

## Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

### Minutes of the Environmental Improvement Committee held on Monday 9 January 2017 at the Community Resource Centre.

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**Present:** Cllrs, N Smith (Deputy Mayor), B McLoughlin, L Knightley, G Corry and D Johnson

**In attendance:** Councillor B Griffiths

**Clerk:** Mrs H Stewart BEM

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Smith.

#### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared in any item on the agenda.

#### 3. Public Participation

Mr Bibby had requested to address the committee about the positioning of a bench in Clwyd Park. He explained that the location was directly behind his property and youngsters from the adjacent estates were congregating in the evenings causing a nuisance and noise. The foul language and screaming was affecting the quality of life for him and his family.

7.02pm Cllr Mc Loughlin arrived.

7.03pm Cllr E Bateman arrived.

Mr Bibby was not against seating in the park but this seat, which had recently been installed, had appeared without any consultation. It seemed that it had just been put there because a concrete base had been laid.

Councillors agreed with Mr Bibby's sentiments and supported his idea that it should be relocated further into the park, nearer to the play area.

Cllr Knightley suggested that it should just be moved and stored, whilst deciding and arranging a new location. This would avoid any delay.

The bench and parks were both owned by Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC), so without its consent the Town Council could not really just implement this request and remove it. Inevitably any costs would fall on the Town council.

***Resolved that: The Clerk progress the relocation of the bench with CCBC and ascertain the cost that may be involved.***

#### 4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting

***Resolved that: The minutes be signed as a true record***

#### 5. Matters Arising

**161114/7 Ground Maintenance** - Cllr McLoughlin suggested that the register of land should cover all ownerships by Public bodies rather than just the Town council. There was also a piece of land at Towyn Way East which was thought to be possibly owned by the Town Council. The Town Council at least maintained the area since the builder went out of business. Ownership of such should be investigated whilst compiling the register.

**161114/8 Bus Shelters** – CCBC were amenable to the Town Council taking on the responsibility of maintaining the bus shelters purchased by the Town Council. The question raised by CCBC Officer about planning permission for advertising would be investigated. The bus stop by the Post Office in Towyn had been relocated a bit further up the road but the bench which provided seating for those waiting for a bus had not been moved. CCBC will be requested to move the bench and also consider the installation of a shelter as this bus stop was used significantly by the elderly.

**161114/07 – Grounds Maintenance** – Cllr Griffiths raised the suggestion that Pengwern College Students, as part of a Young Enterprise Scheme, (YES) work in partnership with the Town Council in maintaining some suitable Flower Border(s).

Councillors wholeheartedly supported the suggestion. The Clerk would contact the YES leader to discuss the matter in more detail. A group of Councillors might then visit the YES base, if the project is to go ahead.

**Bench in Clwyd Park**

This item had been brought forward and was discussed under Agenda Item 3 Public Participation.

**6. CCTV**

A letter had been received from CCBC explaining that the upgrading of the infrastructure to build a full new Digital HD Ready Wireless CCTV Network was not going to cost in the region of £500k, this was £200k more than initially estimated. The letter listed these Councils that were going to financially support this initiative. Towyn and Kinmel Bay had agreed £2000 (£1000/camera).

During the discussion it was questioned whether the Town Council actually had three cameras and if all three were working. The position of the cameras was also questioned and whether the default position was in fact an enhancement to the Community Safety of the public or was it more of a precautionary eye on the Cash Machine and Traffic Lights.

The Clerk would request more details in the breakdown of the incident types reported by the CCTV operators and that a list is arranged to the Control Room for some of the Town Councillors.

**7. Green Flag**

The benefits of a Green Flag being awarded to a park had been circulated to the committee. This had been an idea that the previous Clerk had been involved with, but it had not been progressed.

The Town Council was undecided about pursuing the idea since it did not have any direct responsibility for the parks in Towyn and Kinmel Bay. Before making a final decision CCBC would be asked what its approach was to Green Flag Awards and whether this could be a joint initiative with the Town Council.

**8. Kinmel Dunes**

Cllr Anderson as Chair of the Dunes Committee had sent his apologies at not being able to attend the meeting and explain the initiative of funding and building a new entrance barrier to the beach car-park area.

The entrance to Brickfield Pond in Rhyl was an option that might be considered for the Dunes Project.

Councillors were very concerned about the cost of such a magnificent structure and agreed that other funding opportunities had to be explained. The Town Council might then be in a position to make a contribution but could in no way fund the whole project.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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Signed by: Chairman of the Environmental Improvement Committee on 13 March 2017