

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr N Bastow
Cllr C Brockley, Chairman
Cllrs: B Barton; D Bradley; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones (Deputy Mayor);
C Matthews; M Tasker; S Williams; M Worth

OFFICER: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk
Mrs R Dudley, Assistant Clerk

193/19 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G Baker and J Pearson.

194/19 Declarations of Interest:

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

195/19 Minutes:

- a) *Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 17th September 2019.*
- b) *Resolved to receive the minutes of the Bonfire Sub-committee held on 10th September 2019.*

196/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a) Min 182/19(b) – Litter Bins:

- (i) The Clerk tabled an email from Conwy CBC to confirm that they would be willing to swap the larger bin from outside the Spar with the smaller one at the Princess Diana Garden in Rhos-on-Sea. However, it was noted that the larger one did not have flaps and seagulls may remain a problem.
- (ii) It was noted that the cost to replace the bin with a new one, with flaps, would be approximately £500 and that the County Council has no funding, or stock of bins to replace any.

Resolved to recommend that the request for the bin to be swapped with the one from the Spar is confirmed.

Further resolved that local members keep an eye on the condition of bins in their wards and consider using ward allowance funding if there are any they would like replaced.

b) Min 182/19(d) – Play Sufficiency Research:

Cllr G Campbell gave a verbal report on the recent focus group meeting, which had shared the results of a recent research project in which CCBC/Colwyn Bay had received some positive feedback, particularly around the summer open access play provision. Conwy is focussing on the 'right to play' and play sufficiency needs to address how children play: making play areas more accessible to all; not necessarily full of equipment, but using more natural play environments.

It was noted that 'austerity' had provided an opportunity to re-think traditional play provision and consider a strategy to move away from more formal play areas. Some of the barriers for children to be able play in more informal areas would need to be addressed, such as parental concern, neighbour objections, land being privatised etc. However, the planning system could help with encouraging more free-play opportunities in new development sites, with informal open grassed areas with trees etc (and no 'no ball games' signs). Toilets near play areas also need to be disabled/child friendly.

Cllr Campbell was thanked for her comprehensive and informative report.

c) Min. 171/19(f) – Bonfire Event:

- (i) The arrangements for this year's event were noted and the Clerk gave a brief verbal update, informing members that the Civic Centre car park would not be available this year.
- (ii) The Clerk tabled e-mail correspondence from the Event Safety Officer, recommending switching to a local company to provide the first aid / paramedic cover required for this year's event, rather than the local St John Ambulance team. It was noted that the event has grown significantly in recent years, with headcounts over the past two years confirming attendance of around 7,500. This brings the event into a higher risk category, requiring a minimum level of first aid/ paramedic cover. The Event Safety Officer put forward a number of reasons for supporting a change in provider for this cover, including the level of training/expertise of the Medic Skills team, their experience in working at other major events in Eirias Park and their familiarity with the procedures for working with the Event Control, in case of serious incidents. It was noted that the price quoted for the provision of first aid / paramedic cover for the event (£300) was not dissimilar to the cost of the provision offered/provided by St John's.

Resolved to support the change in provider for this year's event, for the reasons outlined above.

197/19 Conwy CBC:

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

a) Notice of Requests for a Temporary Traffic Regulation:

- (i) Greenfield Road to Promenade Link Path – 4/11/- 20/12/2019 (Welsh Water Works)



- (ii) Cefn Road and Station Road, Old Colwyn – 6/12 – 9/12//2019 (Christmas Market)
- (iii) Cilgwyn Road, Llanellian yn Rhos– 23/09-06/10/2019 (Bridge Work)
- (iv) Pen y Bryn Road, Upper Colwyn Bay – 26/09-25/03/2021 (Carriageway Resurfacing)

Resolved to note the temporary traffic regulations.

b) National Deaf Children's Society:

The Clerk submitted an e-mail from Conwy CBC consulting on a request for a fund-raising stand in the Colwyn Bay precinct for National Deaf Children's Society.

Resolved to submit no objections to the request.

c) Bus Pass Renewal:

The Clerk submitted information about support sessions to be held in Colwyn Bay library for those needing assistance to renew their bus passes. It was noted that there had been some initial problems with the online renewal system, but the local support service is very helpful for anyone needing it and many people are helping their friends, relatives and neighbours.

Resolved to receive and note the correspondence.

- d) IMAGINE Colwyn Bay:** The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Minutes from the Steering Group Meeting held on 3rd September 2019 and gave a brief verbal update, confirming that the 'State of Independents' photography exhibition had now been installed in the Promenade bus shelters.

Resolved to receive and note the minutes/report.

