

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY, AT
6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Cllr J Pearson - Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs G Baker; B Barton; D Bradley; C Brockley; J Davies;
Mrs H Fleet; C Hughes; Mrs M Jones; A Kealey; A Khan; A Mason;
C Matthews; A Pearson; M Tasker; S Williams; M Worth.

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Miss Louise Austin, Administrative Assistant

IN ATTENDANCE:
Bleddyn Evans, Conwy County Borough Council
County Councillors: Mrs C Carlisle
Member of the public

245/17 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Ms G Campbell, M Jones, Mrs H Meredith, P Richards, Mrs K Swindon and from County Councillor Brian Cossey.

246/17 Announcements:

The Mayor thanked all those who had attended and supported the Fish and Chip Supper, which had raised £232.90.

The Mayor extended congratulations to Cllr Glenys Baker and Cllr Gemma Campbell for the successful stall held at Rhos Christmas Fayre, which had raised £150 for the Mayor's Charities. The Mayor also thanked all those who had helped on the day.

Dates for Diary:

Barn Dance: February/March

Variety Show (pending headline act) April

The Mayor wished all members and staff a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

247/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

248/17 Visitors:

The Chairman informed the members that due to technical issues with the film and subtitles, Liz Millman had requested to defer showing the film until the New Year.

The Chairman formally welcomed Bleddyn Evans, CCBC, to give an update on the new CCBC Office development. Bleddyn gave a brief introduction to the project, for the benefit of new members of the Council, to include the vision, benefits, key milestones, key facts and principal images. This included an explanation about the cost/funding of the development and the resulting 40 year lease to CCBC.

He went on to explain the success stories to date, which include: the social value plan and use of a number of local contractors; three young people finding employment as a result of the Prince's Trust 'Get into Construction' programme; meeting/exceeding targets set under the National Skills Academy for Construction; 14 new jobs created, 40 training weeks completed, 3 work placements and 4 new apprenticeships; school engagement on a number of initiatives; and exploring the scope to contribute towards town centre shop front improvements.

Bleddyn then gave a brief overview of what is in store for 2018, with the number of trades on site peaking in mid-summer to around 150 people, a target completion and handover date of October 2018 and then a phased occupation by staff from then up to January 2019. Surplus assets will then be released, including the Civic Centre for redevelopment. He reminded Members that they (CCBC and Muse) had been hoping to attract investment to develop the Civic Centre into a hotel, but that this now looked 'highly unlikely', with a residential development looking to be more viable, but that the ultimate use had not been firmed up as yet.

The Chairman thanked Bleddyn for his presentation and questions were invited from members. A question and answer session followed, covering the following topics: the value of the Civic Centre site; the ratio of fixed desks to staff and how it would work at peak occupancy times; the % of affordable housing that the Civic Centre site would provide; confirmation that there will not be a café on site; concerns about car parking for staff/visitors; the significant capital costs that would be incurred if existing buildings were retained; the reasons a hotel development is unlikely; index linking of annual lease payments; number of electric vehicle charging points to be provided; availability of car parks for use by public at weekends and/or for events.

Bleddyn Evans was then thanked for attending by the Chairman and he retired from the meeting.

249/17 County Council Liaison:

Members were reminded of the request that any issues/concerns be raised in advance, via the Clerk, to enable a response to be given. There was no report from the County Councillor present.

250/17 Minutes:

- a. *Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 23rd October 2017.*
- b. *Resolved to receive the minutes of the following meetings:*
 - i. *The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 24th October 2017.*
 - ii. *The Policy & Finance Committee held on 15th November 2017 (Draft).*
 - iii. *The General Purposes & Planning Committee held on 21st November 2017 (Draft)*

251/17 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:

a. Min. 203/17(b) – Welsh Government Review of Town and Community Councils:

The Clerk submitted a draft response to the consultation questions, for consideration by the Council. Cllr Barton reported that he had attended an event at Chirk, organised by One Voice Wales, with around 40 Councils represented. The Chief Executive of OVW will be collate the comments made and compiling a response on behalf of One Voice Wales. Cllr Barton suggested that the Town Council response be deferred until he has received this information.

Resolved to defer submitting any response until the One Voice Wales response has been received and circulated.

b. Resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Committees, as detailed in the following Minutes:

i. Min. 212/17(d) – Bus Shelters:

To allocate an additional £1000 from reserves to enable one new bus shelter (Brompton Avenue) and one replacement shelter (Llanrwst Road) to proceed from this year's budget.

ii. Min. 225/17 – Litter & Dog Fouling Campaign:

To allocate an initial budget of £2,500 to commence an education and enforcement campaign in several litter/dog fouling hot-spots with immediate effect, from funds available in general reserves.

iii. Min. 233/17 – Ward Allowance Project Proposal:

To approve the payment of £426 to Tan Lan Community Centre.

iv. Min. 237/17(d) – Princess Diana Garden:

To approve the budget of up to £500 to reimburse Rotary in respect of costs for plants, tools, materials etc.

c. Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committees, as detailed in the Minutes.

252/17 North Wales Police:

- a.** The Clerk submitted a letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable regarding budgetary and other pressures and the resulting decrease in frontline, neighbourhood policing teams.

Resolved to received and note the letter.

- b.** The Clerk submitted information to confirm that the guaranteed opening hours for Colwyn Bay Police Station have been reduced to one day per week (Monday).

Resolved to invite Inspector Kelly Isaacs, West Conwy Coastal to attend a meeting in the new year to give an update to the Council on policing matters affecting the local community.

253/17 North Wales Community Health Council:

The Clerk submitted a questionnaire for partners and asked members to consider a response.

Resolved to submit a response, as detailed in Schedule 'B' attached, and to invite a representative from the CHC to attend a future meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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