

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 DECEMBER 2016, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr S Williams, Vice Chairman
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson, Mrs V Smith JP and C Wood

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

280/16 Apologies for Absence :

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Bastow, J Davies (Mayor), R Foreman, Mrs V Smith and C Wood.

281/16 Declarations of Interest:

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

282/16 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 22nd November 2016.

283/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 221/16(c) – Re-Deployable CCTV:

The Clerk submitted an email response from Emma from Conwy CBC CCTV Control Room to a request for a re-deployable camera to be sited in Rhos-on-Sea to assist in providing the evidence required for temporary parking restrictions between Fortes and the Rhos Fynoch on safety grounds.

Resolved to note the response and to await costings.

b. Min 245/16(a) – Centenary Fields – Queen’s Gardens:

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Deed of Dedication and correspondence regarding a plaque unveiling ceremony at Queen’s Gardens.

Resolved that the Clerk and Cllr S Williams attend a meeting in the New Year to discuss arrangements for the plaque unveiling ceremony and that John Roberts, Secretary of the British Legion, is also invited to attend.

c. Min 245/16(b) – One Way Extension – Colwyn Bay Promenade:

- i. The Clerk submitted an email response from CCBC regarding the impact on businesses and support available such as applying to the VOA for a reduced rateable value.
- ii. The Clerk submitted an email from County Councillor Phil Edwards, following a meeting held between himself, Cllr Donald Milne and Highways engineers to explore any possible alternatives to the current one way system. None had been deemed acceptable, for a variety of reasons, but several mitigation measures were discussed and agreed, to include better diversion signage for the A55 and that delivery drivers going to Llandudno are encouraged to use an alternative route. The letter also confirmed that the car park in Rhos on Sea is currently free, but Cllr Glenys Baker informed members that this has been paid for by the BID which is of concern to ROSTA, who feel CCBC should cover the cost of any lost revenue.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

d. Min 248/16 – Ageing Well in Wales Event:

The Clerk submitted a written report from Cllr Mrs Roy who had attended the event. This was noted.

284/16 Conwy CBC:

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

- a. Proposed Road Closure on Dolwen Road.
- b. Emergency Road Closures:
 - i. The Upper Promenade to Penrhos Alley.
 - ii. Old Highway.
- c. Temporary Traffic Regulation from jnct Abergele Road to jnct Fron Road.
- d. Notice of changes to Disabled Person's parking places (some new and some revocations).

Resolved to note the correspondence.

- e. A letter from Marianne Jackson explaining the process for CCBC to respond to any new requests for replacement bus stops or bus shelters. It was noted that all new shelter requests will be forwarded to the relevant Town/Community Council for consideration and that requests for new/relocated bus stops must meet certain criteria to be considered.

Resolved to reply to state that the previous request for the re-siting of the bus stop for some service(s) that currently stop outside The Cayley (Rhos Prom) was made for safety reasons and to request a response.

Further resolved to keep the procedures on file for future reference.

- f. Play Equipment Budget Update for 2016/17 and Tan y Lan Project Brief.

Resolved to reply and request information on the location of the two new springies in Rhos park.

- g. Notice of availability of the Register of Electors (2016 version) from Electoral Services.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence

- h. Letter re: CCTV Digital Upgrade Project

Resolved to request further information regarding statistics for each of the 30 Colwyn bay cameras and to query whether it would be possible to upgrade some (priority ones) and not others and to then refer to this to the Policy & Finance Committee for their consideration.

- i. Conwy CBC 20mph limits near schools

The Clerk tabled correspondence from Cllr Phil Edwards querying with Highways why the 20mph limit could not be extended to include Church Road (Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos). It was noted that Welsh Government advice was that traffic calming measures would also be required if the current average speeds were in excess of 25 mph and that CCBC did not currently have the funding for these.

Resolved to note the additional correspondence, tabled for information only.

285/16 Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015:

The Clerk submitted:

- a. Copy of the report to the CCBC Principal Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- b. 'Talking Future Generations' – newsletter from Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence and to note that the Clerk will be attending a meeting with CCBC in the New Year to discuss the area wellbeing assessment and objectives.

286/16 Active Travel Act:

The Clerk submitted background information and details of training available.

Resolved to ask the Clerk to find out the cost of the training and what it would cover and to refer this to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

287/16 Back to the Future:

The Clerk submitted an update from the Town Manager on the art work for the OAS hoardings, designed in conjunction with local schools/youth groups, for information. This was noted by the members.

288/16 Wreaths at War Memorial:

The Clerk submitted email correspondence regarding securing the Wreaths at the War Memorial. Concern was expressed over the suggested installation of wire around the memorial as it felt this could make the situation worse, as the wreaths would then be stood up and more vulnerable to windy conditions. It was noted that the steps were relatively shallow so the wire would be less than half way up the height of the wreaths.

Resolved to recommend that no further action be taken and the current practice of laying the wreaths flat and removing them after a month be continued.

289/16 Improvement of Route 5 Cycle Track and Pedestrian Walkway:

The Clerk submitted a copy of a letter from ROSTA to ERF, Conwy CBC and members were asked to consider a proposal from Cllr Griffiths that the Council writes in support.

Resolved to write a letter of support of ROSTA.

290/16 New Sports Facility in Old Colwyn:

The Clerk submitted an email from Ysgol Bryn Elian asking for a letter of support for them to seek funding to upgrade the astroturf sports facilities at the school.

Resolved to write a letter of support.

291/16 Town Hall Pop Up Banner:

The Clerk submitted the draft design for the pop up banner, for use at events / public meetings etc.

Resolved to order 2 large banners with the website address of the Town Council added at the bottom.

292/16 Other Correspondence:

No other items of correspondence were submitted to the Meeting.

293/16 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 issued by CCBC.*

- c. *Resolved to receive to receive and note a consultation letter from CCBC re: LDP24 – Renewable Energy.*

- d. Pre-Application Consultation: Odstone, 179, Marine Road, Rhos on Sea

Resolved to respond to state strong concerns about the proposed development, to include:

- i. *Overdevelopment of the site – the footprint of the proposed development dwarfs the original dwelling house’s footprint and is out of keeping with other residential properties in the immediate vicinity. There is also a shortage of parking provision and outdoor amenity space, due to the scale of the proposed building.*
- ii. *The prominence of the appearance, height and scale of the proposed development in relation to the neighbouring property.*
- iii. *Specific concern about the height of the development, due to the increased floor levels required as a result of its location within a floodplain. Query if this site on a floodplain is suitable for a development of this nature (i.e. apartments of particular interest to older/retired and possibly less mobile and therefore more vulnerable occupants).*
- iv. *It is known that a nearby development site required 2-3,000 tonnes of hardcore to provide a stable foundation, as the ground is very unstable due to it historically forming a river bed.*

294/16 Licensing:

Resolved to receive notice of several recent licensing applications in the Bay of Colwyn area.

The Meeting Closed at 7.30 p.m.

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