- e) Bay Life:** The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the Bay Life Strategic Officer Group held on 11/09/2019 covering the Town Centre Investment Plan (integrated and animated spaces) and uncertainty about whether any 'public realm' elements could be funded, the Pier project (completion now expected May 2019), and TRI projects, which include Housing Renewal Phase C, Key Properties (Imperial and other potential sites, including Douglas Road) and the Waterfront Phase 2B. It was noted that this had resulted in a request for Officers to attend and address the Town Council members regarding the progress with plans for the next stage of the Waterfront project.

Resolved to note the Clerk's report.

- f) Rhiw By-Election:** Members received information confirming the by-election for Rhiw Ward in November and were asked to consider whether poll cards should be issued and, if so, which is the preferred method of delivery (using CCBC canvassers or sending by royal mail, which would cost twice as much).

A discussion ensued around the benefits of having poll-cards, but recognising the burden on local taxpayers. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of any by-elections comes from the amount set aside annually by the Town Council towards the next main elections, which results in a higher budget being required next year.

A Councillor asked if it would be possible for a group of volunteers to deliver the poll cards, in return for a donation to a fund for defibrillators in Old Colwyn.



Concern was expressed that this may not be lawful, due to the cards containing personal (protected) data and due to the potential to miss certain streets/properties.

Resolved to request that the Clerk contacts the Electoral Officer to enquire if it would be possible for volunteers to deliver the poll cards and, if not, to confirm that poll cards are required and that the preferred option would be delivery by CCBC appointed canvassers.

- g) S.106 Funding:** The Clerk tabled, for consideration, a request from Philip Vipond, CCBC, for support to use S.106 funding to repair the pump for the fountain in Queen's Gardens and to pay for the two new benches, which had been requested by this Council to provide more sociable seating, following a discussion with a resident of the sheltered housing/flats opposite the gardens.

Resolved to confirm support for the two projects to be funded from the S.106 monies held for open spaces in respect of a development in Victoria Park.

198/19 CCTV:

Members were asked to consider a request for CCTV coverage in Ivy Street car park area, after a recent incident of anti-social behaviour had been brought to the attention of a number of local councillors. It was noted that this 'back-street' area suffers frequent issues with anti-social or illegal activities and visible cameras may help prevent this. It was queried whether a portable/roving camera, like those used for the 'no messing' campaign could be used, as a temporary measure.

Resolved to recommend that the Clerk contacts the CCBC CCTV Manager to enquire if it would be possible to place a temporary or permanent camera covering the Ivy Street car park area and, if so, what the likely cost would be.

199/19 Noticeboards:

- a)** The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a quotation for the replacement of the noticeboard on St David's Road, Tan Lan. It was queried whether a softer surface could be used (i.e. not plywood) to make it easier to add notices. The Clerk advised members that noticeboard design had been discussed by the committee several years ago and, following receipt of information about enclosed noticeboards with soft or cork interiors, members had decided to continue with open-access plywood boards. This meant that the noticeboards would continue to be easily accessible for community use, but could be 'policed' and tidied/updated regularly by the local community and/or local ward members. It was queried if any S.106 monies may be available, but members noted that the Town Council had a street furniture budget set aside for repairs to assets such as noticeboards.

Resolved to accept the quotation for a like-for-like replacement board, at a cost of £175.

Further resolved to request that members send any further information which may be obtained in respect of suitable notice board backing materials to the



Clerk, for placing on a future agenda.

- b) To consider a request from Cllr Brian Cossey, on behalf of OCRA, for a larger noticeboard in Old Colwyn, to give more space for town and countywide events to be advertised.

It was noted that the Town Council's noticeboards are intended for local/community based notices and events only and were never intended for publicising countywide events. These kind of boards used to be provided by the County Council / Tourism section. It was further noted that websites and social media are now used more widely for publicising events and people are becoming less reliant on local newspapers and posters.

Resolved to recommend that the request be declined, for the reasons stated above.

200/19 North Wales Fire and Rescue Service:

The Clerk submitted information regarding a public consultation on developing a long-term Environmental Strategy.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation document.

201/19 Understanding Welsh Places:

The Clerk submitted an invitation to attend the launch event, being held in Cardiff earlier today.

Resolved to request that the Clerk contacts the organisers to enquire if a launch event could be held in North Wales to publicise the new site and demonstrate how it can be used to assist the featured towns/communities.

202/19 N&MWALC:

The Clerk submitted a copy of agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the association, to be held on 25th October 2019 in Holywell. The Clerk informed members that she had been asked to attend an urgent meeting of the Executive Committee on 13th September, where she had been informed that the association's secretary is on leave indefinitely and not undertaking any work for Welshpool TC at the current time. She had been asked if she would be willing to take on the role (temporarily?), but had declined this due to the time/resources it would require to fulfil the needs of the role.

Resolved to receive and note the agenda for the forthcoming meeting.

203/19 Tree Charter:

The Clerk submitted information regarding Tree Charter Day on 30th November 2019.

Resolved to request that the Clerk forwards this information to the Colwyn Bay



Conservation and Environment Federation, in connection with tree planting in Eirias Park.

