

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 22ND JULY 2019

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr N Bastow
Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; C Brockley; H Fleet; C Hughes; M A Jones;
Mrs M Jones; A Khan; C Matthews; T Pearson; M Pickard;
P Richards; S Williams, M Worth

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Debbie Ratcliffe, North Wales Police
County Councillors: B Cossey

101/19 Apologies for Absence:

The Mayor welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D Bradley; D Howcroft; A Kealey; H Meredith; J Pearson; A Mason; K Swindon; M Tasker.

102/19 Announcements by the Mayor:

a) The Mayor reminded all members that volunteer traffic marshalls are required for the annual bonfire and remembrance events to ensure any road closures are managed safely. A minimum of four Chapter 8 (Highways) trained volunteers are required for key locations at both events and accredited training will be arranged during the summer. Cllrs C Matthews and M Worth agreed to attend the training. If any other members are willing/able to assist, please contact the Clerk. If not, it was noted that the Council may need to pay for trained stewards from the traffic management company.

b) The Mayor advised the Council that a clasp on the reverse of the Mayoral chain is broken and it is therefore being sent away for repair to a specialist regalia company.

c) The Men's Shed are holding an Open Day was this weekend from 10am – 4pm (Saturday & Sunday)

d) The Mayor reported that he had unfortunately broken his leg in a recent accident, but is hoping to continue with engagements where possible.

103/19 Declarations of Interest:

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

104/19 Visitors to the Council:

a. The Mayor welcomed Debbie Ratcliffe, Sergeant, North Wales Police, to address the Council regarding local policing issues and specifically problem solving.

Debbie reported that the new Chief Constable is very keen on the Force using Community orientated problem solving (Cops), which takes neighbourhood policing a step further and involved communities in identifying the true cause of issues and helping to find appropriate solutions, not just from within the limited police resources. PCSOs have been trained and will now be using this approach locally. Several examples were shared, including an instance of repeated reports of minor disturbances, which it turns out had resulted from an underlying problem of loneliness. Other agencies were brought in to help tackle the loneliness and the reports then ceased. The basic concept is to scan the issue to find the root cause and then look for wider community resources to tackle it.

A question and answer session followed, with questions/comments made about: the problems with solution-led problem solving (which is not being used); the professional support available to PCSOs to assist them.

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

- b. The Mayor welcomed County Councillor B Cossey to the meeting and invited him, plus Cllr Hughes and Cllr Khan, to give any reports/update on County Council matters.

Cllr Cossey gave a brief verbal update on the Pier, confirming that the contract had been awarded to a local company, Grosvenor Construction Ltd, and that it was well within the allocated budget. The works are expected to take 30 weeks and be completed by Easter 2020.

He then gave a brief update on the appointment of Cabinet and Chairs and Vice-Chairs, which had also now been completed, having taken some time to reach agreement.

Cllr C Hughes reported that there has been a slight delay in releasing the draft LDP for an eight-week period of public consultation and members were informed that this contains some significant development proposals for the Colwyn Bay area.

Resolved that a Special Meeting is convened, once the consultation is opened, with a Planning Officer present to give an overview of the proposals and respond to any questions from the Council.

Cllr Cossey then responded to a couple of brief questions from members.

The County Councillors were thanked for their reports and Cllr Cossey retired from the meeting.

105/19 Minutes:

- a. ***Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 10th June 2019.***
- b. ***Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:***



- i. The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 18th June 2019.*
- ii. The Policy & Finance Committee held on 3rd July 2019 (Draft).*
- iii. The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 9th July 2019 (Draft)*

106/19 Matters Arising from Those Minutes:

a. Min. 48/19(b) – Old Colwyn Promenade:

The Clerk tabled an e-mail response from Owen Conry, CCBC, confirming that CCBC had commissioned a report to investigate and review options for implementing the third phase of the waterfront project, with the assistance of key asset stakeholders. Comments have recently been received from WG Transport and the options report will now be completed and passed on to the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management section within the WG for action.

Resolved to receive and note the update.

b. Min. 48/19(d)(ii) – Old Colwyn War Memorial Committee (deferred item):

The Clerk reminded Members that Cllr Mark Jones had expressed an interest in joining the Committee, to replace Cllr D Bradley, and he confirmed he was still interested. The War Memorial Committee had confirmed that it would just like two Old Colwyn members to be nominated, but had no preference as to which wards they represented. The Council agreed it was preferable to appoint a representative who is interested and willing/able to attend meetings, than be concerned about which ward they were from.

