

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Draft Minutes of the Community Place Plan Committee Meeting - (Hybrid Meeting) held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7:00pm

Present Cllrs: N Smith, B Griffiths, L Griffiths, T Jenkins, D Johnson, D Mulvaney & M Smith.

Deputy Clerk: Katherine Evans

1. Chairman

Cllr D Mulvaney was nominated and approved as Chairperson 2025-26.

2. Deputy Chairman

Cllr N Smith was nominated and approved as Deputy Chairperson 2025-26.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Corry, B McLoughlin and Shane Wetton Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer Conwy CBC.

Cllr L Griffiths and B Griffiths joined the meeting late at 19:07.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Participation

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

6. Co-Option for Non-Councillor Members.

Resolved that: -

The Deputy Clerk will contact all past members of TKB Voice, inviting them to complete a Co-Option Application to join the Community Place Plan Committee.

An Expression of Interest advertisement will be published, providing information about the role and inviting members from the Business/Community/Voluntary Sector to apply to be co-opted as non-voting non-councillor members of the Community Place Plan Committee.

Supports 'A More Equal Wales' as involving community members ensures that diverse voices are heard and considered, particularly those who may not usually engage with formal democratic processes. Co-option helps break down barriers and promote fairness and inclusion.

7. Community Place Plan update

Noted that: -

The Community Place Plan Committee Project Document will serve as a working document and will be updated when relevant project areas are progressing or completed.

Cllr N. Smith updated members on the following: -

The Replacement Local Development Plan 2018–2033 (Green Infrastructure – Transforming Towns), which includes an assessment of Towyn and Kimmel Bay.

Potential funding opportunities (Weatherproofing fund for Tourism Attractions and Transforming Towns – Commercial Property Improvement Fund).

Denbighshire County Council has completed a low-level feasibility study into potential improvements to Rhyl Marina. The study has concluded that it is feasible to create a 270-berth marina in the area. As a next step, the Council will engage a specialist company to conduct a high-level feasibility study to further assess the viability and impact of the proposed development. Cllr N. Smith and the Economic Development Team have been invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the findings and the future in more detail.

Councillor N. Smith reported that he had recently met with Cabinet Member Chris Carter at Park Hanes to discuss the Active Travel link through the area.

Resolved that: -

Cllr N. Smith will forward the funding information to the Deputy Clerk, who will circulate it to members.

Supports 'A Wales of Cohesive Communities' as well-designed community places strengthen local identity and pride, improve safety and accessibility, and create spaces for people to connect, build relationships, and support one another.

8. Development of a timeline for selected Community Place Plan proposals and improvements

Resolved that: -

The Deputy Clerk will carry out further research into the Transforming Towns funding to explore potential support for the Square & Shops Services Project (Kimmel Bay) and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Noted that:

The Deputy Clerk informed members of an email received from Shane Wetton, Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer at Conwy County Borough Council, regarding the process and implications of adding new projects to an existing Community Place Plan.

Mr. Wetton confirmed that it is indeed possible to add additional projects to the plan. This process does not require changes to the Place Plan itself but simply involves updating the project list associated with the plan. He clarified that if the proposed project is a non-land use project, it will not be subject to conformity issues with the Local Development Plan. If the project involves land use, it must be reviewed to ensure conformity with the Local Development Plan, in accordance with guidance being developed by Planning Aid Wales. Once conformity is confirmed (where applicable), the project may be added to the approved projects list under the Place Plan.

Meeting Closed: 19.30

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Signed by the Chair of the next Community Place Plan Committee meeting on 10/09/2025.