

## Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

### Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

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**Present Cllrs:** D Dickin, B Griffiths, D Johnson, M Jones, J McKenna, B McLoughlin, N Smith

**Non Voting:** Alex Hodgson

**Clerk:** D Thomas

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Corry, T Curran, L Knightly & P Miller. Cllr M Smith was absent without apology.

#### 2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Alex Hodgson declared an interest in agenda item 6 - 2019 Day Time Music Event, as he has known the Promoter of the proposed event for a number of years (Non Prejudicial).

#### 3. Public participation

Five residents were at the meeting, on behalf of the Cader Avenue Residents Association to express their ongoing concerns regarding – Agenda Item 5 – Matters Arising – 180910 – Cader Avenue.

The residents advised that they continue to be concerned regarding the asbestos removal, at the Cader Avenue site. Apparently as recent as last week, the asbestos removal contractors were seen by the residents just dropping sheets of asbestos to the ground from the roof.

The residents also advised that since the work at the site commenced, there has been a lot of wild life movements, (rats in gardens).

The residents asked what had been reported back by Conwy County Borough Council and the Health & Safety Executive.

Cllr N Smith advised the residents that Conwy had reported back that on the days that they had inspected the site, they were happy that the contractors were following the correct process. The residents asked regarding the recent application, relating a Certificate of Lawfulness.

Cllr Morris advised that planning related matters was not on the agenda of tonight's meeting, however full details regarding the recent application, were fully documented on the Conwy website.

The residents acknowledged that they were happy that the Town Council have visited the sites and have spoken to the residents regarding their concerns on a number of occasions, however they continue to be concerned that the asbestos contractors are not following the correct process for asbestos removal.

Cllr N Smith advised that the Cader site has been put forward to Conwy as a Brown Site suitable for housing.

Cllr Morris advised that the Town Council had contacted the HSE in Wrexham with the resident's concerns, and the HSE had confirmed receipt of the Town Council's letter, but advised that they would only report back to the Town Council, in the event of there being any concerns/findings.

Cllr Morris Jones confirmed that to date the Town Council had received no further contact from the HSE.

#### 4. Minutes

**Resolved that: The Minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on 10/09/18 be approved and signed.**

#### 5. Matters Arising

**180508/7, 180611/9, 180820/5, 180910/5 – Proposed changes to Foryd Road**

Noted that:

- a) A site meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 14/11/18 at 2pm with Conwy, to discuss the toilet provision, once the existing toilets in the Square are demolished as part of the road scheme.
- b) That a copy of the final road plan has been received from Conwy, and that a copy of the plans has been sent to all Councillors).
- c) That the Clerk has chased Conwy regarding the replacement bus shelter, as the final road plans only refer to a bus stop, and not a bus shelter.

#### **180611/13, 180820/5 & 180910/5 – Lamp Post Donations**

Noted that: To date no donations have been secured for the 2018 Christmas Lights.

#### **180611/16, 180820/5 & 180910/5 – Owain Glyndwr Park**

Noted that: The Clerk is still awaiting the following from Conwy.

- a) An exact definition/understanding of the existing Covenant from the Welsh Government.
- b) Confirmation whether the Welsh Government would consider amending/relaxing their existing Covenant.
- c) Confirmation in writing, if Conwy is happy to consider either a Long Term Lease/or a Transfer of Ownership to either the Town Council or a suitable local organisation/residents association.

#### **180820/5 & 180910/5 – Towyn & Kinmel Bay Improvements**

##### **Bulb Planting**

Noted that:

- a) Conwy have stated that the bulbs must be daffodils, as from their experience Crocus and Tulips are not very successful/suitable for mowed grassed areas.
- b) Conwy have advised that eco flowers/plants are extremely labour intensive and expensive to maintain.

The Councillors discussed the two quotes for bulb planting, and Conwy's decline to quote as they are too busy/lack of manpower to undertake any additional non-essential work.

