

TOWYN & KINMEL BAY TOWN COUNCIL
Full Meeting of the Council held at
The Community Resource Centre at 7pm on 15th October 2014

All Meetings are Recorded.

Minutes

67.14 Attendance.

Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Darwin, Cllr. Corry, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. McLoughlin and Cllr. Anderson

68.14 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Bateman, Cllr. Roberts and Cllr. Sadler

69.14 Declaration of Interest.

Members are reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of their declared interest. (Using the form provided for this purpose)

Cllr. Smith declared an interest in item number 72.14 a) due to his role as Vice Chair of Planning for CCBC and left the meeting during the presentation to the Town Council.

70.14 Urgent Matters.

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

NONE

71.14 To confirm and approve the minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council 2nd July 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Johnson that the minutes, with the agreed amendment to item number 38.14 (a), were accepted and this was agreed by all.

72.14 Reports for consideration

a) Presentation by Haymaker Energy regarding the proposed Solar Panel Farm, Towyn.

Harry Shepherd-Cross, Director of Haymaker Energy attended the meeting to give members a presentation with regard to the proposed solar panel in farm in Towyn and answer any questions that members had.

Members raised the issue of any possible glint or glare from the panels where it was confirmed that there is less glare from the panels than there is from a lake as there is an anti-reflective coating.

Some members raised the subject of Community Benefits and Mr Shepherd-Cross confirmed that at least £10,000 would be provided to the communities of Towyn and Kinmel Bay should the project be granted planning permission. Other members stated that this issue is irrelevant and the Town Council's decision should be based on how it will affect the community, not on financial benefits. A Towyn Councillor commented that feedback he had received from some residents had been that it is suitably placed so as to not be an eyesore and had received no objections.

After some further discussion it was;

Proposed by Cllr. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Stone to support the proposed Solar Panel Farm, Towyn in principle based on the information provided by Haymaker Energy Ltd at the presentation to the Town Council. This was agreed by all.

b) Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

The clerk provided members with a letter received from CCBC regarding a review of the current polling provisions, for their views. Two main concerns were raised firstly the accessibility of the North Coast Church for residents with disabilities and secondly the residents of Green Avenue of Kinmel Bay are currently registered as AM/2 and therefore, vote at Kinmel Bay Church, St. Asaph Avenue, however, Kinmel Bay community centre which is the other polling station is actually closer. As such it was felt that Green Avenue should be placed on AM/1 so the residents are able to vote at Kinmel Bay Community Centre. The clerk was asked to fill in CCBC's consultation questionnaire on the Council's behalf to express these views.

C) The Burbo Bank Extension Community Benefit Fund

Members were asked for their responses to the questions within the survey from DONG energy in relation to the Burbo Bank Extension Community Benefit Fund. This was filled in online and submitted during the meeting.

D) Towyn surgery closure

Members requested that this item was adjourned until the November meeting so it could be given the appropriate time necessary to discuss it.

73.14 Correspondence received

- Letter from Cartrefi Conwy dated 15th September 2014 received and acknowledged with the comment that the deadline of the consultation did not provide sufficient time for discussion.
- Letter from Conwy Urdd Office requesting financial assistance. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. McLoughlin that £120 was given to Conwy Urdd and this was agreed by all.

74.14 Mayor's report

Cllr. Richmond updated members with regard to her recent Mayoral duties.