



Minutes of a meeting of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council, held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Colwyn Bay at 2pm on Wednesday 25th March 2026

PRESENT: Chair: Ingrid Lewis (IL)
Cllrs: Hannah Fleet (HF) and Chris Hughes (CH)
Community Reps: Chris Hemmings (CHe), Des Mahony (DM) and Paul Richards (PR)

OFFICERS: Tina Earley (TE), Town Clerk & Finance Officer
R Dudley (RD), Assistant Clerk & Secretary
R Gill (RG), Place Plan Officer & Deputy Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Place Plan Promoting a Greener Colwyn Working Group Members:
Matthew Day (MD) and David Sewell (DS)

ABSENT: Cllrs: Chris Brockley, Abdul Khan and Tom Maclean

462/25 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- a) The Chair, Ingrid Lewis, welcomed members & Place Plan Promoting a Greener Colwyn Working Group Members to the meeting.
- b) Apologies for absence were received from:
CIB Committee: Cllrs A Jones, David Birtwistle and Peter Barton-Price.
PPGC Working Group: Sophie Birchall-Rogerson, David Dudley, Cllr Jason Higgins and Shane Wetton.

463/25 Minutes:

Resolved to approve, as a correct record, the notes of the last informal meeting, held on 6th January 2026 subject to a small amendment.

464/25 Matters arising from Minutes:

- a) **Min 322/25(e): Vacancies on Committee:** Replies from Conwy CBC, Old Colwyn Resident's Association and Rydal School regarding the invitation to be on the Colwyn in Bloom Committee were considered by the members. Members noted the reasons why Conwy CBC could not join the Committee. The Committee gave consideration to inviting representatives from Conwy CBC to address a future meeting of Colwyn in Bloom particularly with regard to the future of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee in terms of growth, development and the change in focus to environmental matters. The Committee also suggested future speakers could be School representatives/Cluster Manager and a representative from CCBC Open spaces.

Resolved to appoint Tony Anderton to fill a vacancy, as a representative of the

Old Colwyn Resident's Association and Maria Mclean as a representative for the Business Sector.

- b) **Min 326/25(a): Catering for Presentation Evening:** RD submitted the quotations received from various businesses for providing the venue/catering for the presentation evening.

Resolved to approve and accept the quotation from the Cricket Club, Rhos on Sea.

- c) **Min 326/25(c): Replacement Trophies:** Members noted that 2 trophies had been purchased as part of the replacement programme and thanked Cllr Tom Maclean for his ward allowance donation for 50% of the cost.

465/25 Finance Report:

- a) TE submitted the income/expenditure report for the year to date and gave a verbal report. The invoice from street lighting for installing and removing the up-the-poles (£1,800) has still not been received and will be followed up. There is money still available in the budget for community planting projects. A budget of £18,000 is being recommended to Council for 2026/27, plus any underspend from this current year. It was agreed that this should be sufficient to cover the Committee's core costs for 2026/27.

466/25 Colwyn in Bloom Competition:

- a) **Presentation Evening:**

Members noted the date Thursday 8th October for the presentation evening.

- b) **Watering Contract:** RD submitted the quotations received from 2 businesses for providing the watering contract for 2026. It was noted that the Secretary had approached local Town Councils to ask who they used and this had resulted in one of the quotations.

Resolved to approve and accept the quotation from A D Window Cleaning.

- c) **Up the Poles:** RD submitted the 2 quotations for shortening/straightening the 20 poles at Station Steps. The 3rd quotation requested had not been received.

Resolved to approve and accept the quotation from G Roberts Ltd.

- (i) **Schools: Theme for the School Art Competition:** At the request of the Chair, who was absent from the last meeting, this has been brought back to the agenda to consider a more 'child appropriate' theme for the school's competition. (Power of the Flower had been previously suggested). Various themes were suggested including the 100th Birthday of David Attenborough on 8th May 2026.

Resolved that the theme of this year's children's art competition will be 'Design a garden for David Attenborough's 100th Birthday'.

467/25 Wales in Bloom:

- a) It was noted that the Chair of Wales in Bloom, PB-P, had given apologies for the meeting.
- b) Members noted the Secretary had sent emails out to various organisations regarding the IYN awards. The Committee were asked for their assistance in encouraging any local community groups to enter by 31/3/2026.

