

Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Improvement Committee held on Wednesday 14 November 2016 at the Community Resource Centre.

Present: Cllrs, N Smith (Deputy Mayor), S Evans, B McLoughlin, M Smith and G Corry.

Clerk: Mrs H Stewart BEM

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Bateman (work), Johnson (holiday) and Knightly (work).

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Participation

There were no applications to address the Committee.

4. Minutes

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

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

6. Christmas Lights

The infrastructure for twenty new motifs has been installed into 8 lamp posts in Towyn and 3 in Kinnel Bay. The response from local businesses to sponsor one of these new motifs had been limited so the new locations will not necessarily carry a motif this year. A follow up letter would be posted to local businesses in the New Year in the hope that more sponsorship commitment could be secured for 2017.

The budget for 2017 would also be set to provide the finance for additional motifs should sponsorship not be secured.

The Committee suggested that the installation of the motifs for 2016 should be concentrated in the middle of Kinnel Bay leaving out lighting columns 40, 42 and 30 but lighting columns 17, 16 and 14.

7. Ground Maintenance

The current specification for work, required to outside spaces was discussed. The aim when issuing a specification of work for 2017 onwards, would be to ensure that all areas and aspects of work had been included.

Ownership and responsibilities for some of the current areas being maintained were questioned. Parc Hyde, although having been included in the current specification was not, in fact Town Council land.

A register of land owned by the Town Council was considered a worthwhile exercise. This could then be developed into a map showing which land belonged to TKBTC and CCBC and those roads that were unadopted.

During the discussion it emerged that there were four planters situated alongside bus shelters on the Towyn Road that required planting and maintaining. A letter would be sent to the Library Committee asking if the two planters located in front of the Library/Community Centre should also be included in the maintenance regime.

The hanging baskets on the Resource Centre should be included for Summer planting. The Willow Wood and Quarry Path also needed attention.

The mowing regime would focus on height of the grass rather than frequency since in hot weather cutting may not be required as frequently.

A site visit would be undertaken to inspect the football pitch and goal post at Towyn Way East after which any maintenance requirement would be included in the grounds maintenance schedule.

8. Bus Shelters

Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) had informed the Town Council that it was changing the contractor responsible for maintaining the bus shelters in the County. The contract had included seven shelters owned by the Town Council and there was a balance of £3390 being held by CCBC from contributions made by TKBTC.

Unfortunately, the old contract had not been that well supervised and the maintenance of the shelters had suffered. CCBC had provided a schedule of works required to now bring all the shelters in the County up to an acceptable standard ready for the new contractor to take on the responsibility.

All of the shelters owned by TKBTC, two possibly three shelters required replacing and the others some remedial maintenance work which all amounted to a cost of £16, ???

Questions were raised as to what responsibility CCBC had to compensate TKBTC for the work now required due to the County Council's lack of monitoring the original agreement.

The Committee was reluctant to just agree to finance the work as listed on the schedule provided by CCBC. It was agreed that advertising opportunities on the seven shelters should be explored to offset the cost of maintenance, enquiries should be made with Arriva to ascertain the bus companies stance on funding shelters, the requirement to replace three of the shelters should be researched further as to confirm their locations within the Town boundary and that opportunities, for TKBTC to undertake the work itself should be investigated to save the 8% administration fee being charged by CCBC

9. Green Flag Award

An email had been received asking if the Town Council was still interested in pursuing a Green Flag Award.

None of the Councillors on the Committee were aware of the intention nor were they familiar with the requirements needed to attain such status. More information would be sought and the matter discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.

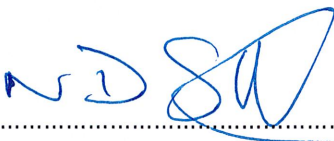
10. Kinnel Dunes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2016 were noted.

11. BT Public Payphones

BT were consulting on the removal of a number of underused pay phones in the County. There were two such pay phones in the Towyn & Kinnel Bay area. The Committee agreed that both should be removed as they tended to be the focus of antisocial behaviour and that the Council would not adopt the telephone boxes once decommissioned.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm



Signed by: Chairman of the Environmental Improvement Committee on 9 January, 2017

