

**TOWYN & KINMEL BAY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Full Meeting of the Council held at**  
**The Community Resource Centre**  
**at 7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**All Meetings are recorded.**

**MINUTES**

**154.14 Attendance.**

Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Laura Knightly, Cllr. McLoughlin, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Anderson and Cllr. Darwin

**155.14 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Corry, Cllr. Luke Knightly, Cllr. Bateman.

No word received: Cllr. Sharon Sadler

**156.14 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 159.14 C due to his position as Vice-Chair of Planning for CCBC, and left the room during the discussion.

Cllr. Roberts declared an interest in item 160.14 due to her role at the Benefits Advice Shop.

Cllr. Anderson declared an interest in item 159.14 D due to still having some ownership of the Kinmel Bay Medical Centre.

**157.14 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

## **158.14 To confirm and approve the minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

It was proposed by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Darwin that the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> December were accepted and this was agreed by all.

## **159.14 Reports for consideration**

### **a) Locality Plan**

Shane Wetton, Principal Community Development Officer, for CCBC attended the meeting to address members with regard to the Locality Plan for the authority area for which he is the co-ordinator. He explained that the plan is to be completed by the end of the current financial year. The locality plan comprises projects such as updating local parks, upgrading trunk roads in relation to individual areas within the local authority. Mr Wetton emphasised that just because projects were on the list it did not mean they would be guaranteed to go ahead, it would depend a lot on funding. There are some current projects within the plan for this area, but he asked that members review these to see which have been completed, which are no longer relevant and ideas for new projects. Members came up with some new ideas they would like to see on the plan so Mr Wetton asked that members discuss these and then inform him of any projects that they wished to be added. He stated he would email the clerk with the list of projects as it stands at present and requested that these are reviewed and any that are irrelevant are removed.

\*\*\* STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED WHILE CLLR. LAURA KNIGHTLY SPOKE\*\*\*

Cllr Laura Knightly asked Mr Wetton what the point of the locality plan was if there was no funding there to actually pay for the projects contained within it. He stated that if they had a list of desired projects CCBC can look at finding funding from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to finance the projects.

\*\*\* STANDING ORDERS WERE REINSTATED\*\*\*

Cllr. Anderson emphasised that an alternative escape route for potential flooding and the flood defence systems in general should form a big part of the locality plan for this area.

The clerk confirmed once Mr Wetton had sent through the current list of projects for this area she would email them to members to consider and these along with ideas for new projects could be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Mr Wetton was thanked for his time.

## **b) Budget and precept 2015-2016**

The recommendations of the P.F.R. committee re: new spend and precept request were detailed to members. Members were asked to note that the projected expenditure was in excess of the forecasted income, but this reflects on the Council's movement towards reduction in the balances held.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. McLoughlin that the budget and precept be accepted as per the recommendations of the P.F.R. committee's meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and this was agreed by all.

## **C) Proposed Traveller's Site, St. George**

Cllr. Richmond informed members that she had attended an Action Group Meeting regarding the opposition to the proposed traveller's site and that a march had been organised and encouraged members participation. Some concern was raised with regard to a potential site in Kimmel Bay in a field just off the St. Asaph Avenue railway bridge. Cllr. Darwin confirmed he would check this out with CCBC and update members at the next meeting.

An email had been received from the Chair of the Action Group requesting financial assistance from the Town Council, should it be required, to aid them with legal costs. The clerk informed members that Abergele Town Council had in principal agreed to the amount of £1000 and that local businesses had also pledged financial support.

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Stone that in principle the Town Council will provide financial assistance to the Action Group formed in opposition to the proposed traveller's site. The amount will be agreed at a further meeting should the need arise.

## **D) Proposed closure Towyn Branch Surgery**

Members were provided with a letter of response received from Towyn Surgery that was sent in reply to the letter sent by the Town Council. Members were slightly disappointed with the response. Cllr. Roberts commented that Kimmel Bay medical centre had been looking for new premises for a number of years and were supposed to have one after the Abergele medical centre opened, and this still hasn't happened. Cllr. Smith commented that there was building land available at the Tir Llwyd Industrial estate and having a new medical centre here would be a way of connecting Towyn and Kimmel Bay. It was agreed by members that a purpose built primary care centre was required for the residents and as such the clerk was asked to write back to the practice manager stating that the council wished to work with the surgery to find a way forward, suggesting a face to face meeting so that members could get a better understanding of the surgery's situation and plan the way forward together. The Council wished it to be known that the surgery had its support in this venture.

## **E) Community Awards**

Members finalised the categories for the Community Awards as follows:

- Contribution to Sport x 2: 1 female  
1 male
- Contribution to the Community x4: Applies to both individuals and Community Groups. Recipients don't have to live in the area just contribute to the area.

- Contribution to the Local Environment
- Contribution to the Arts
- Outstanding Young Person Awards x 3: Up to 7 years of age  
Up to 11 years of age  
Up to 18 years of age

It was decided that all nominations would come from members rather than placing an advert in the local paper and will be discussed and decided at the first Council meeting in March.

**160.14 Financial request**

The Benefits Advice Shop sent an email requesting financial assistance to cover the cost of the additional travelling distance they would incur travelling to the Council offices for their weekly drop in session as a result of the Foryd bridge being closed. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Anderson and seconded by Cllr. Smith to not contribute any further money to them as the Council already provide them with an annual grant.

Meeting closed.