

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Victor Turner, Highways Officer, CCBC  
Member of the Local Press

**12/14 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2014-15**

The retiring Chairman opened the meeting and sought nominations for the Office of Chairman for 2014/15.

*Resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Don Porter as Chairman of the Committee for 2015/15.*

Cllr Porter took the Chair and nominations were then invited for the Office of Vice-Chairman.

*Resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Neil Bastow as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2014/15.*

**13/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Perry.

**14/14 Declarations of Interest:**

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

Cllr D Porter declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in item 6(b) Rights of Way, as an employee of CCBC.

**15/14 Visitor:**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Vic Turner, CCBC, to the meeting to discuss the possibility of introducing 20mph zones in the vicinity of schools and play-grounds. The Clerk reminded members that this had initially been raised by Cllr Danson, following concerns about the speed of some vehicles on Church Road, Rhos on Sea.

Mr Turner introduced himself to Members, stating that he had joined CCBC as Traffic and Network Manager in March, having previously worked in North Wales prior to spending 12 years with a Local Authority in England. He acknowledged that speed does have an effect on injuries sustained in any impact and that Welsh Government research supports the introduction of 20 mph limits, based on research carried out in Port Talbot. However, Conwy is proud to have very low casualty rates, which are one of the lowest in Wales, and its current policy is therefore only to consider introduction of measures such as reduced limits where evidence suggests it would have a benefit. The evidence considered includes accidents that have happened and average vehicle speeds. Evidence suggests that most vehicles around school sites currently do no more than 20 mph, due to congestion and parked vehicles. Following a recent request by a County Councillor, this policy is to be reconsidered later this year and officers will be reviewing the data available and preparing a report for the County Council.

Questions were then invited from Members and the following comments/concerns were expressed: whether parked vehicles and reduced visibility would be considered as part of the review; the need for more enforcement of illegal parking, particularly around schools; concerns about busy roads near play areas, outside of school hours; whether reduced limits would be part-time or permanent; use of other traffic calming measures; parking on pavements.

Mr Turner asked that Members advise him of any specific concerns, with the caveat that funding can be difficult to obtain unless there is sufficient evidence of problems (photographs are helpful). He was then thanked by the Chairman for attending and retired from the meeting.

**16/14 Minutes:**

*Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.*

**17/14 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**a. Min. 451/13(a) – Parking adjacent to Hickory’s:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a response from Mr W Roberts, CCBC, confirming that an extension to the yellow lines on Tan y Bryn Road will be considered by CCBC next time it processes a Traffic Regulation Order for the Bay of Colwyn area.

The Clerk also gave a verbal report on feedback received today from Inspector Paul Joyce, indicating that Hickory’s Management were working closely with the local PCSO and negotiations were ongoing with the nearby Church for staff parking. Inspector Joyce urged local residents to speak to the Management if they have any specific concerns, as they are keen to have a good relationship with local residents.

**b. Min. 454/13 – Rights of Way:**

The Clerk submitted a list of the Rights of Way in the Bay of Colwyn area,

received from Cllr B Bagnall. It was noted that an updated digital copy of the Definitive Map, showing the locations of all of the Rights of Way, had recently been received by the Clerk from Caroline Turner, Rights of Way Officer, and that a reply is awaited to the invitation for her to attend a future meeting of the Committee regarding maintenance of the network.

***Resolved to receive and note the information and thank Cllr Bagnall.***

**18/14 Conwy CBC:**

- a. The Clerk submitted correspondence from Oliver Edwards, Colwyn Bay Waterfront Project Officer, including a copy of the May 2014 Monthly Bulletin from the contractor.

***Resolved to welcome the monthly updates and receive the correspondence.***

- b. The Clerk submitted correspondence relating to former lamp columns in Old Colwyn, which are now used to support festive lighting. Following a recent complaint from a resident, CCBC Street Lighting department had claimed that the columns were the responsibility of the Town Council. However, it was noted that the Clerk had provided information to convince the Street Lighting Section that this was not the case and the columns remain the responsibility of CCBC. The columns would now be inspected with a view to carrying out any repairs and re-painting and members were asked to confirm if they had any preference of colour.

***Resolved to inform Mr Jackson that the Town Council would prefer the columns to be painted dark blue, to match the street furniture in Colwyn Bay and give a consistent approach across the area.***

- c. It was noted that CCBC intends to place six new 'Disabled Resident Permit Holder Only' parking bays throughout the County, none of which are in this Town Council's area.
- d. The Clerk submitted a copy of the proposed Order to designate a parking area for a land train on West Promenade, which the Town Council had previously been consulted about.

***Resolved to submit no objections to the Order.***

**19/14 Council Website:**

Members were asked to consider a request from Cllr Ward to include a video of the recent 1940's Festival on the site. It was noted that the Organising Committee had approached an alternative local organisation to provide official footage of the event.

***Resolved to contact the Festival organising committee first to enquire if they have any official footage from the event that they would prefer to be used.***

**20/14 Asset Based Community Development:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, informing members that asset based community development had been promoted by the Chief Executive of Wrexham Borough Council at a joint Society of Local Council Clerks / One Voice Wales Seminar held at Venue Cymru last week. Members were asked to consider whether to send the Clerk and/or a Councillor to the Workshop.

*Resolved to authorise the Clerk and Cllr L Griffiths to attend the two-day workshop in June and report back to a future meeting.*

**21/14 Colwyn Bay Town Team:**

Cllr D Porter gave a brief verbal report from the last meeting, which had been mostly about a previous meeting with the Design Commission for Wales to discuss revised proposals for the town centre under the Colwyn Bay Masterplan. It was noted that the Clerk has been requested to meet with the new Chairman of the Town Team, Richard Badderley, and will report back on this meeting in due course.

*Resolved to contact Rob Dix to ask if the Design Commission for Wales could include the Town Council in its consultation about possible revisions to the Masterplan.*

**22/14 Other Correspondence:**

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

- a. Play for Wales Issue 42 – Spring 2014
- b. Conwy 2014-15 Wildlife Events
- c. Communities First Conwy – Spring 2014 Newsletter

**23/14 Planning:**

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.

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

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

*Resolved to note the Planning Decisions.*

- c. Councillors B Bagnall and N Bastow gave brief verbal reports on the CCBC Planning Committee site visits, held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

*Resolved to note the reports and thank Cllrs Bagnall and Bastow for attending.*

**24/14 Licensing Applications:**

The Clerk submitted notice of any licensing applications recently logged by Conwy CBC for the Bay of Colwyn area.

*Resolved to note the recent Licensing Applications.*

The Meeting Closed at 7:35pm

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