

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 26 October 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs: E Bateman (Mayor), S Anderson, G Corry, B Griffiths, D Johnson, L Knightly, M Smith, and M Roberts.
Clerk: H Stewart BEM

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Evans, B McLoughlin, and N Smith. Cllr B Darwin was absent with no apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were no applications to address the Council.

4. Urgent Matters

There were no urgent matters tabled for consideration.

5. North Wales Police Service

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Andrea Verburg and PCSO Liam Carr to the meeting.

The Officers reported that they had received quite a few reports about off road motor biking but since the matter had been investigated and two youths issued with S59 notices there had been no further reports. Cllr Johnson thanked the Officers present for doing a splendid job on this matter.

The complaints about speeding vehicles down Chester Avenue had been assessed by locating a camera in the area. However, the average speed recorded was 30mph so no further action would be taken.

Sgt Verburg said that Community Speed Watch Volunteers were always welcome and further information how to volunteer was on the Police Website. Any volunteers are placed outside of their own area so there was no conflict of interest.

Travellers that had been situated near Asda had now moved on. Sgt Verburg said that the police work closely with Conwy Housing Strategy Unit to address such matters. Consultation will be taking place with the Town Council about the problem with travelers parking their vehicles in the Kinmel Bay car park and the implementation of changes to parking restrictions. Councillors asked that PCSO Carr investigate if a bus only restriction had previously been put on this car park. The Council was informed that any parking restrictions on car parks are unenforceable by the police so the County Council would still have to go through the eviction process.

The question was raised but not answered, that whilst the Travellers were having a negative effect on businesses, would a temporary site be the better option?

There had been a site meeting at Cader Avenue about parking issues. Cllrs Darwin and N Smith had both attended. There was limited action that could be taken if the parked vehicles were not obstructing the highway. PSCO Carr would undertake a site visit to assess if any vehicles were not legally insured. There was some confusion about which vehicles were parking and which part of the "scrap yard" business. Apparently a 21 day notice had been issued by CCBC to move the vehicles but they were still in situ. Police no longer moved non-taxed vehicles, this was part of DVLA responsibilities.

PCSO Carr informed the Council that there were two police organised events arranged for Kinmel Bay. One was a stand to be located in Asda, informing the public about crime prevention and the other a "Cuppa with a /Copper" at Chester Avenue.

PCSO Kerry Quirk from Towyn has asked that the message be relayed to the Town Council that she would like to do something for children on the estate in Towyn. Cllr Knightly was happy to arrange a Christmas Party and contribute to it. PCSO Carr would communicate the message to his colleague.

The Officers were asked if the bicycle purchased by the Town Council was still used. Sgt Verburg said that all PCSO's now had to undertake a cycling proficiency course and yes the bike was still in use. Cllr Johnson said PCSO Carr had done a brilliant job when two houses were broken into.

Sergeant Verburg wanted to know what was causing the most concerns and asked that Councillors let her know. She also pointed out there was a district police facebook page which reported both the good and bad news. She encouraged as many people as possible to sign up to it. She was confident that by working in partnership with the Council we should be able to do something about local problems. The Mayor thanked both Officers for attending the meeting and they left at 7.45pm.

6. Mayor's Report

Cllr Bateman reported that his Civic Service had been successful and thanked those Councillors who had attended. Cllr Bateman had attended a meeting about Sports and Leisure and would send all Town Councillors an email about the matter.

The Mayor asked other Councillors why Kinmel Bay did not have a live Christmas tree and was told that apparently it would be too expensive.

7. Minutes

The minutes having previously been circulated were approved.

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September be signed as a correct record.

8. Matters Arising

160928/8 Matters Arising – the suggestion that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened to discuss the nomination to the School was supported by all present and would therefore be organised.

160928/10 Flood Plans – Cllr Corrie said that the minute was not quite correct and explained that the Flood Group existed and was not asking to be re-established. Flood groups throughout the County were in the process of some possible change due to operational area of responsibility changes at County Officer level across North Wales. Cllr Corrie was currently reviewing the position, inclusive of Cllrs Anderson, Griffiths and Darwin. He would then be discussing the matter with Jonathan Williams at the next Flood Group meeting in November.

9. Audit

Resolved that: The report of the external auditor be noted.

10. Abergele Joint Committee

Resolved that: The payment of £2939 be paid for the burial pre-cept for 2016-17.

11. Planning Applications

- a) 0/43269: ***Planning permission not required but no objection would have been recommended.***
- b) 0/43270: ***Objection recommended as the application was not ancillary use to the house particularly as the plot was divided by timber fencing.***
- c) 0/43303: ***No objection recommended.***

12. Tir Prince Park

There were concerns about the relationship with the “Friends of Tir Prince Park” group. The group started four years ago to raise money for a fountain in the pond. £800 was provided by the Town council towards this project.

It was reported that the group were planning to disband and there was uncertainty about what the money raised for the fountain would be spent on. The Town Council agreed that the grant had to be returned to the Council if it was not used for the purpose specified in the grant application. A meeting would be arranged with Tom Gravette (CCBC) to discuss how best to resolve the current tensions.

The suggestion made by Peter Harris (CCBC) for an alternative type of bench in the Park was rejected. All councillors agreed that picnic benches similar to those recently installed in the other parks, would be better and was what the Town Council wanted.

13. Bank Signatories

Resolved that: Cllr Knightley be the third signatory for cheques and internet banking.

14. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

Having circulated the consultation document and explained the changes suggested in Chapter 13 the Council did not have a formal comment to make in response to the consultation.

15. Correspondence

There were no actions arising from the correspondence.

The meeting concluded at 8.41pm

Signed

Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on 28 November 2016