Resolved to appoint Cllr Mark Jones as the Bay of Colwyn Town Council's second representative on the Old Colwyn War Memorial Committee.

c. Min. 48/19(d)(iii) – Civic Artefacts from the Civic Centre:

The Clerk submitted an e-mail response from Helen Goddard, Conwy CBC, confirming the location of two paintings and querying what other civic artefacts were still being stored at the Civic Centre. It was noted that this had been passed on to Cllr C Hughes to provide any further information he may have.

d. Min 52/19 – Bayside Radio:

The Clerk submitted an email update from Simon Wynn regarding a small scale digital radio licence for a section of Conwy county (allowing up to 7 stations to be broadcast) and gave a verbal report on the drawing up of the new lease (awaiting a response from CCBC as to whether they are willing/able to provide legal help with this).

Resolved to:

- (i) Authorise the sending of a letter of support in connection with the application for a new small scale digital licence.*
- (ii) Authorise the Clerk to seek assistance from a local solicitor to draw up the lease if CCBC's legal team is not able to assist.*

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

i. Min 76/19 – Redundant Telephone Kiosks: Members considered the proposed adoption of kiosks on Princes Drive, Glyn Ward and in Old Colwyn.

Resolved to support the adoption of the Princes Drive kiosk (subject to CCBC consent and Colwyn BID to provide a written undertaking regarding ongoing maintenance and insurance) and to defer consideration of the other two kiosks to enable the Clerk to contact BT to enquire if a defibrillator could be accommodated alongside a working payphone and, if not, to provide call statistics for these two kiosks.

ii. Min 79/19 – Operation London Bridge:

Resolved to adopt the action plan for use when required.

iii. Min 82/19(a) Youth Grants:

Resolved to make £5,000 of the Youth Grants budget available by participatory budgeting, to involve local young people in the decision making, and to authorise the Clerk to contact the local youth workers/panels to discuss their involvement.

iv. Min 82/19(b) Conwy CBC Major Events 2020:

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, giving a basic outline of the proposed family event, which will require funding support from the Town Council, Colwyn BID and CCBC.

Resolved to offer support in principle for the event and to request further dialogue about the amount of financial support required, once more information is known about costs / location / activities etc.

Basic details about another major event, which would not require any funding support, were also noted.

The Clerk tabled an e-mail from CCBC advising of a change of date for the Prom Xtra event in 2020 to Saturday 2nd May, due to the VE day Bank Holiday and celebrations the following weekend.

Resolved to note/support the date change and to request that the GP&P Committee considers contacting local organisations (IMAGINE, Colwyn Heritage Group, British Legion) with regards to potentially arranging a celebratory event.

f. ***Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committees as detailed in the Minutes.***

107/19 Conwy CBC:

- a. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the Bay Life Strategic Management Board meeting held on 15th July. Cllr P Richards and Cllr C Hughes had also been in attendance and gave brief reports about Douglas Road car park and disabled access onto the beach.
- b. Cllr H Fleet gave a brief verbal report on a meeting she had attended with A Pritchard to discuss green activities for the Wales Rally GB event. She had made several suggestions for additional activities, which are now being considered, and will report back when she receives any further update.

108/19 Colwyn BID:

- a) The Clerk submitted correspondence regarding Town Council representation on the BID Board.

Resolved to re-affirm the appointment of Cllr D Howcroft as the formal representative of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council on the BID Board (and not in his capacity as a local business owner).

- b) The Clerk also tabled an e-mail received from Colwyn BID regarding possible branding/logo designs for the Bay of Colwyn area (after a request/discussion at an IMAGINE Colwyn Bay meeting to incorporate elements of the BID and IMAGINE logos and using 'Bae Colwyn' to reduce the text). Initial views were requested from members, for feeding back to the group. There was a general feeling of disappointment with the image and uncertainty about its need/purpose.

109/19 One Voice Wales:

The Clerk submitted, for information, notice of the conference and AGM, to be held on 5th October 2019, which was noted by members.

110/19 Quotation for Works:

The Clerk tabled confidential quotation files for the following works:

- (a) 2 no. new Honour Boards for display in the main Chamber.

Resolved to accept quotation 1. (Gwyn Evans) but with the lettering to be completed by Racecraft Signs (2.), at a total cost of £1,125 for two.

- (b) Replacement of six old/rusty light fittings in rear annexe with six new LED fittings. It was noted that the Clerk had attempted to get a third quotation, but this had not been possible in the short timescale available (the tenancy has now commenced).

Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to query if quote 2 includes VAT and to accept the cheapest of the two quotations.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

 Chairman