**Resolved that: C K Cleaning and Garden Services quote of £50 per 100 bulbs planted be approved.**

##### **Tree Planting**

Noted that:

- a) Green Fingers have provided a rough quote of £100 per tree (Supplied and planted)
- b) That Barneys have also been asked to quote for the supply and planting of trees in the park at the rear of the Community Centre.
- c) That Barney's have been requested to provide a quote for the supply and installation of wooden bollards, to secure the park at the rear of the Community centre.
- d) That Conwy have supplied a list of suitable trees for planting in the parks.
- e) That Conwy have asked that they are contacted before any trees are planted, so that they can confirm that the proposed locations are acceptable to them.

##### **Playground Equipment**

Noted that:

- a) The quotes are still awaited for the painting of the Play Scheme Equipment in the various parks within Towyn & Kinmel Bay.
- b) A Site meeting will be required with Conwy, once confirmation of the required work and quotes are received.

#### **180818/11 – Travellers**

Noted the replies which have been received from both the Welsh Government and the House of Commons.

#### **180820/5 & 180910/5 – Additional Benches and Picnic Benches in Towyn & Kinmel Bay**

Noted that:

- a) Two quotes have been received for Picnic Benches made from recycled plastic.
- b) Conwy would need to confirm their approval to the sighting of the benches prior to installation.
- c) Conwy have advised that they are presently too busy to supply the benches, however they would be prepared to install, and the cost would be approx. £400/£450 per picnic bench. (Concrete pad/base & installation).
- d) Conwy have confirmed that they are happy for a third party contractor to install the benches/lay the required concrete bases/pads.
- e) That Barneys have been requested to provide a quote for the laying of the required bases/pads.

**Resolved that:**

- a) **The benches would be made from recycled plastic, rather than wood and/or metal.**
- b) **That a picnic bench (subject to the quotes/overall costs being acceptable) would be installed at the following Five locations.**
  - **Outside the Community Centre (grassed area)**
  - **In the play area at the park at the back of the Community Centre**
  - **Owain Glyndwr play area**
  - **Llys y Berllan park in Towyn.**
  - **Clwyd Park play area**

**180820/15 & 180910/5 – Battle of Morfa Rhuddlan**

**Resolved to carry forward to the agenda of the next Environmental meeting.**

**180910/6 – Policing**

The clerk presented the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Crime Figure comparisons for Towyn & Kinmel Bay, (figures obtained via the North Wales Police Website). The overall crime figures indicate an apparent overall increase in reported crimes between 2017 figures and 2018 figures, however after reference to Kerri the local PCSO, she has indicated that these increases are likely to have been impacted BY THE 2017-2021 North Wales Police & Crime Plan, which sets out various priorities and also the way crimes are reported, the system can create numerous crimes from a single call/report, if potentially more than one crime is identified. The website also reports exactly what the overall crime figure is made up of and also maps where the crime has occurred/been reported within Towyn & Kinmel Bay. It is very pleasing to note that there is an ongoing decrease in the number of reported Anti- Social Behaviour related crimes. If we use the month of September over the last 4 years as an example: - (Sept 2018 -5, Sept 17 - 20, Sept 2016 – 22 & Sept 2015 - 24).

Noted the above figures and how they can be obtained via the North Wales Police Website, under 'Your Neighbourhood'.

**180810/9 – Historical Walkways in Towyn & Kinmel Bay**

**Resolved to carry forward to the agenda of the next Environmental meeting.**

**180910/11 – Christmas Tree Quotes**

Noted the additional cost of £30 per tree, as Councillors requested that both Christmas trees be in excess of 20ft above ground.

**180910/12 – Cader Avenue**

**Resolved that:**

- a) **The Clerk would write to Conwy to express the residents ongoing concerns, that the asbestos removal company is not following the correct process when removing the sheets from the roof and also at the length of time the removal is taking.**
- b) **That the Clerk would write to Conwy to express the resident's concerns that there has been an increase to wild life (rats in gardens) since work started at the site.**
- c) **That Cader Avenue will be added to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting at the end of November.**

Noted that: The Cader Avenue Residents Association would provide the Clerk with a suitable email address, which the Town Council can use to keep the Residents Association updated.

## 6. 2019 Day Time Music Event

The organiser of Rhuddfest and other similar locally arranged events gave a presentation to the Councillors, regarding a potential Day Time Music Event in 2019 at Tir Prince Park.

