

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr S Williams (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs: Mrs L Edwards, R Foreman, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson,
Mrs V Smith

OFFICERS: Mrs T Earley, Town Clerk
Mr T Owens

66/16 Apologies for Absence:

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman and a special welcome was given to Tom Owens, Student Advisor. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, N Bastow (Chairman) C Wood and Student Advisor Harry Barlow-Edwards.

67/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

68/16 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 24th May 2016.

69/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 44/16(d) – Parc Eirias 3G Pitch:

It was noted that John Hardy will be attending the next meeting of the Committee (5th July) to explain the reason for the proposed location of the new 3G sports pitch in Parc Eirias.

70/16 Conwy CBC:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following items from CCBC:

a. Notification of request for temporary traffic regulation at Mostyn Road, Colwyn Bay, from 4/7 to 15/7/16.

b. Bus Shelter Maintenance:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report following a meeting with Gethin George on 25.5.16. It was noted that a contractor has now been appointed to carry out a twice yearly clean and through inspection of all shelters, at a cost of

approximately £15 per shelter and that a condition report will be submitted to the Council once this has been completed, in order that any maintenance can be prioritised and arranged.

The Clerk also submitted one quotation and images of the proposed new bus shelter(s) at Eirias Park. It was noted that this could be upgraded to a more heritage style shelter, such as the Chester, at an additional cost. The quote supplied was for a 3 bay shelter.

Resolved defer any decision and to request quotations for a 3 bay Arun type shelter with sides and seating and a 3 bay Chester shelter with sides and seating, to enable a comparison to be made.

The Clerk advised the Committee that the shelter on Llandudno Road (westbound) opposite Geordies garage had been damaged over the weekend and would have to be removed today on safety grounds, as it is beyond repair. The County Council do not insure bus shelters due to their relatively low value and very rare incidents of impact. It was noted that enquiries will be made to try to establish the cause of the damage, in case a compensation claim can be made.

- c. A copy of a response from Regulatory Services to a request (by a resident) for a dog ban on the beach was submitted by the Clerk, for information only.
- d. The Clerk submitted a brief update on attempts to remove the homeless man who has been living near Rhos Point. It was noted that an eviction order is now being sought as all attempts to re-home him have failed.

Resolved to note the update and to request that the Clerk contacts the Housing Officer to query how long this process will take and what will happen post eviction if he simply moves elsewhere.

- e. An offer to supply a bulk quantity of rock salt, plus copies of the gritting route maps for this area, were received and considered. It was noted that this offer had not been taken up last year, due to concerns about storage and distribution.

Resolved to receive and note the offer.

f. Bay Life Programme:

- i. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report following a VVP II discussion meeting held on 26/5/16, which was convened to seek views from Officers in preparation for the guidance expected to be issued imminently by the Welsh Government on the bid criteria and process for VVP II.
- ii. The Clerk then gave a brief verbal report following the Bay Life Officers' Group meeting held on 8.6.16. It was noted that we are now in the third and final year of VVP and that things are on track for all of the funding to be spent by 31st March 2017, subject to a few highlighted risk areas. Several pipeline projects are also being prepared in case of underspends in other areas.

Issues highlighted include the funding mix for the next phase of the Waterfront programme, with both WEFO and VVP funding requiring detailed spend profiles in line with any grant conditions. Results of an updated structural survey are awaited for the Pier, to enable a new option of leaving 3 to 4 bays in place to be fully considered (to the end of the current front building). Cadw is assisting in this process.

John Hardy (Leisure Service) was in attendance at the meeting and gave a comprehensive report on the vision for Parc Eirias and the development of an Eirias Masterplan, which will include proposals to find a development partner upgrade the leisure centre facilities to make them fit for purpose for the next 30 years.

71/16 Colwyn Bay Promenade Consultative Group:

Cllr R Foreman gave a brief verbal report from the recent meeting. He advised members that there had been lots of interest in the Rhos Point site, which was very encouraging and that the sign on the Promenade (Rhos) which had been the subject of a recent complaint would remain until promenade improvement works are done there.

Resolved to thank Cllr Foreman for attending and giving his report.

72/16 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. Minutes from OC(E)RA AGM held on 8th June 2016.

73/16 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. *Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 11/4/16 to 5/6/16.*
- c. It was noted that application 0/42344 (Plas Gwilym Quarry) has been withdrawn.

74/16 Licensing:

- a. The recent licensing applications logged by CCBC were noted.
- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the draft Revised Statement of Licensing Policy.*

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

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