

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Cllr J Pearson  
Cllr N Bastow, Chairman  
Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; D Bradley; C Brockley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones;  
C Matthews; M Tasker; S Williams; M Worth

**OFFICER(S):** Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk  
Jake Tapping, Ysgol Eirias (Student Advisor)  
Connor Staines and Sophie Beddow, Coleg Llandrillo

**208/17 Apologies for Absence:**

There were no apologies for absence.

**209/17 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**210/17 Minutes:**

- a) *Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.*
- b) *Resolved to receive the draft Minutes of a meeting of the Bonfire Sub-Committee, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.*
- c) *Resolved to receive the notes from a meeting about Remembrance Sunday, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, and to:*
  - i) *Recommend an increase in the budget for the event (Municipal Events budget) of £300 to cover increased traffic management costs.*
  - ii) *Request that the Clerk draws up draft Terms of Reference to formalise this as a sub-committee for future years.*

**211/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a) **Min.159/17(a) – Cycle Racks in Rhos on Sea:**

The Clerk submitted a further response from CCBC, including a quotation for moving some of the cycle stands from the end of the cycle path, opposite the Cayley public house, to two alternative locations in Rhos (budget £1,800 available).

*Resolved to approach Bowmer and Kirkland to enquire if this is something their workforce may be able to assist with, to help to reduce costs.*

*Further resolved to seek two alternative quotations from the list of approved contractors, should B&K be unable to assist.*

**b) Min. 134/17 – Princess Diana Garden:**

It was noted that Rotary have decided to go ahead with the ‘adoption’ of the garden and the President will be in touch in due course to arrange a site meeting.

*Resolved to also invite Cllr G Baker to the site meeting.*

**c) Min. 189/17 – Noticeboards/benches:**

i) It was noted that two quotations have been received (for new noticeboards and benches for Tucky Park) and additional contact details are awaited from Cllr Barton to enable a third quotation to be sought for both.

ii) Cllr Pearson gave a brief verbal report, after visiting the Co-op on Dinerth Road to enquire about a possible community noticeboard. It was noted that the Manager was supportive and is sending information to Head Office to seek permission for one to be installed.

Cllr C Matthews also gave a brief verbal report stating that Cartrefi Conwy had said they would not be willing to provide a community noticeboard outside The Fron.

**d) Min. 190/17(a) – Play Equipment:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a written update and response from Phil Vipond, CCBC.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk chases a further reply from Bryn Shiland in relation to the broken swings/safety surfacing.*

**e) Min. 190/17(b) – Bus Services consultation:**

The Clerk submitted a response from Gethin George, CCBC, and members were asked to consider a response to the consultation questions for Town and Community Councils. A discussion took place around the consultation questions and a response was agreed.

*Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to submit the response on behalf of the Town Council.*

**212/17 Conwy CBC:**

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence from CCBC for information or consideration:

- a) :Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulations for:
- i) Station Road, Colwyn Bay (25-26/10)

- ii) Llanrwst Road, Upper Colwyn Bay (6-8/11)
  - iii) Abergele Road, Old Colwyn (12/11)
  - iv) Entrance to NRLC to Jnct Lansdowne Road (Parking Prohibition) 27/11 – 01/12/17.
- b) Theatr Colwyn – notice of successful grant application and commencement of backstage works.
- c) CVSC Playing Out Report – Summer 17
- d) Bus Shelters:

Members were asked to consider the quotations for two shelters (one new and one replacement) and the potential need for an increase in the street furniture budget (from reserves) of £1,000.

***Resolved to recommend to the Council that £1,000 additional funding be allocated from reserves during the current financial year to enable the shelter at Llanrwst Road, Upper Colwyn Bay to be replaced and a new shelter to be provided at the layby by Brompton Avenue / A55 junction.***

**213/17 Welsh Government:**

Cllr Bob Barton gave a brief verbal report on the National Development Framework event, held on 19<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that four options had been put to the attendees for consideration, but there was no clear favourite. A written report will follow in due course from Cllr Barton and proposals are expected to be published in around 3 months time..

**214/17 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the draft guidance for Local Authorities on undertaking community reviews. Some concern was expressed around the inflexibility of trying to even out councillor to elector ratios.

***Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to reply to acknowledge receipt of the consultation and cautiously welcome the draft procedures, with some reservations.***

**215/17 Colwyn BID:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, copy correspondence with the BID Manager regarding:

- a) Proposed replacement of benches and planters in Rhos on Sea
- b) Proposals for an additional Christmas tree in Rhos on Sea.

***Resolved to note the response sent by the Clerk and await any response in due course.***

**216/17 North Wales CHC:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the CHC response to the Welsh Government's White paper "Services Fit for the Future".

**217/17 Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a letter from the Twinning Association regarding the impending retirement of its key office holders and Cllr Bob Barton, the Town Council's appointed representative, gave a brief verbal report on two recent meetings he had attended. It was noted that Abergele Town Council had recently considered a similar letter from the Association and had offered to assist by appointing a second town council representative and trying to publicise the activities of the association more widely to help strengthen its membership. There was no appetite from members to offer any core funding or administrative support to a member organisation such as this, although small grant applications are always encouraged.

*Resolved that Cllr Barton continues to explore the type of support needed and reports back in due course.*

**218/17 Other Correspondence:**

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

- a) Minutes of a meeting of OC(E)RA, held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- b) CVSC News – Autumn 2017

**219/17 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.*

*Further resolved to enquire if/how planning policy could assist in managing the mix of retail and non-retail on the high street, due to concerns about the number of change of use applications recently received to create more café//takeway establishments.*

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

*Resolved to receive and note the planning decisions.*

- c) Cllr Merrill Jones gave a brief verbal report on the planning committee site visit at Plas Gwilym Quarry, held on 10 October and it was noted that the application had subsequently been refused.
- d) The Clerk submitted notice of upcoming events / training from Planning Aid Wales. A number of members expressed an interest in attending the PAW course

on 28<sup>th</sup> November on Place Planning.

***Resolved to enquire how many places were available and send details of the location and time of the course to those who have expressed an interest (places to be allocated on a first come, first served basis).***

- e) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a pre-application consultation in respect of a proposed residential development at Bryn y Mor, Dolwen Road by MacBryde Homes.

Concern was expressed about the land being contaminated with toxic waste products from London (anonymous source will provide evidence, if necessary). Concern was also expressed about development of agricultural/greenfield land outside of the settlement boundary and the strain on already stretched GP surgeries and local schools.

**220/17 Licensing:**

The Clerk submitted notice of several recent licensing applications. Concern was expressed about the number of recent TENs applications by Pie and it was queried if there was a limit after which a premises license was necessary.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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