

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 13 November, 2017 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: D Johnson, M Jones, B McLoughlin, L Knightly and N Smith

Non Voting: B Griffiths, A Hodgson

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Corry, D Dickin, T Curran & (M Smith- Non Voting)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Minutes

Resolved that: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11/09/17 be approved.

5. Matters Arising

170612/7 and 170911/5 – Kingdom

Replies received from Conwy to the Freedom of Information request and to the email expressing the Council's concerns regarding Kingdom.

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy to ask them what the rules and regulations are with regards to signage, as there is very little/very poor signage.

170821/4 and 170911/5 – The Woodland

- a) Community Payback Team have cleared the graffiti on the walkway bridge on St Asaph Avenue.
- b) Email received from the Community Payback Team advising what other types of projects the Community Payback Team could be used for.
- c) Clerk and Cllr McLoughlin attended the Chester Avenue meeting on 14/09/17.

170821/7 and 170911/5 – Parking at Ysgol Maes Owen and Ysgol Y Foryd

Reply received from Conwy advising that monthly visits could not be promised due to the team having to cover the whole of Conwy, and also advising that they would not be able to have 4 Parking Enforcement Officers on future visits to the School.

Noted that: Cllr Curran has contacted the two Schools to take forward the setting up of a working group – School Parking.

170911/6 – Tir Llwyd Clean Up

Clerk undertook a site visit on 14/09/17 and no issues were identified.

170911/13 – Towyn & Kinmel Bay Improvement Programme

- a) Painting of Railings
3 Quotes obtained and discussed
- c) Beach Car Park Barrier
Reply received from Conwy
- d) Quote received from Stephen Arnold for indication purposes

Resolved that: -

- a) Quote from CK Cleaning for £350 would be recommended at the Full Council at the meeting at end of the November to approve and set a suitable budget to include paint and brushes.
- Clerk to obtain costings for the brushes and paint ready for the Full Council meeting.
- c) Reply from Conwy be noted, and that the Clerk would chase Conwy for an update regarding Conwy's concerns to the loss of the turning area and other outstanding matters.
- d) That the quote from Stephen Arnold would be kept on file, for further reference in due course.

Bus Shelters

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would obtain quotes from a Bus Shelter supplier and report back at the next Environmental meeting in January 2018.
- b) The Clerk would arrange for a site meeting with Conwy (Clerk/Luke/Morris and Bernice who expressed an interest in attending) to discuss the current state of the 5 bus shelters and how/when to replace with open bus shelters with advertising at the side (non illuminated) and also to obtain clarification regarding whether the curbs at the bus shelters need to be raised.

170911/15 – Work Schedule Review

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy for more information and to request what the implications would be if the Town Council decided to stop paying the on going Annual Maintenance Charges and not to contribute towards replacement CCTV Cameras.

6. Towyn Improvements

- a) Requests from Library to clean outside of Community Centre/Library/Resource Centre Entrance.

Noted that: A quote for approximately £1,100 including labour and materials had been obtained, and that the Library Committee would obtain a further quote for the work, with a view to the cost of the work being split 3 ways.

- b) Request for Residents to have a bench on either side of the Railway Bridge.

Noted that: A site meeting had been arranged with Conwy for Tuesday 14/11/17 and agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes and update at the next Environmental meeting in January, 2018.

- c) Request to pay for New Signage for Community Centre and Library.

Resolved that: To obtain additional quotes and to liaise with the Community Centre and Library to agree the requirements of the signs, and report back at the next Environmental meeting in January, 2018.

- d) Rubbish outside the Shops/Takeaways.

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy and request for Enforcement Officers support to deal with the issue.

7. Flood Plan Update

Presentation undertaken by Cllr B Griffiths.

Resolved that: The Clerk would root out minutes/papers/leaflets that the Town Council had/used in approximately 2015, and report back at the next Environmental meeting in January, 2018.

8. Introduction of Parking Charges

Noted that: The Parking Charges were being introduced at the Kinmel Bay Beach Car Park with effect from January, 2018.

9. Skate Board Park

Plans were drawn out and consultations were previously undertaken.

Resolved that: The Clerk would look for the paperwork/plans and speak to Councillors who were involved at the time, and report back to the Environmental meeting in January, 2018.

Cllr L Knightly left the meeting at 08:30pm.

10. Bus Shelter Insurance

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact the Insurance Company to ascertain exactly what the Insurance Covers, as it was felt that it is unlikely that the Town Council would claim for vandalism/storm damage, as it would result in increased premiums.

11. Proposed Changes to Procedures relating to the Regulations of Town & Village Greens following the commencement of relevant provisions in the plans (Wales Act 2015).

Noted: The changes to procedures.

12. Sandbags – New Policy from Conwy

Noted: The New Conwy Sand Bag Policy

13. Local Tourism Signage – Request from Conwy

Resolved that:

a) The existing signage was very poor, as no signs to the Library and or/the beach in Kinmel Bay.

b) That the Clerk would collate details of the existing signage from Councillors and express our disappointment to Conwy for the present poor/lack of signage.

14. Bollards at Owain Glyn Dwr

Resolved that:

a) We would recommend the £2,275 + VAT quote from Barneys, at the Full Council meeting at the end of November 2017

b) That the Clerk would contact Barneys to discuss the quotes in detail and report at the Full Council meeting at the end of November 2017

15. Kinmel Bay Free Play Shows (Conwy)

Noted and welcomed the Free Play Scheme.

16. Lamp Post Sponsorship

A number of lamp post sponsorships have been secured by Cllr Knightly.

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact the Sponsors and take matters forward.

17. Re-introduction of Borders/Planting on Foryd Road

a) Resolved that the Clerk would prepare a letter for the Councillors to use, to approach the residents to discuss enhancing the area by re-introducing some of the borders on a phased basis.

Noted:

a) The areas which Conwy Own

b) The type of plants recommended/suggested by Conwy

c) The estimated costing of approximately £220 per 20 metre unit

18. Funding (Wren & Rhyl Flats)

Noted: The Funding available and dates when applications will next be considered.

Resolved that: The Clerk would explore the requirements/process for the Council applying to Wren to obtain funding for proposed Play Scheme at Towyn Way West.

19. Proposed Projects for 2018-19 (Draft)

An initial/general discussion was undertaken regarding proposed/possible projects to be considered/taken forward in 2018-19.

Resolved that: The proposed projects for 2018-19 be presented at the Full Council meeting at the end of November for discussion/consideration.

20. Work Schedule 2017-18 and 2018-19

The Clerk presented the 2017-18 Work Schedule year to date and an initial draft schedule for 2018-19.

Resolved that:

1. To recommend at Full Council meeting at the end of November, 2017 that the Ground Maintenance Contract with Greenfingers be extended for a further two years.

2. That the two schedules would be received/approved at the next Environmental meeting in January 18.

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm