

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor, Cllr J Pearson  
Vice-Chairman, Cllr G Baker (Chair)  
Cllrs: B Barton; D Bradley; C Brockley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones;  
M Tasker; S Williams; M Worth

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Tapping, Student Advisor (Ysgol Eirias)  
David Calken & Connor Staines, Coleg Llandrillo Politics Students

**186/17 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Cllr N Bastow, and from Cllr C Matthews.

**187/17 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**188/17 Minutes:**

*Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

**189/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

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

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update, advising Members that she was waiting for detailed plans and a quote for the works required from Conwy CBC.

**b. Min. 160/17(b) – Rhos Promenade Improvements:**

The Clerk informed members that she had spoken to Vic Turner, CCBC, who had advised that the plans submitted by Cllr Parry were draft engineer's drawings and not yet approved for public consultation. The design work is expected to be completed by December and Vic would then like to attend a meeting to present the plans and respond to any questions. It was noted that the timescale for completing the works would then be dependent on finding the funding required (Welsh Government?) and the redevelopment of Rhos Point.

*Resolved to note the update and await the detailed plans in due course.*

**c. Min. 160/17(d) – Footbridge at The Dingle:**

The Clerk submitted a response from Tom Gravett, CCBC, confirming that efforts are being made to replace the damaged footbridge.

*Resolved to note the response and request the Town Council is kept updated.*

**d. Min. 165/17 – Street Furniture:**

- i. Noticeboards: It was noted that the quarterly inspections had now been completed and all were in a satisfactory condition, apart from the one at St David's Road, Tan y Lan. The Clerk informed members that this noticeboard would require replacing soon, as both the backboard and frame were in poor condition.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk obtains a quotation for replacement noticeboards of a similar size/style and to recommend that the Council begins a programme of replacement of existing noticeboards at the rate of one per year.*

The Clerk informed members that no progress had been made with seeking permission from the Co-op to host a new community noticeboard at its store on Dinerth Road.

*Resolved that local ward member(s) would speak to the staff in the Co-op to enquire if permission would be given for a new noticeboard there.*

**ii. Benches:**

The Clerk informed members that she was awaiting a response from Rotary regarding the adoption of the Princess Diana garden, which would include the maintenance of the two benches, one of which needs re-painting/staining.

A verbal report was also given regarding the picnic benches on the promenade, two of which have been damaged during the summer (one has bbq burns but is still usable and the other requires removal/repair. It was noted that CCBC has been asked to assist urgently with the repair, as the bench is considered dangerous/unusable. A further four benches are currently undergoing repair and should be replaced soon.

*Resolved to note the report and endorse the action taken by the Clerk.*

**190/17 Conwy CBC:**

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

**a. Play Equipment:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following a phone call about proposals for the current year's play equipment contribution (£17,500), which it is

proposed is allocated to Tan Lan play area, Min y Don field (by Ysgol T Gwyn Jones) and possibly to assist with replacement swings/safety surfacing in other playgrounds. It was noted that written details will follow shortly.

It was queried by one member if CCBC had any policy with regards to provision of equipment for older children/teenagers to lean and chat in local playgrounds. Concern was also expressed about the current access to Tan Lan playground from the woods/rainbow bridge. It was felt that it would be better if the childrens' play area was safely fenced off from this access. Concern was also expressed about the broken swings and safety surfacing at Penrhyn Avenue play area in Rhos on Sea. It was requested that this be added to the priority list for this year's funding, as it looks very neglected.

***Resolved to request that the Clerk raises these comments/questions with the relevant officer at CCBC.***

**b. Bus Services:**

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, concerns submitted by a local member on behalf of residents about a current bus services consultation by CCBC.

It was noted that insufficient notice had been given about public consultation event(s) and that older people in particular had difficulty accessing/responding to the online consultation. Concern was also expressed about the format of the online consultation, which only asked for views on the bus service used most often, but this might not be the one under threat. Withdrawal of any local service may lead to increased isolation and/or affect the health and wellbeing of the local population. The Student Advisor stressed the importance of local bus services to young people too.

***Resolved to request that the Clerk writes to express these concerns and to***

- i. Request the public consultation sessions are re-run***
- ii. Request a list of the subsidised services that may be under threat of reduction/withdrawal.***
- iii. Ask that the appropriate officer attends a future meeting of the committee to respond to the concerns raised.***

- c.** An invitation to a workshop on Creating Playful Communities on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 was received. The Clerk also tabled a request from the Principal Play Officer to use the £130 remaining from the grant given for the PlayDay event in the summer towards a pop-up play shop during October half-term.

***Resolved that Cllr G Campbell would attend the Workshop and report back. Further resolved to recommend that the £130 be used towards Pop-up Play.***

- d.** Details of the salt bags available from CCBC for community use. It was noted that this is more relevant to the rural communities, whose residents would find it harder to access the county council depot(s).

- e. Notice of Temporary Traffic regulations:
  - i. Jct Sea View Road to Jct Greenfield Road: BT Work.
  - ii. Closure of Station Road, Colwyn Bay for overnight works.
- f. The Clerk tabled a copy of an e-petition circulated by Cty Cllr M Priestley.

**191/17 Colwyn Bay Conservation and Environment Federation:**

It was noted that the group is working with CCBC to put together a HLF funding bid for improvements to Eirias Park and that there was a display of the proposals in Sea View Road on 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 4pm, as part of the Invest Local consultation event for Glyn Ward.

**192/17 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- b. Minutes of a meeting of Conwy Access Group, held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**193/17 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.

- b. *Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.*

- c. The Appeal Decision Notice in respect of application 0/43849 (Penrhos Manor), was noted.

- d. *Resolved to receive a copy of SPG 13 – Affordable Housing, adopted by CCBC on 15 August.*

- e. It was noted that Cllr M Jones will be attending the CCBC Planning site visit on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr B Barton expressed an interest in attending, as an observer, if CCBC would permit this.

*Resolved that the Clerk requests permission for Cllr B Barton to attend.*

**194/17 Licensing:**

The Clerk submitted notice of several recent licensing applications. It was noted that there had been a number of complaints from local residents about one of the premises requesting late TENs. Members were asked to encourage residents to submit details of their concerns directly to Licensing at [licensing@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@conwy.gov.uk).

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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