

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 12th March, 2018 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: C Corry, D Dickin, D Johnson, M Jones & T Curran

Non Voting: B Griffiths

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B McLoughlin, N Smith and M Smith (Non Voting). Cllr L Knightly was absent without apology.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

Local residents requested to address the Committee regarding Agenda Item 7 – Matters Arising – Cader Avenue 180122/7.

7. Matters Arising – Cader Avenue - 180122/7

(Chairman moved Agenda Item 7 – Cader Avenue for the benefit of the local residents in attendance.

The Local residents asked what was happening on Cader Avenue and also wanted to know more about the recent pre-planning application.

Cllr Jones advised that the application was to demolish some of the existing buildings, and use part of the area for storage. Cllr Jones provided the local residents with a copy of the Town Council's pre-Planning Response.

The local residents advised that they were subjected to excessive noise at all times of the day and night, with recovery vehicles coming and going and ramps being dropped to load/unload vehicles.

Cllr Griffiths said that Cader Avenue was chaos every day, but especially at the start and finish time of the two schools, Cllr Griffiths said that he feels that the Town Council need to prepare a strategic document/considered view statement representing the views and concerns of the whole Town Council.

The local residents advised that the bus often has to stop well passed the actual designated bus stop, due to the parking/double parking of the vehicles on Cader Avenue.

Kerri (Kinmel Bay – PCSO) advised that the Police can no longer remove vehicles with no mot/road tax/insurance, it is now down to DVLA to take action.

Resolved that:

- a) **The Town Council will look to draft a strategic document, which represents the views and concerns of the Full Council.**
- b) **That the strategic document once completed will be sent to Donald Milne (Conwy Cabinet Member), and the Town Council will request a formal reply from him, on the behalf of Conwy.**
- c) **The clerk would write to NRW to request a site meeting between NRW and the Town Councillors.**
- d) **That the Clerk writes to Peter Brown at Conwy to advise that given the ongoing issues with Cader Avenue/Tilery Garage, the town Council feel that a site meeting needs to be arranged between Conwy and the Town Councillors, as a matter of priority.**

Noted: That 4 Residents in attendance in the Environmental Meeting of 22/03/18, need to be contacted and updated after the above proposed site meetings have been held.

4. Update from PCSO

Kerry advised that the majority of the issues that she was presently dealing with related to Cader Avenue and Tilery Garage. Kerry advised that any other matters would be covered in the North Wales Police Audit.

5. North Wales Police Audit

Kerri presented the Kinmel Bay Audit to the Council, and answered any questions.

Noted: The two Audits.

Cllr M Jones thanked Kerri for her presentation.

Resolved that:

The Clerk would write to Conwy to ask if they would be happy for horses to use the cycle path on St Asaph Avenue, as there had been a number of complaints regarding horse riding two by two on the actual road, which was deemed to be dangerous and also slowed down other road users.

6. Minutes

Resolved that:

The minutes of the Environmental meeting held on 22nd January, 2018 be approved.

10. Flood Plan (Chairman moved Agenda Item 10 as Cllr Barry Griffiths couldn't stay for the whole meeting).

Noted that: Natural Resource Wales had confirmed that they were happy to merge the Kinmel Bay Flood Plan and the Towyn Flood Plan into one joint plan.

Cllr B Griffiths asked all Councillors present, who were not already floor wardens, to consider volunteering to be Flood Wardens, as he feels that Flooding presently effects/impacts in someway on most things within our community (for example Planning).

Resolved that:

Cllr Griffiths would have ready a number of Flood Warden Application Forms available at the Full Council meeting at the end of March.

- Cllr Griffiths left at 8pm

7. Matters Arising

170911/13, 171113/5 & 180122/5 – Beach Car Park Barrier

Noted: The present position regarding the barrier.

Resolved that:

a/ The Clerk would write to Conwy to ask, if as an interim consideration could be given to secure the area for the time being.

b/ The Clerk requests clarification from Conwy with regards to who owns this land in question, as from previous conversations with Conwy there appeared to be doubts regarding ownership.

170911/13, 171113/5 & 180122/5 – Bus Shelters

The quotes for the Bus Shelters at: - The Seagul, The Wendover and Magpie & Stump were discussed.

Noted: That Conwy had advised that the Community Centre Bus Shelter may be replaced as part of a proposed road scheme.