468/25 Incredible Edible Colwyn/Gardd Pawb:

- a) TE gave a verbal update on the 1st Birthday/Cake and Rake Event held on 1st March 2026. A plant sale was suggested as a future event in Gardd Pawb and the need to attract volunteers to weed/maintain the garden.
CHe left the room whilst the following item was discussed
- b) **Resolved to approve payment of an invoice from C Hemmings for volunteer sessions.**
- c) Members noted that the application for a wild ponds package to add a water feature to the garden will be considered by Local Places for Nature in the next round of applications: at the start of the financial year.
- d) CHe gave a verbal update on the wider Incredible Edible Colwyn activities. IE now have 8 locations. IE had planned on taking an area in Tan Lan but that wasn't going ahead. Conversations were needed with St Paul's and Ink regarding the IE bed/Planters at St Paul's Church and Station Steps. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked CHe for all his hard work.
- e) RD gave an update regarding the storage of the water bowser which had previously been stored at the Train Station. RD had met with the Manager of the Bay View Centre, who had offered to store the bowser in one of the empty units and also supply water.

469/25 Colwyn Bay Conservation and Environment Federation (CBCEF):

PR gave a verbal report regarding Project Amanogawa. Amanogawa are Cherry trees that grow like Poplars and have a scent. The aim of the project is to buy the trees and plant them along the No 12 bus route at specific places e.g. St Joseph's Catholic Church and Eirias Park. The project can expand and last for years. The plan is to eventually include other areas/Town Councils. CBCEF have also planted trees at the Bowling Club.

470/25 Presentations: Members noted the following report from RG, Place Plan Officer:

- a) **Greener Colwyn Place Plan Working Group:** RG provided a verbal update on current actions and priorities, including the "It's Our Place" Section 106 application. RG outlined the Transforming Towns Mapping Project and the *Wild About Colwyn* Zoo Trail, which aim to strengthen links between National Zoo of Wales and the town centre, encouraging increased visitor footfall. An application for £65,000 is going in to the Pride in Place Impact fund to deliver a trail of 19 animal and insect sculptures along key routes. Network Rail and Transport for Wales are supporting the design, with an artist to be appointed to work with the community on permanent installations. The project tender is due to go out later this week.

471/25 Queens Gardens:

- a) Members noted an email from Conwy CBC regarding a staff restructure within ERF.
Resolved to invite Liz Ackerley to address the Committee once the staff restructure is over to explain if the restructure will have any effect on Queen's Gardens.

- b) Cllr Hughes updated the Committee regarding the dog signs for the gardens. Due to the ERF restructure , Cllr Hughes has been unable to progress this.

472/25 Sponsorship:

An email offering sponsorship of a flower bed in the Colwyn Bay area was submitted to the Committee. As a Town Council, we are unable to advertise any business so this email will be forwarded to Conwy CBC.

473/25 Keep Wales Tidy:

- a) RD gave a verbal report regarding the Litter Pick Hub. The Hub was very busy with lots of groups loaning equipment and completing data which is being uploaded to the KWT spreadsheet. RD was going to liaise with groups to request that they do litter picks before the Wales in Bloom judging.
- b) Members noted the information regarding the Spring Clean Campaign. The information had been shared on Social Media.

474/25 Social Media:

Members were asked to submit any suggestions for any future topics.

475/25 News/AOB:

- a) A reminder was given to Committee Members to submit any news items or to report on any activities which they have been involved in since the last meeting. Anything reported can also be included in the face-book page. A reminder was also given to let the Secretary know of any events, so the portfolio calendar of events can be updated.
- b) TE gave a verbal report on the Greener Edge Clean Energy Feasibility Study received 10 days ago and presented the recommendations for the Rhiw Road site. Potential funding streams were being explored and a detailed report had been given to the Policy & Finance Committee.
- c) A committee member reported that the Octopus (part of the Imagine Sculpture Trail) had been taken down and destroyed.
- d) A committee member reported that Jack the Fisher-dog (part of the Imagine Sculpture Trail) needed some maintenance/repair. RD was requested to contact the contractor who was repairing the 'Up the Poles' to ask if it is repairable.
- e) The Chair thanked Tina, the Town Clerk for all her support with Colwyn in Bloom over the last 15 years and wished her all the best for her retirement.

476/25 Date of next meeting:

- a) A meeting would be convened in April between IL & RD to discuss the portfolio content.
- b) It was noted that a 'save the date' will be sent, once the next committee meeting date has been agreed.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

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