

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2020

PRESENT: Cllr C Brockley (Chair)
Cllrs: G Baker; B Barton; G Campbell; Mrs M Jones (Deputy Mayor); C Matthews; J Pearson; M Tasker; M Worth

OFFICERS: Mrs Roz Dudley, Assistant Clerk
Miss Louise Austin, Administrative Assistant

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the public

47/20 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Mrs T Earley.

48/20 Declarations of Interest:

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

49/20 Rhos Promenade Road/Beach Works/Public Participation:

The Assistant Clerk submitted a letter and photographs from a resident and an email from Cllr Pearson with regard to the finished works and traffic issues. An email from Traffic Network Manager, Conwy CBC and an email forwarded from Cllr Parry had been emailed to members earlier in the day, for information. The Assistant Clerk also informed the members that she had spoken to Cllr Parry.

In accordance with Standing Orders, members of the public may be permitted to speak regarding any item on the agenda. The Chair invited the members of the public to use this public participation session to make any additional comments to those already submitted to members. Jo Nuttall thanked the Committee for letting her attend and taking the issue seriously. She felt that there should be no parking on that stretch of road apart from disabled parking bays for residents on the opposite side of the road. Chris Coxon added that there were 3 major issues: the pedestrian crossing, the reduction in width of Rhos Road and the inadequate sea defences. He also said that residents wanted the white lines reinstated, traffic calming and 20mph along the stretch between Rhos Point and Fortes which would help to reduce the speed of traffic.

It was proposed and seconded to invite a Traffic Officer from Conwy CBC to attend a future Committee Meeting to address the Members. The Members of the public were informed that they would be able attend the meeting.

The Chair thanked the members of the public and they retired from the meeting.

Resolved to invite a Traffic Officer, Conwy CBC to attend a future Committee Meeting to address the members.

50/20 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 28th July 2020.

51/20 Training on .pdf files:

The Chair welcomed Louise Austin to the meeting. Louise gave a brief presentation to members on how to annotate .pdf files. It was noted that the Louise will send out a short instruction note into the use of Adobe software for both PCs and iPads, in due course. Louise was thanked for her presentation.

52/20 Sub-Committees:

The Assistant Clerk submitted, for consideration, the Terms of Reference for the sub-committees that report to the General Purpose and Planning Committee:

- a) Bonfire Sub-committee
- b) Christmas Lights Sub-committee

Resolved to re-appoint the sub-committees.

53/20 Conwy CBC:

- a) The Assistant Clerk submitted:
 - (i) TTR for Peulwys Road, Old Colwyn from 30/9 to 30/3/21 (Carriageway Resurfacing)
 - (ii) TTR for Llanrwst Road from 7/9 to 9/9(Welsh Water Works)
 - (iii) TTR for Llanrwst Road to Pwllcrochan Avenue from 1/9 – 5/9 (Carriageway Resurfacing)
- b) An update from Conwy CBC regarding Playgrounds.

Members noted all the Conwy CBC documents.

54/20 BT Phone Removal:

The Assistant Clerk submitted notification from Conwy CBC regarding the removal of a BT phone box in Old Colwyn. Cllr Bob Barton informed the members that he had been in communication with OCRA (Old Colwyn Resident's Association) before the CoVid-19 lockdown restrictions about the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the phone box, which would be for community use, but this would require BT leaving the electricity supply in the box. Concern was expressed over the cost of future upkeep, maintenance and electricity fees of the phone box.

Resolved to write to the local authority to ask for an extension to the decision deadline, in order for the discussion between OCRA and Cllr Barton to recommence once OCRA reconvene their meetings.

55/20 Lady Diana Garden:

At the request of Cllr Jeff Pearson, the maintenance of the garden was considered, as it was felt it was looking untidy and needed urgent attention. The Rhos Rotary Club had a service level agreement with the Town Council to maintain the garden. Members appreciated that during CoVid-19 Lockdown, work in the garden would have been difficult.

Resolved that the Assistant Clerk write to Rotary to ask them when they intend to restart work at the lady Diana Garden and to report back to the Committee.

56/20 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 27/7/2020 – 06/08/2020.*

c) Planning Aid Wales:

The Assistant Clerk submitted a newsletter and asked if any of the members had been on the online training portal as some members had reported a problem with receiving the log-in details. The Assistant Clerk had done the training and reported that it was very informative. The Assistant Clerk was asked to request the details again and forward to members.

d) Conwy RDLP:

Members noted the email from Conwy CBC regarding any impact that CoVid-19 has had on policies /practises. Members said they would complete the survey individually.

e) Members noted the appeal refusal notice for Nant Uchaf Farm, Nant y Glyn, Colwyn Bay.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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