

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 2nd July, 2018 at 7pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: T Bibby, G Corry, T Curran, A Hodgson, D Johnson, M Jones (Deputy Mayor)
J McKenna, B McLoughlin, P Miller, K Redhead & M Smith

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr: B Griffiths, L Knightly, N Smith. D Dickin was absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were a number of Sandy Cove Residents Association Members and Sandy Cove Residents at the meeting to address the Committee regarding Agenda Item 4 – Sandy Cove.

4. Sandy Cove

Cllr Morris Jones (Chairman) read out the letter dated 18/06/18 from Roger Norman, Chairman of Sandy Cove Residents Association.

Resolved that: The Clerk will write to Owen Conry at Conwy, to enquire when the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Flood Defence Consultation/Drop in Event will take place.

Cllr Hodgson advised the caravan park owners complete/submit an Annual Flood Plan to NRW and also the fact that different parks have different licences regarding the number of bases and a number of days the park is open each year.

The Residents stated that they believed that the access road to Golden Sands Caravan Park was not recorded on the Plans/Road Maps, and they are concerned that in the event of a flood, any evacuation off the caravan site and off Sandy Cove itself would have major issues, given that the road was one way and a major bottleneck.

Resolved that: Cllr Geoff Corry would write to NRW to request a copy of Golden Sands Evacuation Plan.

Cllr Hodgson advised that in the event of a flood there would in fact be three available road exists for Golden Sands, the usual road, a road owned by Network Rail and an exit road down by Knightly's.

Cllr McLoughlin advised that she believed that as parts of the Golden Sands Park was subject to a Full 12 month licence, that it was down to Conwy to protect/provide advice to the residents in the event of a flood.

Cllr Corry advised that Conwy have put in place a control centre and in the event of a flood, Conwy would advise the effected residents, where they should go in the event of a flood.

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy to request a copy of their current Sand Bag Policy.

Cllr Johnson advised that following a recent change of leadership at Conwy, things are starting to improve with regards to identifying and supporting potential schemes and projects in Towyn & Kinmel Bay, and Conwy are presently undertaking an evaluation of the area.

Cllr Corry said that he felt that Towyn & Kinmel Bay provide a valuable contribution to Conwy's overall Economy.

Resolved that: Cllr Corry would contact Conwy to request that they undertake an Economic Impact Assessment for Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Cllr Corry advised that in 2009/2010 a survey was undertaken, which estimated that it would cost approx. £4.5 Million to bring the road and infrastructure on Sandy Cove up to an acceptable standard, the cost was put to the residents at that time and only approx. 20 of the 237 residents/households replied. However Conwy Engineers have now started to re-investigate the possibilities of such a scheme.

One of the residents advised that when the parks are open and in full swing the Sandy Cove residents encounter infrastructure problems such as power cuts, low water pressure and sewerage problems.

The Chairman of SCRA advised that the reason there was such a poor response in 2009/10 to the proposed road scheme was because the various options were badly worded, and the residents did not understand the options.

Resolved that: At the next Full Council meeting in September, Councillors would consider the possible prospect of setting aside an amount of money, say £5,000 to assist Sandy Cove with their infrastructure and roads.

A resident advised that she felt that it was unfair that the Sandy Cove residents have to pay Full Council Tax, as they do not get a full service from Conwy (Conwy do not undertake Street Lighting, Road repairs/cleaning, infrastructure and do not remove fly tipping).

Cllr Morris suggested that the residents collectively write as a Residents Association to express that they feel that it is inappropriate for Conwy to charge them Full Rates, given that they feel they do not get the Full Service/Benefit from Conwy.

The residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the way the Charity which owns the roads and various pockets of land in Sandy Cove is being run. Apparently the previous Chairman used to regularly repair the roads and cut the grass, but since the New Chairman took over in 2005 the residents of Sandy Cove have apparently not received any monies from the Charity.

Residents were also upset that Conwy would not remove any fly tipping, as it was a private road/private land, and therefore down to the Charity to arrange for all fly tipping to be removed.

The Cllrs advised SCRA that if they are unhappy with how the Charity is run, then they should attend the Charity's next AGM, and express their dissatisfaction and look for SCRA to have some representation on the Charity.

Resolved that: Cllr Geoff Corry would contact Conwy to discuss the situation regarding fly tipping, as he feels that fly tipping could be a potential health hazard.

Resolved that: A couple of the Councillors would attend a site meeting with a number of SCRA members to discuss/understand exactly where the fly tipping is happening and on whose land.

5. Planning

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Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling. Timber decking to rear and side of dwelling

Resolved that: No Objection – subject to Dwr Cymru's concerns regarding the drain being addressed/satisfied.

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Single storey extension to dwelling

Resolved that: No Objection.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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Signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 26/09/18