

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Tuesday 8th May, 2018 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: C Corry, T Curran, D Dickin, D Johnson, M Jones L Knightly, B McLoughlin & N Smith

Non Voting: Cllrs B Griffiths & J McKenna

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies, as all Councillors were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were no applications from the public to address the Council.

6. RNLI (Chairman moved agenda item 6 for the benefit of the RNLI Representative)

Brian Allen from the RCLI presented the Rhyl Community Lifesaving Plan. The Chairman thanked Brian Allen for his presentation.

Resolved that:

The Clerk would contact Conwy to discuss the lack/absence of beach safety signs and to request a site meeting with Matt Forbes – Harbour Master.

4. Minutes

Resolved that:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th March, 2018 be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

180122/7 & 180312/7 – Cader Avenue

Noted that: Peter Brown, Head of Regulatory Services Conwy, had again declined to attend a site meeting with the TKBTC Councillors. As his department deals with Public Protection and Planning, he feels that there is no action that he can take to address the problems in Cader Avenue from either a Contamination of Land Use Angle.

180312/5 – North Wales Police Audit

Noted that: Conwy have advised that regrettably, it is an offence under the Highways Act 1935 Section 72, to ride horses on a Footway or a Cycle Path.

170911/13, 171113/5, 180122/5 & 180312/7 – Beach Car Park Barrier

Noted that:

a) The concrete blocks are in place

b) As Conwy have maintained the land since before 1996, they are happy that they are able/have the authority to move the barrier. However as this section of road has had unobstructed use by the public for a number of years it may be considered to be a Highway that the public have the right of way, hence the need to go through the process introducing a height restriction, to formally restrict its use.

170911/13, 171113/5, 180122/15 & 180312/7 – Bus Shelters

Noted that: Conwy have confirmed that the required work on the bus shelters will start any day.

Resolved that:

The quote of £389 to repair the internal roof for the Winkups (Magpie & Stump) shelter be approved, and that Conwy be instructed to get the work completed, as soon as possible.

171113/7, 180122/5 & 180312/7 – Reintroduction of Borders

Noted that:

- a) Letters have been hand delivered to all residents on Foryd Road from the Mayquay to the Community Centre (phase 1).
- b) Tom Gravett for Conwy has suggested that the work is undertaken in Autumn/Winter 2018, ready for 2019 season.

180122/13 & 180312/7 – Travellers Emergency Plan

Noted that:

- a) That NRW have confirmed that the Kinmel Dunes, are not suitable for a Protection Order to be considered/introduced.
- b) The issues and costs Bodelwyddan Town Council encountered with Travellers last year.

180122/14 & 180312/7 – Benches on both sides of the Railway

Noted that: The benches have been ordered from Conwy, and the Brass Plaques have been engraved.

7. Proposed Changes to Foryd Road, St Asaph Avenue

Vic Turner & Richard Evans-Snarr both from Conwy presented the plans for the proposed changes to Foryd Road/St Asaph Avenue.

Vic explained that following funding by way of a grant in 2016/17 Consultant studies/surveys were completed and various options were considered and discussed.

The Chosen option will feed more vehicles through the lights, as it will provide more Green Time for the main road (Foryd Road).

Vic advised that £655,000 had been awarded by the Welsh Office to undertake these Road Improvements, and also that a new bus shelter outside the Community Centre will be included in this scheme.

The following areas were also covered/discussed as part of Vic's presentation:

- a) Some of the borders in the Square will need to be moved/removed.
- b) Part of the land at the back of the Community Centre, will be lost to accommodate a footpath and extra lane.
- c) Conwy will arrange a site meeting with TKBTC Councillors, once detailed/final plans have been agreed/signed off.
- d) Time Scales – The work needs to be completed by the end of March 2019.
- e) Conwy will look at a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road for pedestrians (Moelwyn Avenue/Kinmel Drive area).
- f) The public toilets will need to be moved/removed and a Steve Teale from Conwy will be contacting TKBTC shortly to discuss the options regarding the provision of public toilets.
- g) In passing Vic also mentioned that a £42,000 Grant had been awarded to review the road layout at the Tir Prince Junction, and Conwy are presently investigating 6 different options, which included changes to the Junction layout and possible changes to the present car parking arrangements.

Cllr Curran left the meeting at 7:55pm.

8. St Asaph Avenue Roundabouts

Vic Turner from Conwy advised the Town Council that Conwy have no proposals at present to make any changes/alterations to the existing roundabouts on St Asaph Avenue.

- Conwy are adamant that the roundabouts are working, and they feel that the statistics/data that they have collected prove that they are working and are making the roads safer. Apparently in 2015 Conwy did look into/consider making changes, but following feedback/discussions with residents no proposals/general consensus was agreed.

