

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr G Baker, Vice-Chairman
Cllrs: B Barton; C Brockley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones; M Tasker; M Worth

OFFICER: Mrs T Earley, Town Clerk

131/17 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Cllr J Pearson, Cllr N Bastow (Chairman) and Cllrs: D Bradley, C Matthews, S Williams

132/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr B Barton declared a personal (non-prejudicial) interest in agenda item 8, due to his being clinically diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome.

133/17 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 1st August 2017.*
- b. *Resolved to receive the draft minutes of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee held on 5th July 2017.*

134/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 116/17 – Electoral Reform:

Members were asked to consider and agree a draft response to the WG consultation document, as circulated at the last meeting. The Chairman suggested that, due to number of consultation questions (46) and likely difference of opinion on many of them, members who wish to respond should do so individually.

Resolved to request that the Clerk circulates the link to the consultation document to all members, so that all those who wish to can respond individually.

b. Min. 84/17 – Princess Diana Garden:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, an expression of interest from the Rotary Club of Rhos-on-Sea in 'adopting' the garden for a five year period

and it was noted that a further visit to tidy the garden has been requested from CCBC in the meantime.

Members welcomed the approach from the Rotary Club and the Clerk circulated a draft Service Level Agreement, as the basis for opening discussion with the Rotary Club on the terms which could apply to such an agreement.

Resolved to approve the draft SLA as a means to open discussions with the Rotary Club and to delegate authority to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman to make any amendments to the agreement, as required.

c. Colwyn in Bloom Min. 5(c) – Hosting the Wales in Bloom Awards Ceremony 2018:

Members were asked to consider a request for an increased Colwyn in Bloom budget for 2018/19, to partially fund the costs of hosting the 2018 Wales in Bloom Awards event.

Resolved to recommend that the Town Council agrees an increase to the Colwyn in Bloom budget of £2,000 in 2018/19 to cover part of the costs of hosting the event, with the remaining costs (£2,000+) to be met by Colwyn BID and any local sponsorship/fundraising efforts.

135/17 Conwy CBC:

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

a. Proposed link path closure at Station Road, Old Colwyn

Resolved to note that the link path will be closed from 30/10 to 24/11 for gas works.

b. Call for Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site

It was noted that the lack of such a site in the Conwy area had resulted in temporary illegal occupation of sites such as Eirias park, which causes a nuisance to local residents.

Resolved to note the current call for land for a seven pitch transit site and await any further update in due course.

c. Consultation on Public Space Protection Orders at the Donkey Path and The Dingle, Colwyn Bay

Resolved to write to CCBC to state the support of the Town Council for both Orders.

d. Active Travel Consultation – update with area maps of existing and proposed cycle routes.

Resolved to note.

- e. The Clerk gave a verbal report from the Bay Life Meeting held on 14th August 2017. It was noted that the Welsh Government had now released details of the next round of regeneration funding, to run from 2018-2021. Funding will be allocated on a regional basis and it will be left to each region to agree which projects to fund. It is likely that themes will be earmarked as priorities for the region, possibly to include housing, town centres etc. Officers hope to be able to submit some Colwyn Bay projects to this pot, to continue the regeneration work done over the past 6-7 years, but bids will need to be made on a project by project basis, once the broad priorities for funding have been agreed.

The Officers' Group meeting then discussed the existing priority areas, including the waterfront, Eirias Park, housing renewal and the town centre, and a brief update on progress to date and future aspirations was given for each of these. Conwy CBC will still be trying to find grant funding from various sources to seek to take these projects forward, now that VVP funding has finished.

136/17 Colwyn Bay Conservation and Environment Federation:

The Clerk submitted, for information, a summary of proposals for improving Eirias Park, following a site meeting between the Conservation and Environment Federation and John Hardy, CCBC.

Resolved to receive and note the proposals, which are broadly welcomed.

137/17 Rysseldene Surgery:

The Clerk submitted a written update from Bethan Jones, Area Director, BCUHB, confirming that the Health Board will be taking over the running of the surgery from 1st December.

Resolved to receive and note the update from the Health Board.

138/17 North Wales Health and Social Care Services:

The Clerk submitted, for information, the first draft of the regional plan 2018-2023 (summary version).

Having declared a personal interest, Cllr Barton spoke briefly to confirm the need for an improvement in services for those on the autistic spectrum in North Wales.

Resolved to receive and note the report and welcome proposals to develop/improve services in North Wales.

139/17 Other Correspondence:

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

- a. OC(E)RA – Minutes of meeting held on 12.7.17
- b. Older People's Commissioner for Wales – Newsletter July 2017
- c. Minutes of the Glyn Ward Invest Local meeting held on 15th August.

- d. Play Wales – Focus on Play Newsletter, August 2017

140/17 Planning:

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

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

Further resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk and Cllr J Pearson (Tree Warden) to submit any observations regarding the tree works applications.

- b. The Clerk submitted a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 17th July to 13th August, for information.
- c. The Clerk submitted/tabled the Appeal decisions (granting permission) in respect of applications:
 - i. 0/43453 (23 Hesketh Road)
 - ii. 0/43684 (Unit 6 and parking, Rhos Industrial Park)
 - iii. 0/43711 21 Llewelyn Road, Colwyn Bay

141/17 Licensing:

There were no details of licensing applications submitted to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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