

**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 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Cllr N Bastow  
Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; D Howcroft; C Hughes; D Jones; Mrs M Jones;  
C Matthews; A Pearson; J Pearson; P Richards; S Williams; M Worth.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rachael Gill, Conwy County Borough Council  
A member of the public

**277/19 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Bradley, C Brockley, H Fleet, A Khan, A Mason, K Swindon, M Tasker and from Cty Cllr B Cossey.

**278/19 Announcements:**

The Mayor had recently attended a 100 year birthday celebration and said it had been a lovely occasion.

**279/19 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**280/19 Visitors to the Council:**

- a) The Chairman welcomed Rachael Gill to the meeting to address the Council regarding Conwy CBC major events and funding for 2020/21.

Rachael gave an informal update on the events held in 2019, to include the Jess Glynne cancellation and Wales Rally GB event. A report issued recently by the Federation of Small Businesses (Future of Welsh Towns) puts events at the heart of the success of towns in Wales and Rachael commented that the Bay of Colwyn Town Council is leading the way in terms of its commitment to and financial support for events.

Moving on to 2020, Rachael confirmed that Orchard has secured two acts for summer 2020 concerts at Eirias. She explained that these were on two separate weekends, as they have to fit in with routes and national tour schedules. CCBC has committed a budget of £300,000 towards events for the period April 2020 – March 2022 and discussions are currently underway regarding three potential events which may come to the Colwyn Bay area. If these progress, funding support would also be needed from the Town Council.

Rachael expressed her thanks for the support received in the past to bring new events like these to the area and reiterated her and her teams ongoing commitment



to putting Colwyn Bay on the map, nationally.

Questions were then invited from members and these covered the following key topics: the additional costs for scheduling the summer concerts on different weekends (not significant and stage will stay up); people not having spare funding for tickets in November (timing dictated by the industry, but will hopefully be earlier next year); not enough publicity for Wales Rally GB activities (loss of marketing manager impacted across their events); request for research/statistics on impact of events on the town (proper event evaluation done each year and includes realistic information on economic impact, in terms of new spend. Will ask for assistance with more business surveys); whether Proms in the Park may come back to Colwyn Bay (committed to Swansea, so we will only get the opportunity when they cannot host. BBC also doing review of event, as it is very expensive for them. Cost to CCBC is around £63k, due to ticket income risks); concerns around lack of visitor accommodation – can data from events help to justify demand/need locally to encourage inward investment? (has previously been used to help prove the market for the Coed Pella development to come to Colwyn Bay); concerns that CCBC is not assisting/supporting a Christmas event in Colwyn Bay this year, but taken Winter Light event to Llandudno (CCBC were paid by Colwyn BID to support the event in previous years, but agrees Winter Light should move across the county).

Rachael Gill was then thanked for attending and she retired from the meeting.

b) County Councillors:

It was noted that there was no report from County Councillors as lots of recent meetings have been cancelled due to the parliamentary elections next week.

**281/19 Minutes:**

- a) *Resolved to receive, approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of:*
- i) *The last Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.*
  - ii) *The Special Meeting of the Council, held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.*
- b) *Resolved to receive a copy of the minutes of the following meetings:*
- i) *The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.*
  - ii) *The Policy & Finance Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (draft).*
  - iii) *The General Purpose & Planning Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019(draft).*

**282/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

a) **Min. 224/19(c) – Vacancy in Rhiw Ward:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, the results of the recent by-Election which were noted by members. The Mayor formally welcomed Cllr Debra Jones to her first Ordinary Council meeting.



**b) Min. 225/19 – CCBC T&CC Forum:**

(i) The Clerk submitted the minutes of the T&CC Forum meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, at which information about the 'at risk' services had first been presented. The Clerk gave a verbal update on matters arising from the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November. It was noted that the eight Town Clerks from across Conwy are meeting here tomorrow to discuss their Council's responses to the follow-up letter and recent surgeries about the 'at-risk' services.

**c) Min. 226/19 – Community Plan:**

Consideration was given to the suggestion by the Clerk to commence meetings of the Colwyn Bay (Rhiw/Glyn wards) sub-group in the New Year, whilst the Steering Group members from Old Colwyn and Rhos-on-Sea continue to seek business and third sector representatives.

