**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLACE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AND REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) AT 11AM ON FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2025**

**PRESENT**: David Masding (Chair)
Cllrs: Hannah Fleet (Vice Chair), Chris Hughes, Cty Cllr Cheryl Carlisle,
Co-opted Community/Business Representatives: Tony Anderton, Rob Dix, David Sewell, Tracey Toulmin

**OFFICERS:** Tina Earley, Town Clerk
Rachael Gill, Place Plan Manager
Pam Everley, Assistant Clerk
Shane Wetton, Place Plan Officer, Conwy CBC

**ABSENT:** Cllrs: P Ashe, C Bell, J Higgins

**203/25** **Welcome and Apologies for Absence:**

Members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies for absence was received from Cllr Ricki Owen, Brian Cossey, J Pearson, Natalie Hughes, Helen Jackson. David Masding was appointed as temporary Chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the beginning of the meeting.

**204/25** **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

**205/25** **Minutes of the last meeting:**

**a)** ***Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 6th June 2025.***

**b)** ***Resolved to receive the meeting notes from the working groups:***

**(i)** ***Housing and Future Development (3.7.25)***

**(ii)** ***Getting Around – A Connected Colwyn (30.7.25)***

**(iii)** ***Culture, Heritage & Tourism (14.8.25)***

**206/25** **Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

**a)** Min. 30/25 (i) – It was noted that the Place Plan Manager has facilitated a connection between T4CB and the Lumiere supplier, and will continue to support to ensure that Beach of Dreams is incorporated into the programme on 28 November 2025.

**207/25** **Feedback from Local Area Forum**

Members received a verbal report from the most recent Local Area Forum meeting from Cllr C Carlisle and the Clerk. Key items included discussion regarding the Bay View development, and the Colwyn Bay recovery and investment project.

A follow up meeting took place in August, but due to low attendance and outstanding reports, matters were deferred to the next meeting on 15 October 2025, where consultation on the proposed opening of Station Road will be discussed. Only a one-way opening of Station Road is currently being considered, subject to public and business consultation.

It was noted that the Clerk and Place Plan Manager/Deputy Clerk will not be present at the October meeting. Cllr CC will brief them as officers continue to develop plans.

Cllr Hannah Fleet joined the meeting at 11.20am.

**208/25** <u>**Progress report:**</u>

Members received a presentation from the Place Plan Manager regarding the first 12 months' progress. Members congratulated the Place Plan Manager on the progress and were supportive of the projects planned moving forward.

***Resolved for the Place Plan Manager to:***

**a)** ***Schedule at least 3 meetings per annum for each of the groups in 2026 with more be called if needed;***
**b)** ***Share any LDP updates with Members as available;***
**c)** ***Continue to engage with CCBC officers, with Cllr CC support, to pursue 'Pride in Place' £20M funding opportunities.***

**209/25** <u>**CCBC Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer:**</u>

Members received a verbal update report from the CCBC Strategic Engagement Place Plan Officer regarding:

- RLDP (Replacement local development plan) will be out for consultation very soon – please engage.

- Explained the difference between Place Plans and Place Making plans, in the context of Pride in Place funding. The Pride in Place Strategy is the government's plan to create safer, healthier neighbourhoods where communities can thrive. Whilst Place Plans can be used as evidence when completing funding applications and, once adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, can become material consideration in the planning process they do not share the same pathway to regeneration funding as a Placemaking Plan which is a requirement of the Transforming Towns funding programme.

**210/25** <u>**Grant Opportunities for Future Projects:**</u>

Responses are awaited from funding applications submitted for:

**a)** Transforming Town Centres (£15k) – mapping project; and,
**b)** SPF £10k secured – awaiting planning decision for MUGA lighting upgrade, and solar lighting for Rhos park.

**211/25** <u>**Section 106 (Planning Obligation) funds:**</u>

**a)** ***Resolved to support accessing Section 106 funding to assist organisations involved in community growing projects already in operation, such as Incredible Edibles (T4CB) and Friends of Eirias.***
**b)** ***Resolved to defer the query of the Old Colwyn allotment space located behind Aldi, to the Greener Colwyn working group.***

(There was a break and a light lunch for members.)

**212/25** **<u>October 22$^{nd}$ Event:</u>**

David Rudlin of Rudlin & Co attended the meeting to outline the proposed approach for the event scheduled for 22 October.

The planned programme will:

- Challenge delegates to “think of the High Street as a business”;
- Include a walk-around prior to the main session;
- Feature workshop case studies from towns of a similar size to Colwyn Bay, such as Holyhead and Frome;
- Conclude with a visioning exercise, encouraging participants to reflect on towns they admire and identify ideas that could be applied locally;
- Be followed by a written summary report after the event.

Due to the weather, Members agreed to forego the walk-around.

The Meeting closed at 2.15pm ……………………………………. Chairman