from the Colwyn Model Boat Club and Colwyn Canoe Club

293/14 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Smith and from Cllrs: Mrs L Griffiths; C Perry and C Wood.

294/14 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. The following interests were declared:
Cllr D Porter – A non-prejudicial interest in agenda items 4 and 5(b), which relate to Parks / Playgorunds (as an employee of CCBC).

295/14 Minutes:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th December 2015.

296/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 273/14- Colwyn Model Boating Club:

- i. The Clerk gave a brief verbal update following the request made to CCBC for information about the reported meeting held on 12th December. It was noted that Shane Wetton, Chairman of the Eirias Phase II Group, had met with the Clerk last week to outline the structure and decision-making processes for any projects within the park (which includes the Open Space – covering bowling, lake, tennis etc, the Leisure Centre, the Rugby/athletics Stadium and Rugby training facility and Porth Eirias watersports centre. Meetings of the Eirias Phase II group (which covers the Open Space, Leisure Centre and Stadium only) and the Eirias Management Board, which the Group reports to, take place on a regular basis. Although Shane is the Lead for Open Space projects, Caroline Jones (Leisure) has been contacting prospective users of the lake in order to compile a report to the Eirias Phase II group on the future use of the lake. This report has not yet been submitted, however, when it is a report and any recommendation(s) will then be made to the Management Board, which will then consider any decisions that need to be taken.

Resolved to invite Caroline Jones to attend a future meeting of this Committee to give an overview of the proposals for future use of the boating lake that are currently being compiled/considered.

Further resolved to agree to a request to notify representatives from Colwyn Canoe Club and Colwyn Model Boating Club of the date of her attendance.

- ii. The Clerk submitted correspondence from (1) Andy White and (2) Colwyn Canoe Club and tabled further correspondence from (1) Andy White (withdrawing his proposal) and (2) Colwyn Bay Model Boat Club, regarding the proposed use of the Eirias Park boating lake by Mr White.

The Clerk advised those present that she had been informed by Shane Wetton that, should CCBC wish to consider leasing the lake to a commercial enterprise such as Mr White, it would first need to go through a full procurement process to find out if there were any other interested commercial applicants. However, at this stage no such decision has been made and the Eirias Phase II Group is awaiting Caroline's report on prospective community based users.

Resolved to note the correspondence and await further information from Caroline Jones and/or Shane Wetton.

b. Min. 276/14(d) – SPG LDP23 Consultation:

The Clerk submitted a response from CCBC, together with a copy of the relevant LDP background paper, explaining that Rhos on Sea and Old Colwyn are designated as District Centres in the Conwy adopted LDP.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

297/14 Conwy CBC:

- a. The Clerk submitted notice of the following applications for temporary traffic regulations:
 - i. Llysfaen Road, Old Colwyn from 9/2 to 13/2
 - ii. Llannerch Road East from 12/1 to 16/1

b. Play Equipment:

The Clerk submitted an update from CCBC on the allocation of the Town Council's contribution towards play equipment for 2014/15.

It was noted that concern had been expressed by a Councillor not present this evening that the Town Council's contribution should be for new/replacement equipment only and not for general maintenance. However, members agreed that general improvements to playgrounds, such as re-surfacing and fencing, were also important and should be permitted.

Members also considered a proposal for the whole of the 2015/16 contribution to

be used as match-funding towards a WREN grant to update the whole of the Tany Lan play area during 2015/16.

Resolved to await the decision of the Council on 19th January regarding a recommended increase in the budget for Play Equipment for 2015/16 and then to write to advise Lyn Davies that the Town Council would like some of the funding contribution to be used on other areas too.

c. Christmas Parking:

The Clerk submitted copy correspondence regarding incorrect signage for the final Saturday of free parking, which it was noted had been corrected before the day.

Resolved to note the correspondence.

298/14 Cycle Racks

- a. The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the proposal for new cycle racks in Rhos on Sea, informing members that she had not received any response from the company believed to own the Spar site, despite chasing this several times. A request was made for assistance from one of the Rhos on Sea members in visiting the Store Manager to seek a named contact to progress this matter.

Resolved that Cllrs R Foreman and/or N Bastow will visit the Spar to speak to the Manager about the proposed cycle racks and seek a named contact for the owner/company responsible for the site.

- b. The Clerk submitted correspondence from David Jones MP, from a local resident requesting more cycle parking in Rhos on Sea. It was noted that the Clerk had responded with an update of the current situation and that David Jones had offered his assistance, if required, in any negotiations with the Spar or others.

Resolved to note the offer and await a response to a) above.

299/14 Colwyn Leisure Centre Pool:

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Cllr Neil Bastow regarding his concerns about the deteriorating condition of the swimming pool at Colwyn Leisure Centre. Additional information about a facility he had visited in New Zealand was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved to write to the Eirias Phase II Group (c/o Shane Wetton) to outline concerns about the deteriorating condition of the Leisure Centre and to request that funding be found for both improvements and regular, ongoing maintenance to prevent further deterioration.

- Cllr N Bastow retired from the meeting at this juncture.

300/14 N&MWALC North Wales Health Study:

The Clerk submitted a summary report of the findings of the recent study on health matters undertaken by the N&MWALC.

Resolved to receive and note the findings of the study.

301/14 NW Community Health Council:

The Clerk submitted a recent press release regarding a consultation on transport to health services.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation.

302/14 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Llandudno and Colwyn Bay Tramway Society December 2014 newsletter
- b. Minutes of a meeting of OC(E)RA, held on 10.12.14
- c. CVSC Newsletter – issue 103 (Winter 2014)

303/14 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC, as detailed in Schedule ‘A’ attached.

Resolved to submit observations on those applications, as detailed in Schedule ‘A’.

- b. The Clerk submitted a copy of the Planning Decisions issued recently by CCBC.

Resolved to receive and note the Planning Decisions.

- c. **WG Planning Consultations:**

The Clerk submitted the following Planning Bill Consultation Documents, for consideration:

- i. Review of Planning Application Fees
- ii. Planning and Related Decisions of the Welsh Ministers

Resolved to receive and note the WG Planning Consultations.

304/14 Licensing Applications:

It was noted that there had been no licensing applications published recently for this area.

The Meeting Closed at 7.30 p.m.

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