

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Tuesday 7th May, 2019 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: G Corry, B Griffiths, D Johnson, L Knightly (Mayor), J McKenna, B McLoughlin, P Miller, M Smith & N Smith

Non-Voting:

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Curran, M Jones & D Luke.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr G Corry declared an interest in Agenda item 7 – Denbigh Circle footpath and roads, as he lives in Denbigh Circle and he left the room whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

3. Public participation

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

4. Minutes

Resolved that: The minutes of the Environmental meeting held on 11/03/2019 were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Conwy Tidal Flood Defence Study

Unfortunately, the Officer from Conwy Flood Team was unable to attend the meeting to undertake his presentation.

Noted that the Conwy Officer will be attending the Community Resource Centre on Friday at 9:30am to undertake his presentation and to answer any questions from the Councillors.

Resolved that: The Conwy Flood Team Officer would be asked the following questions on Friday: -

a) We note from the proposed defence measures that groins are included for both Pensarn and Llandudno, however there are no groins proposed for Towyn & Kinmel Bay- Why is that?

b) The proposals include increasing the height of the existing sea wall, however this still leaves approx. 350 properties in the T & KB area at risk from coastal flooding, why do the proposed improvements not protect all the properties within T & KB area?

c) Can a jetty/launch be considered to be included within the proposed improved sea defences.

Resolved that: The Clerk will invite Darren Millar to attend the Conwy Officer's presentation at 9:30am on Friday 10/05/19.

7. Denbigh Circle Footpaths & Roads

The Clerk read out both residents letters at the meeting, of which one of the letters included a petition from Local Residents.

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would confirm receipt of both resident's letters.
- b) The Clerk would forward the two letters to Conwy, and ask that Conwy formally reply to both residents and the Town Council.

8. Kendal Road Park

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would contact Conwy and request that a Dog Control Order is considered at the park.
- b) That the Clerk would contact the PCSO, with a view to her speaking to the owner of the dogs, and advise her that a number of concerns had been raised regarding her dogs running around off their leads.

9. Tir Prince park

Resolved:

- a) That the purchase of 4 recycled UPVC picnic benches be approved from Plastecowood, at a cost of £345 per bench. (Plastecowood recently supplied the Town Council with 6 similar UPVC benches, and they were found to be the cheapest quote and were considered to be the best value for money for UPVC benches).
- b) That the 4 picnic benches would be installed at Tir Prince Park.
- c) That the quote from Dig It to install the picnic benches (including concrete bases) at a cost of £406 per picnic bench be approved, as the Councillors were happy that the quote represented good value for money, and includes the collection of all benches from Bodelwyddan, which saves a delivery charge of £150.
- d) That the purchase of 3 standard benches (recycled UPVC) be approved, from Plastecowood, at a cost of £195 per bench, all of which are to be installed at Tir Prince Park.
- e) That Dig It would be instructed to install the three benches, of which only two would require the installation of concrete bases, as the third bench is to be installed on an existing concrete base.
- f) That the Dig It quote of £140 for a digger to clear out the pond be approved, as the councillors were happy that it represented good value for money for the half day hire of a digger, with a driver and fuel included.
- g) That the Dig It quote of £200 for the removal of all waste/debris, as the result of the pond clear out be approved. Councillors were happy with the quote, as whilst it was same cost as quote from Conwy, Dig It was more flexible with regards to when the work would be completed.
- h) That the Town Council would approve the request to cover the ongoing costs for the proposed fountain, which would be the unmetered power supply, which is estimated to be less than £200 per annum.

Noted that the bridge, railings and five wooden benches have been painted/varnished, and that numerous compliments have been received.

10. Cader Avenue – Vacant Plot

Noted that Conwy are looking to serve a Planning Contravention Notice on the Land Owner.

11. St Asaph Avenue – Railway Embankments

Noted that Network Rail have scheduled to complete the repairs to the leaning fence/posts, and to undertake a litter pick on both embankments.

12. Demolished Shelters

Noted that two of the benches have been moved by the tenant of the kiosks, following permission from Conwy, due to their close proximity to the two kiosks.

Noted that Cllr Corry will personally contact Conwy regarding their reply relating to the demolition for the two shelters.

13. Benches

Resolved that:

- a) The quote for the sum of £350 from CK Cleaning be approved, for the painting of the seven metal benches at the Kinmel Bay Car Park, as the councillors were happy that the quote represented good value for money.
- b) The quote for the sum of £115 from Cllr Morris Jones be approved, for the painting of the three wooden benches which were installed last year, as the quote represented good value for money.
- c) The Clerk would write to Conwy to request that they consider including UPVC recycled plastic benches (between Asda & Sandy Cove), as part of the proposed tidal defence scheme.
- d) That a further recycled UPVC picnic bench at a cost of £345 would be purchased from Plastecowood, and that Dig It would be instructed to install (including a new concrete base) at a cost of £406.00, and that the bench would be installed outside the Community Centre in Kinmel Bay, next to the existing picnic bench.
- e) That the cost of the purchase of the further picnic bench and installation costs would be paid from the Solar Farm Budget.

