

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2018, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

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

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

426/17 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J Pearson and C Matthews.

427/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

None were declared.

428/17 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 10th April 2018.

429/17 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

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

The Clerk submitted correspondence regarding the delivery date and proposed location of the two benches. This was received and noted by members.

b) Min.406/17 – Local Democracy and Boundary Commission:

A further discussion took place on the proposals of the LDBC to make changes to Llandrillo-yn-Rhos Ward, to reduce it from a 4 member ward to a 3 member ward. The Clerk advised members that there had been a previous suggestion by a County Councillor (several years ago) to move some roads north of the A55 from Rhiw Ward to Llandrillo-yn-Rhos. However, this may still not be enough to retain the status quo, given the desire of the LDBC reduce the deviance from the average member/elector ration across the County and the presumption that urban areas can withstand higher rations than the rural areas. The general feeling was that the Town Council should still object to the proposed reduction in elected members, given the age profile of Llandrillo-yn-Rhos, but there was no alternative proposal to put forward to appease the Commission. It was noted that responses are not required until 25 June 2018 and was therefore:

Resolved to defer this matter again to allow more time to consider a suitable response.

Following a suggestion made at the last meeting that members should try to encourage more unregistered electors to register their vote (to increase the member/elector ratio and put pressure on the LDBC to retain four elected county councillors for Llandrill-yn-Rhos), the Clerk advised members that she had been contacted by the Electoral Officer at Conwy CBC and asked to make it clear that members should not be cold calling at properties outside of their own wards to encourage people to register. It was felt that this was not only inappropriate, but could cause confusion in the run up to the forthcoming local by-election in Dinarth ward.

c) **BBQ Stand:**

The Clerk tabled, for information only, a brief holding response from Tom Gravett, Conwy CBC.

430/17 Conwy CBC:

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

- a) Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulations at:
Hillside Road, Rear Alleyway (8/5-9/5)
Pwllcrochan Avenue (8/5–10/5)

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

- b) Hackney Carriage – Minimum Standards Consultation:
Members considered the consultation paper and raised several questions about the accessibility provisions. Further clarification was sought on the rear/side loading requirements and concern was expressed about the difficulty of getting accessible taxis after 6pm.

Resolved to request that the Clerk contacts Licensing to raise these questions/concerns.

431/17 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted Historical Environment Update no 7 – April 2018.

Resolved to receive and note the Update.

432/17 Age Cymru:

Cllr B Barton tabled a brief written report on the ‘Have Your Say’ sessions that he and Cllr Worth had attended. He said it had been disappointing and was basically a form filling exercise, which could have been done from home. Questions were asked under three themes: transport, loneliness and isolation and health and social care.

Cllrs Barton and Worth were thanked for attending and giving a report.

433/17 Modern Slavery:

Cllr Glenys Baker gave a brief report on the session she has attended along with Cllr Colin Matthews.

Resolved to recommend that the organiser be invited to address the Council later in the year.

434/17 Other Correspondence:

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

- (a) Old Colwyn Resident's Association – Minutes of meeting held on 11th April 2018.
- (e) Noticeboards: The Clerk informed the Committee that the quarterly checks of noticeboards were due and reported on a damaged picnic bench, three more to be put back.

435/17 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 the demolition of the existing property and the construction of 16 apartments at 34, Church Road, Rhos on Sea. Concern was expressed about the extra traffic onto Church Road in the vicinity of the school, scout hut and playing fields and about the potential for visitor parking on nearby streets (only 16 parking spaces to be provided on site). Concern was also expressed regarding the proposed surface water soakaway, due to the gradient of the land and potential impact on properties below, if this does not have sufficient capacity. It was noted that a previous application had been for just 9 apartments and there was concern that 16 may constitute over-development of the site.

Resolved to request that the Clerk submits these concerns to the developer.

- d) The Clerk submitted details of a site visit to be held on 8th May 2108. This was noted by members.
- e) Members were asked to note that permission has been granted on appeal in respect of the former United Reform Church Hall, Colwyn Avenue, Rhos on Sea.
- f) Members were asked to note the dates of the 'drop in' sessions for the forthcoming consultation on the National Development framework 'Issues, Options and Preferred Option.' The consultation paper would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

g) A member raised concerns that an amendment had been submitted in respect of a planning application on the agenda for the last meeting, to which this Council had submitted objections. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received notification of any amended plans.

Resolved to ask the Clerk to contact the Planning Officer for details of any amendments and to delegate authority to the Clerk to submit any further observations prior to the next Committee meeting, if necessary, after discussion with the Chairman and members of the Committee (by e-mail).

436/17 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 7.30 p.m.

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