

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllrs: Cllr N Bastow (Chairman)
Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; D Bradley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones; S Williams (Dep. Mayor) and M Worth

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: A Member of the Public

401/17 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from the Cllrs C Brockley, J Pearson, C Matthews and M Tasker.

402/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr G Baker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in one of the planning applications (0/44993).

403/17 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 13th March 2018.

404/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Min. 263/17(b) – Benches for Tucky Park:

- i) The Clerk submitted a revised quotation for the installation of the benches, following the submission of images showing the proposed location, which is on a slight gradient. The options were:-
1. Accept revised quote and pay the difference (£435 on top of the original £550 installation costs) from the 2018/19 street furniture budget
 2. Cllr G Baker offered to contribute her 2018/19 ward allowance to reduce the shortfall in budget.
 3. Consider an alternative quotation, tabled by the Clerk, for CCBC to install the benches on a concrete base at a total cost of £500.

Resolved to accept the Conwy CBC quote for installation and to change the order with GL Jones to supply and delivery only.

- (ii) To note that the Town Council will have to retain responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the benches after installation.

Resolved to add the benches to the Asset register and arrange routine quarterly inspections, if Conwy CBC not willing/able to assist with these.

b) Min.217/17 – Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association:

The Clerk submitted a brief update from Mr Morris and a request to consider that the Town Council retain, for safe keeping, the display cabinet and its contents, as the group is likely to be disbanding.

Resolved to accept the donation of the display cabinet and add this, and its contents, to the asset register.

405/17 Conwy CBC:

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

- a) Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulations at:
- (i) Colwyn Bay Promenade (11-12/5)
 - (ii) Station Road/Sea View Road (21-22/4)
 - (iii) The Close, Colwyn Bay (17/4) Water Works

Resolved to note the correspondence.

b) Time Capsules at Coed Pella:

Members were asked if they had any ideas as to what could be put in the capsule. It was suggested that a photograph of the Town Council, taken at the annual meeting on 14th May, be included.

Resolved to request that the Clerk submits a proposal that the Town Council photo, which will be taken on 14th May 2018 at the Annual Meeting, together with information about the Town Council, a copy of the Town Council Logo, and list of current members be included.

- c) The (Final) Draft of the Conwy & Denbighshire PSP Well-being Plan 2018-2023 was submitted by the Clerk and noted by Members.

406/17 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission:

- a) The Clerk submitted the Commission's draft proposals for Electoral Arrangements in Conwy. The key points were a reduction from 59 to 54 County Councillors and from 38 to 30 wards. This included a reduction in the councillors for Llandrillo-yn-Rhos ward from 4 down to 3. There were no proposals to alter electoral arrangements in any other Bay of Colwyn wards.

Concern was expressed that this would result in the ratio of electors to councillors

in Llandrillo-yn-Rhos ward being the highest in the County and that an increase in registration of those who are eligible to vote could result in the electoral representation in the Llandrillo yn Rhos ward reaching as high as 30% over the County average.

Resolved to defer any response on the draft proposals until the next Committee Meeting, as a response was not required until 25th June 2018.

- b) The Clerk submitted a copy of the final guidance for Principal Councils on the review of Communities and advised the members that Conwy CBC had carried out one a few years ago, in the lead up to the current LGBC review. They will only usually take place every 10 years.

407/17 Colwyn Victoria Pier Trust:

Cllr B Barton gave a brief verbal report on the AGM, held on 18th March 2018. It was noted that a CCBC Officer had given a report on the current dismantling of the Pier, confirming that all re-usable parts are being safely numbered and stored. The Pier Trust's architect also gave a presentation on a revised scheme to redevelop the Pier and it was noted that the Trust are in talks with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), who have introduced a quicker and simpler application process. Some positive verbal feedback has been received from the HLF. Members were advised that a recording of the meeting is available to view on the CVPT website.

Cllr Barton was thanked for attending and giving his report.

408/17 Carbon Literacy:

Information was submitted regarding a course on carbon literacy for organisations.
Resolved to authorise the Clerk to attend, subject to the date and venue being convenient.

409/17 Colwyn Bay Conservation & Environmental Federation:

The Clerk submitted information on the improvement plans for Eirias Park, which were noted by members.

410/17 One Voice Innovative Practice Awards Ceremony:

- a) The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the recent sessions, outlining the content of a session given by the Chairman of the Welsh Local Government Association on the recent Local Government Green paper and sessions on innovative websites and youth engagement.
- b) The Clerk submitted copies of the presentation notes from the town shortlisted entries for innovative websites.

Resolved to:

- i) ***Set up a Working Group comprising Cllrs: Bob Barton, Gemma Campbell, Chris Brockley, Neil Bastow and Steve Williams to review the content of the current site, look at best practice and recommend any additions/alterations to***

content.

ii) ***Recommend that the Clerk contacts Conwy Youth Service to enquire if any support could be available for the setting up of a 'Colwyn Youth Action' body, with representatives from the three local high schools, youth club(s) and the college.***

iii) The Clerk submitted information about a disposable BBQ stand, obtained from a supplier at the conference, which may help to prevent further burn damage to the picnic tables at the Promenade. It was noted that the Council has approved a budget of £2,500 for street furniture (notice boards/benches etc) in 2018/19, but that permission would be required from CCBC for a BBQ stand to be located on its land and support would also be needed to empty the bin regularly. Members could see the benefit of such an addition to the area, in that it would cover its cost by reducing future costs for repairing just one or two damaged tables each year.

Resolved to write to CCBC to seek permission for one BBQ stand to be located in the raised picnic area near Porth Eirias and enquire about any associated costs for the emptying of the bin. Providing this reply is positive, recommend that the Council takes up a free four week trial, with the intention of either purchasing outright, or taking an annual rental (to include winter storage and refurbishment annually) of one BBQ stand.

411/17 Other Correspondence:

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

- (a) Conwy Voluntary Access Group – Minutes of Meeting held on 16th January 2018.
- (b) Colwyn BID Newsletter – March 2018.
- (c) CVSC News – Spring 2018.
- (d) Old Colwyn Resident's Association – Minutes of meeting held on 14th March 2018.
- (e) Welsh Government Review Panel:

Resolved to hold a pop-in session in May to encourage members of the public to contribute to the review.

- (f) Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Society Newsletter – Easter 2018.

412/17 Planning:

- a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications notified by CCBC.

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

- b) Notice of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC was received.

- c) The Clerk submitted a pre-application consultation in respect of a proposed development at the former Edelweiss Hotel site, Lawson Road.

Members gave general support to the proposals, but had concerns about the closeness of the proposed building to the southern boundary of the site and the potential impact this may have on neighbouring residential properties, due to loss of privacy and/or light).

413/17 Licensing:

The Clerk submitted notice of several licensing applications listed by CCBC recently for the Bay of Colwyn area.

Resolved to receive and note details of the licensing applications.

The Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

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