It was proposed that Kai Davies be approached as a potential voluntary sector representative for Old Colwyn (a business sector representative is still required) and that Mr Sewell be approached as a potential representative for Rhos-on-Sea.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk contacts these prospective representatives and that a Steering Group meeting is arranged in the New Year to commence the project planning and initial engagement work.*

**d) Min 227/19 – Colwyn BID/ Colwyn Business Support Zone/ Chamber of Trade:**

- i) The Clerk gave a verbal update confirming that the ballot for Colwyn BID's early termination had been resoundingly in favour of terminating a year early (March 2020).
- ii) The Clerk submitted correspondence from Mark Clemson regarding the Chamber of Trade and members who had attended the initial meeting earlier this evening reported that he will be acting as Interim Secretary. The relaunch of the Chamber of Trade will be made official at its EGM, to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

*Resolved to request that the Clerk writes to the BID Chairman to request an update regarding the proposed area groups (nominations submitted prior to the EGM) and the process for spending or returning the remaining monies.*

**e) Resolved to note the recommendations of the Committees, as detailed in the following Minutes**

**(i) Min 249/19(a) – Environment Wales Act 2016:**

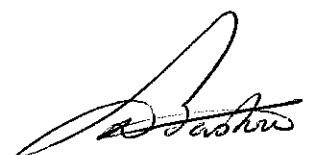
*Resolved to approve the initial report, drafted by the Clerk.*

**(ii) Min 253/19 – Playing out Summer 2020:**

*Resolved to approve funding for five sessions per week for five weeks in Summer 2020.*

**(iii) Min 264/19(a) – Litter Picking Hub:**

*Resolved to support the recommendation that the external store room at the rear of the Police Station be brought into use as a community hub for litter picking equipment (under the rules of the Keep Wales Tidy national scheme).*



*Further resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to meet with Phil Vipond and Gwyl Roache (KWT) to progress this matter and that details of litter pick events are shared on the Colwyn in Bloom Facebook page and the council's website.*

*(iv) Min 267/19 – Homelessness:*

*Resolved that the Clerk invites an Officer from Conwy CBC to speak about their partnership work with NW Police at a future meeting.*

*(v) Min 270/19 – Proposed Charity Event in Min y Don Park:*

The Clerk tabled an e-mail from a resident involved in the Old Colwyn Christmas Markets about potentially joining the music festival to another event in Min y Don park. Members felt it was beneficial to support a varied programme of events.

*Resolved to support the recommendation to send a letter of support to the original correspondent and to reply to the e-mail to confirm the action taken and welcome a varied programme of events throughout the summer.*

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

#### **283/19 Bonfire & Fireworks Event:**

The Clerk submitted the invoice for this year's fireworks display, for approval of payment, and asked members to consider an increase in budget to mark the fiftieth year of the event in 2020.

*Resolved to approve payment of the invoice and request that the Clerk speaks with Get Set Go Events to get an idea of the additional funding required for next year's display.*

#### **284/19 NALC/LGA:**

The Clerk submitted, for information, guidance issued by NALC/LGA to local councils/local authorities about tackling loneliness and taking action on Climate Change.

It was queried if the Town Council had ever carried out any green audits, as Conwy CCBC do. The clerk responded that the Carbon Trust had been brought in previously to undertake a survey of the improvements that could be made at the Town Hall to reduce the carbon footprint of the building. The recommendations from this report are being implemented over a period of several years, where it is cost effective to do so.

#### **285/19 Corporate Plan Actions 2019/20:**

The Clerk submitted the updated action plan for 2019/20 for consideration. One member queried the wording of item 1.3.

*Resolved to amend 1.3 to state that the community governors are 're-confirmed' rather than re-appointed annually.*



**286/19 Town Centre Investment Plan:**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on a meeting that she had attended earlier today. The project officer had reported that it was critical to the project that it has the full support of the Bay Life Board at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December, so that a potential outline funding package can be worked up and submitted to the Welsh Government's funding panel in January. The total project cost is currently estimated at £1.7m and it will need to be delivered over two financial years – 2020/21 and 2021/22. Match finding of some 30% will need to be identified, from a variety of sources. It was noted that the Town Council provided some funding for the Station Road improvements around 10 years ago and the Welsh Government would be looking for an element of funding from the local community again, to demonstrate local support for the project.

***Resolved to request that the Clerk considers setting aside some capital funding towards this project as part of the draft budget for 2020/21, under a budget heading of 'match-funding for capital projects'.***

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

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