The Presenter advised that he was a local resident and wanted to hold a Music Event in Towyn for the local residents.

The Councillors discussed whether they felt that Tir Prince Park was suitable for such an event.

The Presenter advised that he would be fully responsible for the event, and would prepare all required method statements and Health & Safety Checklists/Policies and that he was looking for potential matched funding from Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council and/or Conwy and other local businesses.

The Town Council confirmed that they were happy for the presenter to continue investigating the possibility and costings of an event in Towyn, and that once he had all the information to hand that he would contact the clerk and arrange to attend a future Town Council meeting.

Cllr Morris Jones thanked the Presenter for his presentation.

**Resolved that: The Presenter would come back to the Town Council with detailed figures of how much support that he was looking for from the Town Council, so that a decision could be made, whether the Town Council would be prepared to support/part fund the event.**

## 7. Conwy CCTV

Conwy CCTV Control Manager, updated the Town Council regarding the three Conwy CCTV Cameras in Towyn & Kinmel Bay, which have all been recently upgraded to brand new digital cameras. She advised that Conwy have to review each camera each year to ensure justification that the camera can remain in use. Conwy take into account eight factors when they score each camera, one of the eight factors being funding.

Cllr M Jones thanked the Conwy CCTV Manager for her presentation.

**Resolved that:**

**a) The Town Council would consider reinstating the £281 Per Camera Annual Maintenance Payment/Total Cost £843 in 2019-20. (The decision is will be considered in line with other projects, as part of our 2019-20 precept calculations).**

## 8. Play Grounds

Noted that:

a) That a CCBC working party is presently looking at options for funding playground maintenance in 2019-20, and that in all likelihood Conwy will be looking to the Town Councils to assist with the running costs/costs to repair/replacing playground equipment.

b) That Conwy are presently simply removing defective play equipment, and not replacing/repairing, due to their play scheme budgets being fully utilised.

## 9. Community Place Plan

**Resolved that: The next Community Place Plan meeting will be held on 11/02/2019 at 7pm.**

**Cllr Johnson left the meeting early at 8.35pm**

## 10. Unadopted Road Survey/Consultation

Noted the survey and the information which the Clerk has provided relating to the unadopted roads within Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

## 11. Topographical and Beach Profile Survey

Noted that Conwy are presently undertaking the surveys.

## 12. Towyn & Kinmel Bay Improvements

**Resolved that:**

a) **The quote from J D Builders for the sum of £590 to install sleepers and a flower bed down the side of the Community Resource Centre Building be approved.**

b) **That the quote from J D Builders for the sum of £155, relating to essential repairs to the dwarf brick wall outside the Community Resource Centre be approved.**

Noted that the raised planter on Gors Road has been completed, and that before the Town Council can consider any further landscaping at the site, the resident has been asked if they would consider building a retaining wall at the site first.

**13. Beach Car Park Barrier**

Noted the up to date position regarding the barrier, which hopefully will be installed in the next couple of months.

**14. Re-Introduction of the Borders on Foryd Road**

Noted that Conwy are looking to re-introduce the 5 borders (Stage 1) over the next few weeks.

**Resolved that to ensure that the Town Council's border in the Square is ready to receive any plants/flowers removed from the Conwy borders, as part of the road scheme, that the quote of £300 from Tree Fellas for the grinding down/removal of the large tree trunk/stump in the border be approved.**

**15. Work Schedule 2018-19**

The Clerk presented the update 2018-19 Schedule to the Councillors.

Noted: The up to date position regarding the various 2018-19 Projects.

**16. Bus Shelters**

The Clerk updated the Councillors regarding the refurbishment/replacement of the Five TKBTC Bus Shelters.

**17. Projects for 2019-20**

The Clerk advised the Councillors that proposed Projects for 2019-20 need to be considered/discussed before the end of December 2018, so that any agreed projects can be included in the 2019-20 Precept calculations.

**Resolved that the Clerk would write to all Councillors, and ask that they forward their suggested Projects for 2019-20, to him by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.**

Meeting Closed at 09:05pm

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Signed by the Chairman of the meeting 21/01/2019