

Towyn & Kimmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council held on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 7:00pm at the Community Resource Centre & Town Hall Kimmel Bay.

Present Cllrs: E Bateman (Mayor), G Corry, B Darwin, B Griffiths, D Johnson, L Knightly, B McLoughlin, M Smith and N Smith (Deputy Mayor)

Clerk: H Stewart BEM

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: S Anderson (abroad), S Evans (ill health) and M Roberts (abroad).

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr N Smith as Chairman of CCBC Planning Committee declared an interest in Agenda Item:10 Planning Applications and left the table whilst all the applications were discussed.

3. Public Participation

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

4. North Wales Police

PCSO Liam Carr did not have much to report since his last attendance at a Full Council meeting in November. He did report that the main complaints he had been dealing with were about motor bikes being driven irresponsibly, one particular rider being a young girl of 6 years. The problem was actually catching the riders in action and if caught they would then be cautioned or issued with a S59 notice which would enable the bikes to be confiscated. Signs had been erected to inform the public that the riding of the bikes in this particular area was prohibited.

Cllr Corry thanked PCSO Carr for his efforts in helping to sort out the problems associated with parking near the local primary school.

PCSO Carr reported that the "Cuppa with a Coppa" initiative held in the local ASDA store had not been as successful as hoped. It gave local people the opportunity to meet their local police officer but this openness also sometimes put people off.

Cllr Darwin spoke about problems on the green at Sandy Cove. This included fly tipping, play equipment being left out and even areas of the green being used as a pet cemetery. PCSO Carr said there was little he could do unless there was anti social behaviour issues. It was recommended that any issues should be reported on the 101 number and that Rhian Cooling at CCBC should be notified as well.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Carr for attending the meeting and he left at 7.15pm.

5a. Stroke Awareness

Emma Kay from the Stroke Awareness Charity was in attendance and gave a presentation about the risks involved in having a stroke. The Charity, although a national organisation, had quite recently opened a local office in St Asaph. This was relatively small with just two full time and two part time employees. Emma's role was to try to promote the organisation and hoped that the presentation she had given had done that for those present.. Emma also hoped that her attendance would help develop a partnership with the Town Council and that the Mayor for 2017-18 might consider nominating the Local Stroke Awareness branch as one of the charities they would be raising funds for.

Emma was thanked for a very informative presentation and left the meeting at 7.37pm.

5b. "Play Out" Scheme

The Principal Play Officer for Conwy, Millie Boswell introduced herself to Members and explained her reason for attending was to seek support for the "Playing Out" Scheme being organised by

Community and Voluntary Service Conwy (CVSC).

The Scheme would primarily offer play opportunities for the children of disadvantage families during the summer vacation. This could be the only point of contact for some families during this time whilst other support mechanisms were absent out of school term time.

Last year there were 64 attendances by 46 children during the two week period in Kinmel Bay. The cost might seem expensive but with the County Council withdrawing most of its funding because of financial pressures, the Town and Community Councils were being encouraged to contribute to meet the shortfall. Grants were available and assistance could be provided to help the local councils apply for them.

Councillors asked how this scheme was co-ordinated with other local groups organising play schemes and were informed that CVSC tried not to clash with other groups in the area.

Before leaving the meeting, Millie informed the Council of the great work that the Little Lambs Nursery had been doing to achieve a recent "Rich Play Award".

Millie Boswell left the meeting at 7.57pm.

6. Urgent Matters

No matters of urgency were raised.

7. Mayors Report

Cllr Bateman said he did not have much to report due to some recent family illness. He along with Cllr McLoughlin had attended the litter pick at the Sand Dunes managing to fill a transit van with the rubbish collected.

He reminded Councillors that there would be a fund raising event of 4 March at 7pm at the Long Bar, it was £5 a ticket for the Race Night and although there would not be any food there would be plenty of entertainment.

8. Minutes

Resolved that: the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 January 2017 be approved.

9. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

10. Planning Applications

a) Application Ref: 0/43664

Proposal: Proposed conservatory, render finish to existing walls.

Recommendation: No Objection

b) Application Ref: 0/43685

Proposal: Provision of double classroom mobile unit for a temporary period of 10 years.

Recommendation: No objection

c) Application Ref: 0/43702

Proposal: Redevelopment and refurbishment of existing clubhouse and arcade buildings.

Recommendation: No Objection

11. Risk Management

An assessment of risk and the measures in place to manage those risks had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked to consider and highlight any areas of concern that the assessment did not address.

With no concerns being raised a motion was not to approve the arrangements for managing risks associated with the business of the Council.

Resolved that: the measures taken to mitigate risks to the business of the council be approved.

12. Effectiveness of Internal Control

The Council was required to review the effectiveness of its system of financial control on an annual basis. A document listing the areas of financial management and the measures taken to mitigate risk had been circulated prior to the meeting. No matters of concern were raised.

Resolved that: The measures being taken to ensure the effectiveness of internal control be approved.

13. Telephone & Broadband

The contracts for both the telephone system and broadband provision were both at an end and needed renewing. The cost options had been obtained from three companies for providing both services and at the same time upgrade the broadband to fibre technology.

The provision of the services through the “cloud” were discussed and it was confirmed that the company providing this quote gave assurance that the systems were put in place for back up should the internet “go down”. The options of a 5 year contract whilst giving cost savings, was questioned as to whether it was too long should it not meet expectations. The Clerk assured Members that should that option be chosen some “break clause” would be discussed with the company and references would be obtained prior to signing any agreement.

Resolved that: based on the costs provided option 3 be pursued for the provision of a telephone system and broadband connection.

14. Summer Play Scheme

Councillors, having received the presentation on the scheme from Millie Boswell at the start of the meeting, expressed concern at the very poor attendance figures last year and the cost of the services. It was suggested that the money allocated in the budget (£1,500) for 2017-18 would be better utilised by funding local groups to cover any gaps not currently catered for.

Cllrs Darwin and McLoughlin would work with the Clerk to produce a list of events/activities being organised by local groups in Towyn & Kinmel Bay. When this had been done it would be reviewed for any gaps and action taken to address them.

15. Correspondence

There had been a significant amount of correspondence since the last Council meeting. The Clerk provided a brief summary on each and asked that if any Councillor wanted more information on any matter to contact her directly. This included attending any of the training being offered by One Voice Wales (OVW), the Conwy Electoral Review on 1 June 2017 at 6pm and the consultation on the Conwy draft Corporate Plan.

It was unanimously agreed not to become a member of OVW even though the cost for the first year of membership had been reduced by 50% to £560.50

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed by the Chairman of the Full Council meeting held on 28 March 2017.