

TOWYN & KINMEL BAY TOWN COUNCIL
Full Meeting of the Council held at
The Community Resource Centre
at 7pm on 17th December 2014

MINUTES

124.14 Attendance.

Cllr. Darwin, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Laura Knightly, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Anderson and Cllr. Bateman

125.14 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. McLoughlin, Cllr. Luke Knightly, Cllr. Corry and Cllr. Johnson.

No word received: Cllr. Sadler

Also present: Darren Millar AM

126.14 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)

NONE

127.14 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

The clerk raised with members an email that had been received from CCBC's, ERF department regarding planned parking restrictions for Towyn and Kinmel Bay. Members were pleased that concerns they had raised continually over the years were now being addressed. The only comment members wished to make in response was to request that the parking spaces on the square outside of the post office also had the 120 minute limited waiting time.

The clerk also informed members that the Town Council had been successful in being awarded the WREN Grant for the Kendal Road toddler development.

128.14 To confirm and approve the minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council 15th October 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Stone that the minutes of the 15th October 2014 Full Council Meeting were accepted and this was agreed by all.

129.14 Reports for consideration

a) Conwy County Borough Council's Priorities

Members were provided with a document regarding CCBC's priorities and asked to respond to 4 questions which were answered as follows:

1. Members commented that they were happy with the priorities as listed, however, didn't feel they were being fulfilled. Particularly priorities numbered 1, 3 and 4.
2. Members didn't feel that any of the priorities could be reduced due to lack of finances as none of them were currently being fulfilled as it stands anyway, and all needed improving as all are equally as important.
3. Members felt that if Communities First linked in more from a partnership stance it might help achieve some of the priorities.
4. Members of this Town Council felt that as our two towns are on the outskirts of the County they are often neglected, and felt particularly aggrieved by the lack of consultation over the selling of the Youth Centre building on Towyn Road, heightened by the fact that none of the money made was re-invested in the area but instead went to other towns.

b) Community Groups

Cllr. Smith requested that the Town Council assisted groups within our community in terms of helping them applying for any relevant external funding available. The clerk was asked to contact the groups that we currently engage with and make them aware of potential external funding and offer them assistance with applying.

C) Tir Prince Park

Cllr. Johnson was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting at the last minute so this item was adjourned to another meeting.

D) Kimmel Dune Area

Lesley Lawson, Countryside Warden for the Kimmel Dunes area, requested some funding towards improving the small planted area at the car park entrance to the dunes. After some discussion it was;

Proposed by Cllr. Anderson and seconded by Cllr. Darwin to contribute the requested money towards improving the small planted area at the entrance to the dunes.

Darren Millar AM updates

Darren Millar AM attended the meeting and informed members of some work he had been doing on behalf of the two towns.

He firstly wished to acknowledge the sad passing of Cllr. William Knightly and publically thank him for all the hard work he did for the Council and Towyn, and commented how much he enjoyed working with him during Darren's time as a Town Councillor.

Darren informed members he had called a Public Meeting in St. George Village Hall at 7pm on the 9th January regarding the recently proposed traveller's site in St. George, and invited as many Town Councillors to attend as possible.

He also stated that due to some concerns regarding movement of the sand and stones on Kinmel Bay beach there would an inspection in the New Year and it will be replenished if necessary.

Darren also expressed his concerns regarding the closure of the Towyn Surgery and stated that he was trying to assist the Kinmel Bay medical centre with looking for new larger premises to accommodate a better medical facility to reflect the number of patients and size of the area.

He explained that the ongoing problem with the free bus service for the pupils of Emrys Ap Iwan had been temporarily resolved, as the school itself had agreed to cover the cost until the end of the academic year. Darren will be meeting with Arriva to try and arrange a system of cheaper travel for school children and may have to approach Town Councils for contributions so that the children in our area can travel to school for free.

Darren mirrored the concerns that had been raised by members earlier in the meeting in relation to Community First and their lack of input in this area, and stated he would bring this up with the Welsh Government.

His final point was an update on the progression of the Caravan Wales Bill he is trying to push through to ensure there are better and proper inspection regimes in place and to prevent 12 month licences due to his concerns that caravan parks will become residential parks instead.

130.14 Mayor's report

Cllr. Richmond updated the Council with regard to her recent engagements in her role as Mayor.