Conwy use Police reported accidents which result in an injury data for their statistics.

Cllrs stated that there appeared to be a number of accidents occurring at the roundabouts, Vic advised that the accidents may be non injury accidents, as there is no requirement to report non injury accidents to the Police.

Cllrs asked if Conwy would consider temporary removing the roundabout to see if there was any impact, as this roundabout seemed to be causing the most issue.

Vic re-confirmed that Conwy had no present plans to make any changes to any of the roundabouts on St Asaph Avenue.

Vic advised that Conwy have the power to request residents to cut their hedges/trees if they are obscuring road signs and/or junctions.

Resolved that:

- a) **Given Conwy's stance regarding the roundabouts there was little point in TKBTC taking forward and paying for an independent report (estimated cost £10/£15k), given that Conwy are adamant that the roundabouts are safe and fit for purpose.**
- b) **That the Clerk would request Vic to provide a letter confirming Conwy 's position regarding the roundabouts and the findings to their surveys and accident statistics, which could be shared with the local residents.**

Noted that:

Vic confirmed that he would be happy to hold a meeting between Conwy Officials TKBTC and local residents if local residents still required one, after they had received the above mentioned letter from Conwy regarding the roundabouts.

9. Gors Road

Vic provided the following updates:

- a) The moving of the speed restriction limits had been delayed due to a pending planning application, however now that the application has been completed, Conwy will now take matters forward.
- b) New road weight restriction signs are being produced and will be installed shortly.
- c) The speed sensing sign which was taken down for repair (12/18m ago) will be re-instated/replaced shortly and an additional speed sensing sign will also be introduced on Gors Road.
- d) The proposed installation of mirrors at the Towyn Way Junction had been delayed due to Welsh Government controls, however under New Legislation presently being considered the decision of where to locate mirrors may be coming back to Local Authority Control.

Noted that:

The above update from Vic Tuner of Conwy ERF. The Chairman thanked Vic & Richard for attending the meeting.

10. Dog Fouling Complaint

Noted that: This issue has now been resolved, and no further action is required.

11. Christmas Lights

Noted: Festive Lightings Terms and Conditions and early cancellation costs of £12,864.96 after year 1 and £6,432.48 after year 2.

Resolved:

To confirm acceptance to Festive Lighting's Option 3 on a three year fixed contract, at a cost of £11,057.98 per annum, with all motifs to be blue and white to match the lights on the Christmas trees.

12. New Notice Boards outside the Resource Centre

Resolved that:

The quote for £560 be referred to Full Council for approval , if applicable, once the position is known regarding whether Conwy will be moving/replacing the existing Notice Board as part of the proposed road works.

13. Blue Bridge on St Asaph Avenue

Resolved that:

The Clerk will arrange a site meeting for Cllr's McLoughlin, Corry, N Smith and Jones to undertake a visual survey of both the foot bridge and the road bridge, and decide what appropriate action is required regarding both the bridges.

14. Bins at Tir Prince Park

Resolved that:

a) The quote of £300 refurbish/repaint the 9 bins at Tir Prince Park, is accepted and that the contractors will be requested to complete the work as soon as possible.

b) That the Clerk/Cllr D Johnson contact Conwy to request the appropriate signage which will need to be attached to the bins once the refurbishment work has been completed.

15. Powers of dealing with unauthorised developments and encampments consultation

Noted The Consultation.

16. Flood Meeting with Conwy

The Clerk and Cllr's Corry and Griffiths updated the Councillors following the meeting with Conwy on the 8th of March/following receipt of the minutes of the meeting with Conwy.

Resolved that:

The Clerk, with involvement/input from Cllr's Corry & Griffiths write to Conwy for clarification/updates on the following matters:-

a) Chase up promised reply from the Chief Executive of Conwy.

b) Proposed Bylaw.

c) Clarification why no apparent involvement/participation from Conwy Emergency Planning Team.

d/ Clarification regarding responsibility in the event of a flood.

17. Residential Development Constraints

Cllrs feel that the current NRW Planning embargo on Residential Planning in Kinmel Bay and Towyn, is having a dramatic/negative effect on the Community, the ban is restricting/preventing growth and the provision of suitable housing/retirement apartments within Kinmel Bay & Towyn.

Resolved that:

The Clerk with input from Cllrs Griffiths will write to Conwy and NRW to request that they account for their reasons for the total residential planning ban.

18. CCTV upgrade/additional cameras

Resolved that:

The Clerk will obtain an additional quote/quotes for the proposed CCTV upgrade/additional camera, ready for the next Environmental Meeting.

19. Hanging Baskets

Resolved that:

Cambrian Young Enterprises quote of £56 for eight hanging baskets be approved.

Meeting Closed at

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Signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 11/06/18

