Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Policy, Finance, Resources and Planning Committee held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at the Community Resource Centre & Town Hall Kinmel Bay.

Present: Cllrs: E Bateman (Mayor), G Corry, B Darwin, D Johnson and N Smith (Deputy Mayor).
Non-voting Members: Cllrs: S Evans, B Griffiths and M Smith.
Clerk: Mrs H Stewart BEM

The Mayor Cllr Bateman opened the meeting.

1. Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Knightly (business).

2. Election of Chairman
Nominations were sought for the position of Chairman for 2016-2017. Cllr Knightly was proposed and assuming in his absence he would accept the nomination, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3. Election of Deputy Chairman
Cllr Corry was nominated for Deputy Chairman and with no other nominations and everyone in agreement Cllr Corry took the Chair.

4. Declaration of Interest
Cllr N Smith declared an interest in agenda item 12: Planning Applications. As Chairman of the County Council Planning Committee he had been advised not to take part such matters.

Cllr M Smith declared an interest in agenda item:12c ASDA application. This was a personal but not prejudicial interest so Cllr M Smith would remain in the meeting but not take part in the discussion.

5. Public Participation
There were no applications to address the Committee.

6. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 March 2016 were reviewed for accuracy.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and be signed.

7. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered in the Agenda.

8. Terms of Reference
The Full Council had approved the Terms of Reference at the meeting held on 29 June 2016, but had referred them to the Committee for review.

With a new Committee Structure having just been adopted by the Council it was difficult to know if the TOR would encompass all the work of this Committee. It was agreed that the TOR would be accepted as they were presented but would be reviewed on an on-going basis during the year.

RESOLVED that: The Terms of Reference as presented be accepted but reviewed regularly during the term of the Committee.

9. Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) Car Parking Asset Strategy Review
The proposal by CCBC to introduce charges for parking at the Kinmel Beach Car Park came as no surprise to the Committee. The decision, being made purely for financial reasons, raised questions as to the effect if might have on local businesses and also on the displacement of

parking to areas not covered by any restrictions. This included the car park in front of the Community Resource Centre..

There was a distinct lack of information available at the meeting to form any view about the Town Council leasing the car park. The Clerk would contact the Officer due to attend the Full Council meeting on 27 July to request that this information be brought to the meeting.

10. Retention of Disposal Policy

The Chairman was of the opinion that the policy was long winded but covered most aspects of the Council's business. He questioned the length of time a 'Register of Interests' might be retained. Other Councillors supported the suggestion that it should be retained for 12 months after having been a Councillor.

The discussion then deviated from the policy onto a discussion about being nominated as a representative onto an outside body. The nomination for a School Governor to Ysgol Maes Owen would be included on the Full Council agenda for 27 July.

RESOLVED that: The Retention and Disposal Policy as presented be approved.

11. Dog Exclusion Zone

Having explained his consternation with the area of the beach between Kinmel Bay and Sandbank Road, Cllr Johnson went on to propose that the restriction should be removed. Councillors were in favour of the proposal but thought that it would be helpful if the reason for the exclusion could be obtained before making any formal representation to CCBC.

12. Planning Applications

Cllr N Smith removed himself from the Committee table and did not take part in any of the discussions.

Cllr Johnson offered to continue carrying out site inspections of any planning applications received from the County Council and to report back his findings to the Committee. All Members were in favour of this approach.

a) 0/42928: Additional floor arranged in the roof space and balcony a modest extension to the west Elevation

Recommend: No objections.

b) 0/42979: Single storey pitched & flat roofed extensions at rear of dwelling, first floor pitched roof extension & rendered finish (smooth off white rendering)

Recommend: No objections.

c) 0/4288: 1nstallation of external cat ladder and high level walkway to external face of existing superstore

Recommend: No objections.

d) 0/42953: Flat roofed extension to first floor extension

Recommend: No objections.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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Signed by: Chairman of the Policy, Finance, Resources and Planning Committee – 7 September 2016