

MINUTES OF A HYBRID MEETING OF THE PLACE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HELD AT 11^{AM} ON FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2026, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL AND ONLINE, VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Brian Cossey, David Sewell, David Masding, Tracey Toulmin, Cllr Chris Hughes, Cllr Jason Higgins, Cllr Hannah Fleet, Cllr Cheryl Carlisle and Shane Whetton.

OFFICERS: Rachael Gill, Town Clerk & Place Plan Officer
Josh Iacobellis, Admin Apprentice

163/26 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Tony Anderton.

164/26 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. Cllr Hannah Fleet declared an interest in agenda item 11, relating to the request for Section 106 funds, as Chair of Friends of Rhos on Sea Park. David Sewell also declared an interest as Treasurer of Friends of Rhos on Sea Park. The nature of both interests was prejudicial and neither participated in the vote. Cllr Chris Hughes declared an interest in agenda item 6, relating to the Colwyn Bay Regeneration Task Force, due to being a Director of a company operating on Station Road, Colwyn Bay. Due to a dispensation from the Standards Committee, Cllr Hughes was able to discuss matters relating to Together for Colwyn Bay but not vote on matters over £500.

165/26 Minutes:

- a) ***Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Place Plan Advisory Committee, held on 1st July 2026.***

166/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

It was noted that all matters arising from the previous minutes would be covered under the following agenda items.

167/26 Local Area Forum:

Cllr C Carlisle provided a verbal report from the most recent Local Area Forum meeting noting: Positive meeting on 17th July 2026 notably discussions on the Colwyn Bay Recovery and Investment Project and that a Special LAF had been arranged to discuss further. Landlords will be/have been invited to this meeting. Urgent discussions had taken place about serious water supply issues affecting Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Llysfaen and surrounding areas, including supply failures, poor pressure and inadequate communication from Dŵr Cymru.

168/26 Colwyn Bay Regeneration Task Force:

Members received the notes, and a verbal report from the Clerk, from the meeting on 15 July 2026, and noted the actions.

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the key actions from the meeting on the 15th July. The meeting had specialist input from CCBC Officers: James Harland, Strategic Planning & Place Making Policy Manager – Station Rd Zones Katie Clubb, Head of Service, Housing Planning and Place, and Kristen Roobottom, Empty Homes Officer – Empty Spaces Pilot and Dylan Jones, Traffic and Network Manager Colwyn Bay Recovery and Investment Project. Cllr Chris Hughes raised the fact that not all

property owners on Station Road are privately owned and that it was key to also engage with the third sector landlords like Adferiad and T4CB.

169/26 WG Transforming Towns and Bay of Colwyn Town Council Funded Station Road Consultancy

Tender Outcome:

The Clerk updated members regarding the WG Transforming Towns and Bay of Colwyn Town Council funded Station Road Consultancy Tender outcome. The Clerk confirmed that funding has now been approved and that following a quote process approved by CCBC that Rudlin & Co had been commissioned. The Clerk gave an overview of the work and stated that David Rudlin would be working with all Landlords on Station Road and other key stakeholders. TT stated that there was not the need to do more stakeholder engagement as lots has been done. The Clerk clarified that David's work would be about engaging with all on Station Road around the Colwyn Bay Recovery and Investment Project, Temporary Urbanism and the bringing back into use flats on the street. He would also be creating a visual that pulls together all of the developments so that people can see the bigger picture work.

170/26 Recent Meetings with the Leader and Deputy Leader of CCBC:

Members received a verbal update from the Chair and Clerk on recent meetings with the Leader and Cllr Dolman (Cabinet Member for Communities), noting: The Chair explained that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting arranged and hosted by the Leader of CCBC, Cllr Julie Fallon. Private sector landlords who had expressed a desire for Station Road to be re-opened were also present. The Chair stated that it had been a very positive meeting and that it was useful to hear views from those who had not yet been fully engaged.

