

Towyn & Kimmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council held on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at the Community Resource Centre, Kimmel Bay.

Present Cllrs: N Smith (Deputy Mayor) G Corry, B Darwin, S Evans, B Griffiths, D Johnson, L Knightly, B McLoughlin, and M Smith.

Clerk: Mrs H Stewart BEM

Cllr Smith Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: S Anderson (abroad), E Bateman (Mayor) (holiday) and M Roberts (holiday).

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr N Smith declared an interest in Agenda Item: 11 Planning Applications due to being the Chairman of Planning for CCBC. He left the table and took no part in the discussions.

3. Public Participation

Mrs Tye, having attended the meeting of the Policy Finance and Resource Committee on 7 September, asked if there had been any progress on her request for traffic calming to be installed of Green Avenue.

Cllr Smith informed Mrs Tye that the matter was being investigated and he would let her know when there had been any progress.

4. Urgent Matters

There were no matters of urgency.

5. Mayor's Report

There was nothing to report as the Mayor was on holiday.

6. Car Park Asset Strategy Review

The response was a resounding no to the offer from Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) to lease the Kimmel Beach Car Park as an alternative to CCBC implementing direct pay and display charging.

Reasons included the financial imbalance that would incur an additional cost to the Town Council and the lack of a holistic approach to parking and amenities on the sea front at Kimmel Bay.

The Council responded to the questions raised in the letter from CCBC as below:

- Is the proposed charging tariff appropriate? -No
- Should there be adjustments to the charging periods? – Not applicable
- Is there significant overnight parking and is this desirable? – No and no
- Which local businesses use the car park for their own vehicles and for what purpose? - Only one business for parking when the kiosk was open.
- If the car park is used as private parking for residents, should this continue to be provided at no cost or by purchase of a permit? - It is not used for private parking.
- Which streets would be impacted by displacement parking? Roland Avenue, and possibly the car park at Asda.
- Do we need to introduce residential parking permits or other restrictions on these streets? - It may be necessary if the County Council proceeds with charging.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2016 were presented for approval.

Resolved that: The minutes as presented be approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising

160727/10. Outside Bodies – the questioning of the Council's nominated representative to Ysgol Maes Owen was a matter of great concern to Members. With Cllr Bateman not being present it was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened to discuss the matter further.

In the meantime a letter should be sent in response to the Chair of Governors questioning of the nomination stating the concerns of the Council and until the Special Meeting had been held the current nomination stood.

9. Policy, Finance, Resources and Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2106 were noted.

Cllr Griffiths spoke about minute 10. Place Plans and reiterated the importance of developing such a Plan. Cllr McLoughlin spoke about how having an audit of Towyn and Kinnel Bay would be a good starting point for considering such a Plan.

It was agreed that Shane Wetton an Officer at CCBC responsible for Place Planning in the County, be invited to a meeting with the Town Council.

10. Environmental Improvement Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2016 were noted.

Minute 8. Flood Plans: Cllr Griffiths said that there was a lot of change taking place and he proposed that the Town Council should re-establish the Flood Group.

Other Members expressed concern about the resources required to do such but, acknowledge the need to be aware of the flooding implications for Towyn and Kinnel Bay. It was proposed that Cllr Griffiths should assess the impact of the changes and then make a recommendation on what resources were required of the Town Council.

Cllr Griffiths said he would send all Members a copy of the flood documents he had provided to the Mayor and the Clerk. Cllr Darwin said that the Town Council did not have a vast amount of resources but thought that £5000 had been allocated to Flood issues in the budget.

It was agreed that, the above proposals not having been supported, Cllrs Corrie and Griffiths would speak with Deputy Regional Manager Jonathan Williams, North Wales Councils' Regional Emergency Planning Service (NWC-REPS) and invite him to meet with the Council.

Minute 7: Christmas Lights: It was explained that the Committee had decided to invest the balance of £5000 in this year's budget to install the infrastructure to supply power for about 20 more motifs. Leasing any additional motifs may have to wait until next year when there would be £5000 available in the budget unless sponsorship should be secured this year from local businesses. Cllr McLoughlin informed Members that the Mayor had already started the discussion of sponsorship with some business owners and that she would pursue this further with him on his return from holiday. The Clerk would produce a letter about the sponsorship opportunity that Cllr Bateman could give to the businesses he approached.

Cllrs Bateman and Knightly would compile a list of local businesses to approach and Cllr Knightly confirmed that he was willing to sponsor a motif.

The switching on of the Christmas trees would be arranged for 26 November 2016 to coincide with a Community Craft Fair being held at the Church. Enquires would be made to see if the lights could be

timed to be turned on at the same time.

11. Planning Applications

Cllr Smith relinquished the Chair to Cllr Johnson for this part of the meeting.

Having visiting all the sites concerned Cllr Johnson suggested to the Members that none of the applications posed any material concerns.

Resolved that: CCBC be advised that are no objections to the three applications as presented.

12. Outside Bodies

This had been dealt with under Agenda Item 8: Matters Arising.

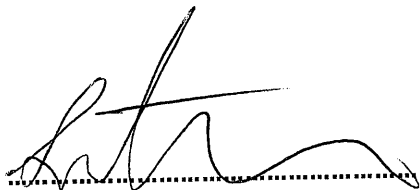
13. Solar Farm

Resolved that: the Community Benefit Agreement be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk as a witness.

14. Correspondence

There were no actions arising from the correspondence received and presented at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.34pm



Signed by: Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on ²⁶~~31~~ October 2016