Resolved that:

The quotes for the Seagul, Magpie & Stump and Wendover Bus Shelters be referred to Full Council for approval at the next Full Council meeting on 28th March, 2018.

171113/6 & 180122/5 – Community Centre & Library Signage

Noted that: Conwy had advised that formal planning permission will be required for the proposed signs and that Cllrs N Smith and M Jones will reconsider the number/size of the proposed signs.

171112/14 & 180122/5 – Bollards at Owain Glyndwr

Noted that: The work has been completed.

171113/7 & 180122/5 – Re-Introduction of Borders

Noted that: Cllr N Smith was in the process of contacting Conwy/Residents regarding the proposed re-introduction of the borders.

180122/6 – Benches in Memory of Ex Mayors.

Resolved that:

A New Bench be recommended, at an approx. cost of £500, for the notice board area in Towyn, and that this would be added to the Agenda of the Full Council meeting on 28th March, 2018, as a budget would need to be agreed for 2018-19 to cover the cost.

180112/8 – Quarry Line Path

Noted that: A site meeting has been arranged for Friday 13rd April, 2018 to ensure that there is sufficient hard core present for the 5ft scrape to be completed.

180122/9 – Gors Road

Noted that: Cllr Johnson is still collating all the information and that he will report back shortly.

Resolved that:

Both Ms Brown and Ms Wilson will be forwarded a copy of Councillor's report once completed.

Cllr Johnson left the meeting at 8-15pm.

180122/10 – Christmas Lights

(Due to an IT issue it was agreed that this Agenda Item would be discussed at the end of the meeting in the Clerk's office).

180122/13 – Travellers Emergency Plan

The Clerk and Cllr G Corry provided a quick update/feedback following the meeting with Conwy on 08/03/18.

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would contact NRW to enquire if they would consider imposing/introducing a similar order, for the Kimmel Bay Dunes, as they have in place for the Great Orme in Llandudno, given that they are both areas of Natural Beauty/Protected Areas.**
- b) That the Clerk would contact Bodelwyddan Town Council to discuss the issues they encountered with Travellers last year, and also enquire from them what actions/precautions they took.**

180122/14 – Benches on both sides of the Railway Bridge

Cllr M Jones confirmed that he had been to see the Residents today regarding the proposed benches, all the residents he had spoken to have confirmed that they have no objections to the proposed location of the two benches.

Resolved that:

The Clerk would contact Conwy to instruct them to purchase and site the two benches, at the agreed locations on St Asaph Avenue.

8. Towyn & Kimmel Bay Improvement Plan

Resolved that:

- a) The quote for the coping stones for the wall on Foryd Road for the amount of £365 be accepted, and that the builders be instructed to get the work done.**
- b) That the quote for £300 for the cleaning of all the upvc/sofits at the Resource Centre be approved and that the cleaning company be instructed.**

9. Ground Maintenance

Resolved that:

- a) The ground maintenance contract be re-newed for a further two years (2018-19 Cost for the Standard Contract - £3775.77 which equates to 2017-18 cost plus a RPI at 3%).
- Full Council did agree to this in the minutes 29/11/17, however the exact cost including the RPI was not available at that time.
- b) That the budget allocated for the three borders in the Square be re-allocated for Llys Madoc, Towyn to cover the cost of Winter and Summer Planting at that site.
- c) That the quote of £200 per year, relating to the cutting of the hedge at Towyn Way, Towyn be accepted, for the next two years.

Noted that:

- a) The site visit for the scrape at the Quarry Path and for a walk around of the Woodland and a general discussion with Greenfingers has been scheduled for Friday 13/04/18 at 1pm.
- b) The position regarding the brambles at Towyn Way, Towyn and the request from the resident for the work to be delayed until after the nesting season.

11. Waste Management – Welsh Government and DEFRA Joint Proposal

- Noted the Proposals.

12. Work Schedules 2017-18 & 2018-19

The Clerk presented the up to date position regarding the two Work Schedules.

Resolved that:

The Work Schedules be approved as presented.

180122/10 – Christmas Lights

Cllrs discussed the Christmas Lights quotes for 2018, and also the various options and colour schemes.

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would send out details of all costings and options to all Councillors prior to the Full Council meeting on 28/03/18.
- b) That the 2018 Christmas Lights would be added to the Agenda of the Full Council meeting on 28/03/18.

Meeting Closed at 9:05pm

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Signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 08/05/18