204/19 Other Correspondence:

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

- a) Autumn Newsletter from Llandudno and Colwyn Bay Tramway Society
- b) Community Wellbeing Programme Autumn/Winter 2019

205/19 Planning:

- a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.
Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) Resolved to receive a copy of the Planning Decisions issued by CCBC for the period 9/9/19 to 22/9/19.
- c) It was noted that application 0/46513 (13 Abbey Drive, Rhos-on-Sea) has been withdrawn.
- d) Planning Appeal:
The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the appeal decision for Planning Application 0/46226.
- e) Planning Committee Meeting:
 - (i) The Clerk submitted a copy of the guidance notes issued to people wanting to speak at a Planning Committee meeting.
 - (ii) The Clerk gave a brief update, confirming that the Town Council's request to speak at the next Planning Committee meeting in respect of 5 Grosvenor Road had been declined, despite an appeal to the Chairman. However, an offer had been made by the Head of Planning to instead circulate the Town Council's written observations to the members of the committee.
Resolved to accept this offer, which will help to highlight the key concerns of the Town Council in respect of the amended plans.
- f) National Development Framework:
Members were given a verbal reminder about the drop-in session being held in Colwyn bay Library on 10th October 2019 and it was noted that a response to the consultation will need to be agreed at the next meeting of the committee.
Resolved to forward the link to the consultation document to all members in preparation for the next meeting.


206/19 Licensing: Members received and noted the list of licensing applications.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CEISIADAU CYNLLUNIO/PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/10/2019

Cyfeirnod/ Reference	LEFEL/ LEVEL	
0/46647	D	<p>Trosi'r ffenestr bresennol i ddrysau Ffengig i roi mynediad at do fflat y llawr cyntaf. Safle: 45A Rhos Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4RS Ymgeisydd: Mr Dean Hughes Dim Gwrthwynebiad Convert existing window to French doors giving access to first floor flat roof. Location: 45A Rhos Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4RS Applicant: Mr Dean Hughes No Objections</p>
0/46670	D	<p>Rhoi wyneb newydd ar yr adeilad ar ffurf ffram goed, gwaith adfer, addasu ffenestri ar y llawr cyntaf a gosod ffenestr gasment a ffram goed yn lle'r caead yn y cefn. Safle: 20 Station Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8BU Ymgeisydd: Antioch North Wales Dim Gwrthwynebiad Replacement timber framed frontage, restoration works, alterations to windows on first floor and replace rear shutter with timer framed casement window. Location: 20 Station Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8BU Applicant: Antioch North Wales No Objections</p>
0/46677	D	<p>Estyniad arfaethedig ar y llawr cyntaf i ffurfio ystafell gwpwrdd. Safle: Woodedge, 84 Pen Y Bryn Road, Upper Colwyn Bay, LL29 6AL Ymgeisydd: Mrs S Jones Dim Gwrthwynebiad Proposed first floor extension to form walk-in wardrobe. Location: Woodedge, 84 Pen Y Bryn Road, Upper Colwyn Bay, LL29 6AL Applicant: Mrs S Jones No Objections</p>
0/46687	D	<p>Tynnu 2 goeden Cypreswydden Monterey a thocio canghennau 10 coeden. Safle: Flat 3, 1 Norton Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4TH Ymgeisydd: Miss Elspeth Holliday Dim Gwrthwynebiad Remove 2 no Monterey Cypress trees and prune limbs on 10 no trees. Location: Flat 3, 1 Norton Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4TH Applicant: Miss Elspeth Holliday No Objections</p>
0/46702	D	<p>Mae'r cynnig ar gyfer y canlynol: 1. Trawsnewid gofod to i fod yn ystafell wedi gydag ystafell gawod en-suite. 2. Codi to talcen flaen i greu snyg/swyddfa (oddi ar ystafell newydd) 3. Disodli heulfan UPVC i gefn yr eiddo gydag ystafell gyfleustodau wedi'i 'hadeiladu'n iawn' gan ymgorffori storfa allanol oddi ar y dreif. 4. Gostwng to'r garej presennol a chysylltu hyn i do'r ystafell gyfleustodau newydd i greu llwybr cysgodol. Safle: 13, Abbey Drive, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4PD. Ymgeisydd: Mrs Heledd Cressey. Dim Gwrthwynebiad</p> 

The proposal is for the following:

1. Conversion of the roof space to a bedroom with an en-suite shower room.
2. Raising the roof of the front gable to create a snug/study (off the new bedroom).
3. The replacement of the rear UPVC conservatory with a 'properly' constructed utility room, incorporating an external store off the driveway.
4. Lowering the existing garage roof and linking this to a new utility roof to create a sheltered passageway.

Location: 13, Abbey Drive, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4PD.

Applicant: Mrs Heledd Cressey.

No Objections

