

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY**

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

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

**260/17 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Campbell and C Matthews.

**261/17 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**262/17 Minutes:**

*Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.*

**263/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**a. Min.237/17(a) – Tree Charter:**

- i. The Clerk submitted, for information, a press release issued following the planting of the legacy tree on 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- ii. The Clerk circulated the printed/illustrated copy of the Tree Charter and members were asked to consider framing it for display.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk arranges to have the Charter framed for display in the Town Hall.*

**b. Min.237/17 (b) – Street Furniture:**

- i. The Clerk submitted further information about the preferred new/replacement noticeboards and members confirmed that Denbighshire Signs Workshop are the preferred supplier for new/replacement notice boards. It was noted that a response is still awaited from the Co-op on Dinerth Road regarding siting a new noticeboard there.
- ii. *Resolved to defer considering quotations received for the re-siting of the cycle racks to allow additional time to chase quotations (two received to date).*

iii. The Clerk gave a brief verbal budget update, informing members that approximately £1,000 remained in the budget for noticeboards/benches for 2017/18 (allowing £1,600 for the cycle stand works). Members were asked if they wished to proceed with the purchase of one or two benches from G L Jones for Tucky Park, Rhos on Sea.

*Resolved to request £820 from reserves to proceed with the purchase, delivery and installation of two additional benches for 'Tucky park', Church Road, Rhos on Sea during the current financial year.*

*Further resolved to arrange for a press release and photograph of the Mayor and Rhos Ward members, once the benches are installed.*

**c. Min. 211/17 – Bus Services Consultation:**

It was noted that Gethin George, CCBC, will be attending the committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January to provide more information on the recent survey work.

**d. Min. 217/17 – Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association:**

It was noted that discussions with CCBC are ongoing and members were asked to consider a request for the Twinning Association display cabinet to remain at the Town Hall for the foreseeable future.

*Resolved to note/approve the request and await a further update in due course.*

**264/17 Conwy CBC:**

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

- a. Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulations for:
  - i. Back Bay View Road, Colwyn Bay (12-13 Feb 2018)
  - ii. Coed Pella Road, Colwyn Bay (18-22 Dec 2017)
  - iii. Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting & on-Street Parking Places – an updated proposed order for implementation of daily parking charges on the Promenade. Members expressed concern that this decision was being made purely for monetary reasons and that it was not in the best interests of the long term regeneration of the town, or the wellbeing of the local population.

*Resolved to maintain previous objections to the introduction of parking charges on the Promenade, due to the likely negative impact (based on previously gathered evidence) this will have on displacement parking in nearby streets, reduced visitor numbers and the ability of local residents to use the promenade for affordable daily leisure and exercise.*

*Further resolved to query if an impact assessment has been carried out and to request that an officer attends a meeting early in the New Year to report back on this.*

**b. Bay Life Officer Group:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the last meeting, held on 6 December. It was noted that Colwyn Bay is being considered by the North Wales regional board as one of twelve settlements to be selected for regeneration funding under the Welsh Government's new Targeted Regeneration Investment programme. A discussion took place about the key projects which might qualify for funding under this programme, should Colwyn Bay be chosen as one of the three or four locations in North Wales to be targeted in the first few years of the programme (2018-2021).

**265/17 Conwy & Denbighshire PSB:**

- a. The Clerk submitted a copy of the draft Well-Being Plan. Members were encouraged to respond to the online questionnaire.

*Resolved to query why only carers are being asked to respond to some questions and not also the people or families of those being cared for.*

- b. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following a recent meeting with Fran Lewis (CCBC) and Clerks from the larger Town Councils in Conwy. It was noted that the Town Council must adopt its own Wellbeing Plan by May 2018, monitor its performance against any objectives set and then publish an annual report by September 2019. Meeting(s) will be arranged in the New Year to begin work on developing the plan for 2018/19 and agreeing the overarching objectives for the current term of office. Fran is willing to assist by providing support and advice and some templates, which can be used if we wish.

**266/17 Events:**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the recent Bonfire and Remembrance Sunday events.

*Resolved to:*

- a. *Express thanks to the volunteers who had assisted at both events and*  
b. *To encourage all Members to attend the Remembrance Day services in 2018, given it will be the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I.*  
c. *Recommend a budget be allocated for refresher Traffic Management training in summer 2018.*

**267/17 N&MWALC:**

Cllr S Williams gave a brief verbal report from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. It was noted that all five representatives had been due to attend, but that the Council only gets one vote on any issue under debate. A cost per head applies for those staying for lunch.

*Resolved to review representation on the Association for 2018/19 and to request that the agenda for each quarterly meeting be placed on the next available GP&P agenda for consideration prior to the meeting, if time permits.*

**268/17 Other Correspondence:**

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

- a. Play Wales – creating accessible play spaces toolkit.
- b. Natural Resources Wales – latest news bulletin.
- c. Rhos on Sea Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter, December 2017

The Clerk also advised members that the Colwyn Bay Christmas tree had been vandalised by three young people last Thursday evening, some time between 7:30 and 9:00pm. A large number of bulbs had been unscrewed from their sockets and thrown around the base of the tree and in nearby streets. The contractor had replaced those that were not broken, but would need to fit a number of new ones from store to get the lights working again. The police have examined CCTV footage and are appealing for any witnesses.

**269/17 Planning:**

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC, as detailed in Schedule A attached.

*Resolved to submit observations, as detailed in that schedule.*

- b. To receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC from 6/11 to 19/11/2017.
- c. It was noted that no one had been able to attend the site visit earlier today (Welsh Mountain Zoo), but that local residents had expressed concerns about the height of the proposed ‘dome’, which had not been given in the planning application.
- d. It was noted that three Members and the Clerk had attended the Planning Aid Wales training on Pre-Application Consultation, held on 28<sup>th</sup> November. It was reported that the training had been very useful and informative and that the practical exercise had highlighted the type of issues to be considered and discussed with developers at a pre-application stage.
- e. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a summary version of the ‘Planning Law in Wales: Consultation paper’ issued by the Law Commission.

*Resolved to defer the submission of any response to a future meeting, to allow Cllr Barton time to submit a written summary/report.*

**270/17 Licensing:**

It was noted that there were no recent licensing applications logged for the Bay of Colwyn area.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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