

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr G Baker (Chairman)
Cllrs: B Barton; N Bastow (Dep Mayor); M Jones; C Matthews; J Pearson;
M Tasker; S Williams (Mayor); M Worth.

OFFICER: Mrs T Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Lianne Martin, Principal Environmental Health Officer, CCBC

314/18 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Cllr D Bradley, C Brockley and G Campbell.

315/18 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 agenda item 9(a) Planning Application 0/45796.

316/18 Visitor:

- a) The Chair welcomed Lianne Martin, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Conwy CBC to the meeting to respond to questions from members regarding proposals for Community Dog Parks.

Lianne explained to members that the proposals had initially been intended for rural wards only, but it had been decided not to be restrictive and to consider them for any ward where a need is identified. They are intended to help in areas which are subject to complaints about dog fouling, animal attacks or anti-social dog behaviour. Once an area has been designated, signage is erected to clearly show the area where dogs can be exercised off-lead.

The success of the project relies on community support/involvement from the outset and the benefits can be far reaching, providing this happens. For example, it may encourage dog walkers to meet together regularly, which can help to tackle loneliness and isolation. It can also help those who don't have/like dogs to identify places they can go where dogs are excluded, or where they have to be on leads and to avoid places where dogs are likely to be off-lead.

A brief question and answer session followed, with questions/concerns about: who would monitor any irresponsible dog owners using these areas (this is a shared responsibility, with other dog owners expected to report any inappropriate behaviour); sponsors will be asked to support welfare stations in each area, which would hopefully have water, poop bags and dog toys available for use; whether

there were any particular areas in mind in the Bay of Colwyn and if CCBC could provide a list of the open spaces it owns; local dog-friendly cafes; whether there are any costs involved? (the Town Council would be asked to fund approx. 20% of any costs, which is expected to be around £2-£300 per area.

Resolved to request that Lianne forwards a list of the areas of open space owned by CCBC across the Bay of Colwyn area and identifies any problem areas, where Community Dog parks may be useful.

Lianne was thanked for attending and then retired from the meeting.

- b) The Clerk informed the Committee that the presentation by James Harland on the HMO SPG and the current LDP Consultation would have to be deferred as James Harland had sent apologies earlier today.

Resolved to ask that the Clerk tries to rearrange the visit for the next meeting.

317/18 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th December 2018, subject to one minor amendment: the addition of the names of those voting in favour of approving the Minutes (Min. 290/18.

318/18 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Min.291/18 (e) – Street Furniture:

- i) Tan Lan (St David's Road) Noticeboard: It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting, as the Clerk had not yet received any quotations for the replacement of the noticeboard.
- ii) It was confirmed that the following noticeboards had been inspected by members:
Gorse Road (CM), Cefn Road (MeJ), Colwyn Avenue (GB), Tan Lan Community Centre (MeJ) and Sea View Road (SW). It was noted that the noticeboards at both Cefn Road and Sea View Road needed staples removing.
- iii) Abergele/Hesketh Road Bus Shelter: The Clerk reported that the driver/insurer had been identified and it was noted that a quote had been requested for a new bus shelter.

b) Min. 291/18(c) – Community Dog Parks:

Resolved to await further information from Lianne Martin, as detailed in Min. 316/18(a) above.

c) Min. 291/18(d) – Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDs):

The Welsh Government Guidance and FAQs was received and noted by members.

d) Min 293/18 – Website Update:

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting, as Cllr Brockley had tendered his apologies.

e) Min 294/18 – Dog Fouling:

Cllr G Baker gave a brief verbal update and showed members the poop bag dispensers which had been cable-tied to lamp posts in various locations around Rhos on Sea. It was noted that local businesses/volunteers had agreed to monitor and refill these, as required. Members were asked to consider if there were locations in other wards that might benefit from such a project.

Resolved to request that members send details of any suggested locations to the Clerk (subject to finding a local business/volunteer to monitor and refill, as required), for forwarding on to Lianne Martin.

f) Min 296/18(d) – Conwy Replacement LDP:

It was noted that Members had some questions/concerns about some of the information in the LDP consultation papers.

Resolved to contact James Harland to request for an extension to the deadline for response and to ask him to attend the next meeting of the Committee, to be held on 5th February, or an earlier ‘Special meeting’ if necessary.

319/18 Conwy CBC:

Resolved to receive and note the following correspondence from CCBC:

a) Notice of requests for temporary traffic regulations at:

(i) Back Bay View Road – 9/1 – 11/1.

b) Land Drainage Byelaws Consultation:

Cllr Barton expressed some concern about the wording of sections 13, 14 and 19 of the Bye-laws.

Resolved to request that Cllr Barton sends these concerns in writing to the Clerk and to delegate authority to the Clerk to forward these on to CCBC by 15/2/19..

320/18 North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils:

The Clerk submitted, for information, the Agenda for the next meeting, due to be held on Friday 18th January.

The Clerk informed the Committee that due to another urgent meeting, she was now unable to attend, but that the Mayor, and Cllrs B Barton & H Meredith would be attending.

It was noted that the Welsh Government had published a further statement on the Future role of Community and Town Councils in December, accompanied by a table of immediate and future actions.

Resolved to request that the Clerk forwards a copy of this information by e-mail to Cllrs B Barton and S Williams, in preparation for the meeting.

321/18 Other Correspondence:

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

- a) Llandudno and Colwyn Bay Tramway Society Newsletter – Winter 2018.*
- b) OCRA Minutes if Meeting held on 8th January 2019.*

322/18 Planning:

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

Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in that Schedule.

- b) Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 03/12/2018 – 13/01/2019.*

- c) Appeal Decision 0/45346: dismissed**

Resolved to receive and note the inspector’s report with interest.

- d) Withdrawn Planning Application:**

It was noted that Planning Application 0/45644 had been withdrawn.

323/18 Licensing:

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

Resolved to receive and note details of the licensing application.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

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