14. Sand Clearance

Resolved that: The Town Council Sand Clearance Report and pictures would be sent to Conwy ERF, and that Conwy ERF would be requested to formally respond to the report.

15. Willow Maze – Chester Avenue – Woodland

Resolved to approve the quote from Tree Fellas for the sum of £250, to undertake a hard cut of the willow maze, before it grows out of hand. The quote was the cheaper of the two quotes received, and was considered to be the best value.

16. Grass verges at the Towyn Road and Llys Madoc Junction

Resolved: to approve the quote from Dig It for the sum of £1,160 for the installation of 10 wooden bollards on the grass verges to prevent vehicles being parked on the grass verges.

Noted that Conwy have agreed to pay 50% of the invoice, for the installation of the wooden bollards, once the work has been completed.

Resolved that the existing bench on the grass verge would be relocated, and that Dig It would be instructed to install the bench at the new location, on a new concrete base, subject to the overall cost not exceeding £406.

17. Chester Avenue – Disabled Access and Abandoned Vehicle

Resolved that: The Clerk will write to Conwy ERF to report the residents' concerns regarding access, and to request what can be done.

Noted the up to date position regarding the red van.

18. Volunteer/Working Party Group

Resolved that: The Clerk will write to the Conwy Countryside Warden to request a schedule of works/volunteer events for the next 12 months, which the Town Council will display on the Town Council notice board and website.

19. Battery Powered Chainsaw

Resolved not to purchase a chainsaw at this time, due to Health & Safety and Certification concerns.

20. LED Lighting

Resolved that: -

- a) The Clerk would obtain some prices/further information for the next Environmental meeting so that the Councillors would have an indication what options/costings would be involved.**
- b) Initially LED Lighting would be explored/considered at the following three locations: -**
 - Entrance to Tir Prince Park**
 - The Borders in the Square in Kinmel Bay**
 - The Community Resource Centre Building**

21. Owain Glyndwr Abandoned Play Area

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy to request a follow up site meeting at the abandoned play area.

22. Wooden Planters

Resolved that: -

a) Wooden Planters would be installed in the following locations within Towyn & Kinmel Bay:-

- Gors Road raised bed area x 2**
- Towyn notice board area x 2**
- End of path by Catholic Church in Towyn x 1**
- Outside Owens Caravan Park in Towyn x 2**
- Grass verge on the corner of Roland Avenue x 1**
- Grass verge on the corner of Lon Heulog x 1**
- Tir Lloyd Industrial Estate Entrance x 1**

b) That the following quotes from CK Cleaning be approved: -

- £60 per planter to install & fill with compost/soil**
- £15 per hour to water the plants in the planters on an adhoc basis**
- £15 per hour to clear/strim the grassed area on Gors Road, ready for the two planters**
(The quotes from CK Cleaning were approved, as the councillors considered the quotes were good value for money).

c) That the planters in Kinmel Bay would be planted with Lavender/ dwarf conifers and suitable hardy perennial plants/shrubs, and that the planters in Towyn would be planted with Marigolds, which two Town Councillors would source.

23. Tir Llwyd Ditches

Noted the reply received from Conwy regarding the ditches, which advised that Conwy would inspect, and take appropriate action against the land owners, if considered appropriate.

24. Travellers

Resolved that: The Welsh Office reply, and the Town Council Statement would be sent to the Conwy LDP team, and that Conwy would be asked to formally reply.

25. Foryd Road Scheme

Noted the update from Conwy regarding the road scheme.

26. Sandy Cove Environmental Day

Noted the update following the Environmental date, and the proposed way forward.

27. Ffordd Y Berllan

Resolved not to take matters forward with regards to the proposed play scheme, at this stage.

28. Work Schedule 2019-20

The Clerk presented the 2019-20 work schedule to the Councillors.

Resolved that: -

a) Following the completion of the Foryd Road Scheme, which will include the full reinstatement/planting of all the borders in the Square, that the Clerk will writes to Conwy to advise that it was the Town Council's intention to hand the borders back to Conwy, as per the suggestion of the Conwy Project Managers.

b) That the Clerk would prepare a letter for Councillors to deliver, to the residents on Foryd Road (both sides) between JJ Caravan and the Sandy Cove Club, to notify them of the Town Councils intention to reintroduce plants on the grass verges on Foryd Road.

c) That the Clerk would contact Conwy with a view to arranging a community skip day at Tir Prince Park (back entrance) sometime in June (Conwy have quoted a cost of £200 to supply a skip for the day.

Noted the up to date position regarding the various proposed Environmental related Projects for 2019-20.

Meeting closed at 20:55

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Signed by the Chairman of Environmental meeting on / /