

Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council.
Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.
held at the Community Resource Centre.
at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 9th September 2015.
All Meetings Are Recorded

MINUTES

64.15 Attendance.

Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. McLoughlin, Cllr. Darwin, Cllr. Bateman, Cllr. Anderson, Cllr. Luke Knightly, Cllr. Laura Knightly and Cllr. Sadler

65.15 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. Richmond and Cllr. Corry.

66.15 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)

NONE

67.15 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

68.15. To receive the minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on the 29th July 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Smith that the minutes were accepted and this was agreed by all.

Cllr. Anderson offered his apologies for not providing apologies at the meeting on the 29th July, he was away on holiday.

69.15 Health and Safety

Cllr. Smith raised the wooden posts in the square and whether their repair/replacement could be chased up. The clerk stated that CCBC had already stated this work was necessary and would be done and that the relevant officer would be chased about when this remedial work would take place.

70.15 County Councillor updates

Darren Millar A.M. attended the meeting to address members in relation to the work he has been doing for the area. He first mentioned the proposed traveller's site and how this was now no longer going ahead, however, the Local Authorities did still need to find somewhere

for a permanent site and stated he would assist the residents and Town Council if this area was considered again.

Darren confirmed that all of the secondary flood defence work had now been completed which was so important for our communities.

Darren commented positively on the improvement works carried out in the square by the Town Council and hoped that something similar could take place in Towyn around the bus stop area at the entrance to Llys Madoc. He also offered his assistance in approaching CCBC for some help with this.

Darren confirmed that he and Cllr. Laura Knightly were still tackling the on-going issue of cars being parked for sale on grass verges around the Towyn area and would continue to work with CCBC to eradicate the problem.

A big area of concern for Darren was in relation to Betsi Cadwaladr both in relation to their lack of engagement with regard to the need for a new primary healthcare facility for the people of Towyn and Kinmel Bay and also the current issues regarding the potential to cut services at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Darren stated he was continuing to push both the health board and CCBC to work together to find land for a new fit for purpose primary health care centre to be built, as the people of the two communities had waited long enough. Cllr. Smith commented that the Tir Llwyd industrial estate would be the ideal location as there is the space and it is in the middle of the two towns. He believes the Welsh Government should look at the estate in general for re-generation and also encourage private investment for shops and places to eat.

In relation to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Darren urged members to complete the current consultation before the 5th October stating that everyone should be going for option 1 which is to retain all the services currently provided by Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. He also encouraged members to engage with residents to encourage them to also take part in the consultation as it was such an important issue. Members agreed that they would letter a drop a copy of the consultation to as many residents as possible urging them to fill it in and return it to the free post address, with Cllr. McLoughlin taking the lead. Darren confirmed that the final decision from Betsi Cadwaladr is due to be made public in November.

Cllr. Darwin raised the problem of the numerous caravan parks within our two towns in terms of the continual rise in numbers of permitted caravans allowed on the sites. He commented that the Planning Department at CCBC appeared to ignore opposition from the Town Council and residents, allowing their continual expansion. Pointing out in particular the fact that additional caravans are being allowed on fields within 100 metres of the sea, yet housing developments much further inland are being refused on flooding grounds. Darren reminded members of the Caravan Bill he is trying to get through the Welsh Government to tackle such issues as this, however, the Welsh Government will not back it in its present form and so he is looking at ways to amend it.

Cllr. Darwin updated members with his progress with the safe route to school in terms of getting the dangerous fencing removed and new fit for purpose fencing installed in its place. He also commented that he was working closely with the schools on improving their anti-bullying campaigns.

Cllr. Laura Knightly updated on her recent meeting with Cllr. Priestly and a representative of the RSPB to discuss the issue of seagulls which is plaguing the area. She stated that a piece was being put in the local papers across Conwy County from her and a few fellow Councillors offering advice on how to deal with seagulls, which are a protected species so culling is not an option.

Her final update regarded the on going issue of the speed humps in Towyn. She has now met with the head of ERF who confirmed he would look at ways to reduce the gradient of the rogue hump without the need to replace it, which is not an option due to the cost involved.

Cllr. Smith informed members that the new refuse and recycling bins were now finally installed on the prom and the beach car park, which will greatly improve the area.

Cllr. Anderson asked for Darren's assistance in helping to re-establish the Flood Partnership Group Meetings as he felt they were happening on an ad-hoc basis rather than a regular basis.

Members thanked Darren for his continuing effort for the area and taking the time to attend the meeting.

71.15 Reports for consideration

A) Annual Return 2014/2015

The clerk informed members that Hacker Young had returned the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2015 with no matters to report to the Council and as such the certified Annual Return had been published on the website along with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return.

B) NWALC – Report for the Ministers Office for Public Services, Welsh Government

Members noted the report with no views at this current time.

C) CCBC – Action Plan 2012-2015

Members noted the Action Plan and had no additional actions they wished to be considered at the next meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum.

72.15 Financial requests

- Letter received from Shelter Cymru – noted by members, however, the Council does not donate to national charities.
- Letter received from Dial A Ride. Members ask the clerk to invite a representative from the organisation to present to the Council in more detail before deciding to make a financial contribution.

73.15 Correspondence received

- Letter received from Dial A Ride informing members of their need for new trustees and board members. The clerk informed members that any member interested could obtain details from her.

74.15 Accounts for July and August for Approval including Bank Reconciliations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Johnson to accept the accounts (appendix A) and this was agreed by all.