171/26 Place Plan Manager Progress Report

The Clerk gave a verbal update regarding current projects:

a) Wild about Colwyn Project update

The Clerk updated members that the Wild About Colwyn project had taken a significant step forward, with Bay of Colwyn Town Council securing £65,000 from the Pride in Place Impact Fund towards the £130,000 project. Making Trails had now been commissioned to work with the Town Council, the National Zoo of Wales, partners and the local community to develop a wildlife sculpture trail across Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay and Rhos on Sea. Members noted that the project would support wildlife and conservation messaging, strengthen links between the waterfront and town centre, encourage wider exploration of the Bay of Colwyn and create opportunities for schools, community groups and local creatives to be involved. Cllr Cheryl Carlisle asked whether any sculptures would be located in Old Colwyn. The Clerk confirmed that the butterfly would be located in Wynn Gardens. Cllr Carlisle requested that the promenade at Old Colwyn and the fishing platform also be considered. The Clerk confirmed that she would be meeting with local councillors and county councillors in the coming weeks to discuss the project further.

b) Tape Pilot update

The Clerk reported that TAPE were working with young people, adults and the college, and would begin supporting the animation requirements for the Wild About Colwyn project.

c) It's Our Place project update

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the Station Steps 'It's Our Place' project. The first part of the project would involve emptying the containers of spent soil and re-oiling the planters. New soil and plants would then be added, and the benches would also be refurbished. The Clerk was also exploring options for a mural linked to Wild About Colwyn, as the tiger sculpture would be located at Station Steps. The Clerk asked for volunteers, as the first day to transform the space was expected to take place on 25th September.

- d) Members received and noted the latest Place Plan Newsletter, summer edition. Tracey Toulmin asked whether the newsletter could be printed and shared with businesses and the library, so that people who do not have access to social media could see what is happening. Tracey also suggested that information about Wild About Colwyn could be shared as part of her slot on Bayside Radio. The Committee welcomed both suggestions.

Resolved for the Clerk to work with Josh to arrange for the next newsletter to be printed in a small quantity and circulated.

Further resolved for Tracy Toulmin to share the Wild About Colwyn project on Bayside Radio.

- e) Ynni Cymru/Cleaner Energy project

The Clerk briefly explained that both projects were awaiting funding confirmation and that, once the outcome was known, the Council would decide whether to accept the funding and move forward.

172/26 CCBC Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer:

Members received a verbal update report from the Conwy Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer. Shane reported that responses to the RLDP were being reviewed and responded to. The LDP would then go to the Inspectors for review in early 2027, with the aim of launching the new LDP later in 2027. Shane also advised that the department name had changed to Strategic Planning and Place Making, and that the Head of Service was Katie Clubb.

A productive Place Plan meeting had been held in July, where representatives from other towns and areas interested in place plans attended. Shane confirmed that the Bay of Colwyn Place Plan was progressing through the SPG process, with the next stage being public consultation at the end of September or early October. He advised that the public would be asked whether they agreed that the Plan should be adopted, rather than being asked for views on the existing Plan. David Masding asked whether information would be provided explaining what SPG is, and Shane confirmed that this would be included on the website.

173/26 Section 106:

Rhos on Sea Park Landscaping/Public Realm

To receive a request from Friends of Rhos on Sea Park re: use of section 106 to support their Pride in Place project

Resolved to approve a request from Friends of Rhos on Sea Park to use section 106 funds to support their Pride in Place project as follows:

<i>Planning Ref</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Agreement date</i>	<i>Date monies received</i>	<i>Amount Available</i>
<i>0/43893</i>	<i>Land at Highcroft Nursing Home, Rhos on Sea</i>	<i>4-Jul-19</i>	<i>17/08/2020</i>	<i>£3,862.71</i>
<i>0/46727</i>	<i>Y Gorwel, 15-17 Llwyn Onn, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4BZ</i>	<i>5-Mar-20</i>	<i>17/02/2023</i>	<i>£1,436.60</i>

174/26 Grant Opportunities for Future Projects:

Members received information from the Place Plan Manager regarding grant funding progress.

Noted that the Clerk / Place Plan Manager will explore funding options and continue to work with Network Rail.

Meeting closed at: 12.21pm