

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 9th September, 2019 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

Present Cllrs: G Corry, T Curran, B Griffiths, D Johnson (Deputy Mayor), M Jones (Mayor) D Luke, J McKenna, B McLoughlin, K Redhead, M Smith & N Smith

Non Voting:

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Miller, Cllr L Knightly was absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr M Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 28 – New Notice Board in Kinmel Bay, as he has tendered a quote for installing the Notice Boards, painting the frame, and completing the necessary groundwork, he withdrew from the meeting whilst this agenda item was discussed.

3. Public participation

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

4. Minutes

Resolved that: The minutes of the Environmental Improvements meeting held on 10/06/19 were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Foryd Road Improvements

An Officer from Conwy Highways updated the councillors regarding the Foryd Road Scheme, and also answered various questions from the Councillors.

Resolved that: -

- a) As the Conwy Officer could not answer all of the Councillors at the meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk would forward a list of all the Councillors questions to the Conwy Officer, and that the Conwy Officer would fully reply in writing,**
- b) The Clerk will forward the written reply from the Conwy Officer to the Councillors, once it has been received.**

The representative from Conwy CBC left the meeting.

7. CVSC – Grants

A representative from CVSC provided the Councillors with details regarding the various grants which were available to the Town Council itself, and also to local groups and organisations. The representative advised that the sooner that he is involved in a proposed project/grant application the better for all involved.

Cllr B Griffiths thanked the CVSC representative for attending tonight's meeting and for providing such useful information to the members.

Noted that grants ranging from £100 up to £10,000 are available from two of the Offshore Wind Farms via CVSC.

The representative from CVSC left the meeting.

8. Tree Planting

The Councillors discussed the list of proposed locations for trees in Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: -

- a) The Town Council would wait for the quote from Conwy for the reintroduction of the borders on Foryd Road (Stage 2).**

- b) That the Town Council would look for support/input from the Conwy Ecologist Officer, and also the Bio Diversity Officer once the post has been filled.

9. Kendal Road Park

Noted the reply from Conwy. Conwy have advised that their Officers will patrol the park, and should they become aware of issues, Conwy may consider introducing a Public Space Protection Order for the Park.

10. LED

Cllr N Smith presented his vision to the Councillors for LED Lighting in Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: Subject to clarification from Anolis, regarding the range of the Control Device that a recommendation be made to the next Full Council meeting to consider increasing the LED Budget from £4000 to £5,000, with a view to installing the required control panel and transceiver, and then adding LED Lighting in stages, in appropriate locations within Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Cllr McIloughlin left the meeting early at approx. 20:05, as she felt unwell.

11. Owain Glyndwr

- Noted that part of the site has now been cleared by Conwy, and that Conwy are presently working on the design/plans for the Community Allotment/Orchard.
- **Resolved that the Town Council would confirm to Conwy that they are happy for the internal fencing and the required trees to be removed/cleared, as per Conwy's suggestion/recommendation, subject to the trees being replaced with more suitable trees/shrubs in due course.**

12. St Asaph Railway Embankment

Noted the update from Conwy regarding the embankment, and who is responsible for maintaining it.

13. Community Skip Day

Resolved that: -

- a) **The Community Skip Day at Kinmel Bay Church would be arranged in late September/early October.**
- b) **To recommend to Full Council that the Community Skip Budget is increased from £800 to £1,200 to cover the extra skip that was required at Chester Avenue, and also to cover the cost of an additional community skip day, which will be held at Sandy Cove between mid-October and March 2020.**

14. Playgrounds within Towyn & Kinmel Bay

- Noted the recent Conwy Task & Finish Survey which has been completed by the Clerk and Cllr B Griffiths.

Resolved that: - A recommendation would be made to Full Council to consider approving the £25,000 quote from Conwy CBC for the provision of play equipment for toddlers, at the Chester Avenue park.

15. Re-instatement of planting in the grass verges between J & J Caravans and Sandy Cove Club.

Noted:

- a) That a site meeting was held with Conwy on 05/09/19 to discuss stage 2 of the re-introduction of the planting in the grass verges.
- b) That a quote is awaited from Conwy for them to re-introduce plants/trees in the grass verges between J & J Caravans and the Sandy Cove Club.
- c) That Cllr M Jones had personally letter dropped every property on both sides of Foryd road between J & J Caravans and the Sandy Cove Club, and that the vast majority of feedback from residents had been extremely positive and supportive of the scheme.

16. Sewage Works at St Asaph

Noted the reply from Conwy regarding the reported smell from the Sewage Works.

17. Sandy Cove

Noted the informal minutes of meeting between Sandy Cove Residents Association, Conwy Officers, keep Wales Tidy, the Clerk and a number of TKBTC Councillors, which was held on 8/8/19.

18. Flood Warning Protocol

Cllr Corry advised that when there was a recent over topping of the River Gele, there appeared to be a confusion regarding the process for reporting the potential flood issues.

Noted that the required contact numbers are on the welcome screen of the Towyn & Kinnel Bay Flood Planning Website.

Resolved that: -

- a) A link to the Towyn & Kinnel Bay Flood Planning Website would be sent by the Clerk, to all Councillors.**
- b) The Flood Emergency Reporting numbers would be added under useful numbers on the TKBTC Website.**

19. Tree Survey

Noted that the Q3 in-house Tree Survey for 2019, had been completed by the Clerk and Cllr Morris Jones.

20. Conwy RLDP Consultation

Noted that the Conwy RLDP Consultation Closes on Friday 20th September, 2019.

21. World Clean Up Day

Noted that World Clean Up Day for 2019, is on Thursday 21/09/19.

22. Roundabouts

Noted the recent accident at the roundabout on St Asaph Avenue.

23. Cader Avenue

Resolved that: - The Clerk would write to the Chief Constable of North Wales Police to express the Town Council's disappointment that North Wales Police did not progress matters regarding the parking of a dangerous vehicle on Cader Avenue.

24. 2019 Christmas Tree

Resolved that: -The quote from Cambrian of £1,086 for 2 x 25ft Christmas Trees for 2019 be approved. Whilst this was the only quote received for 2019, Cambria were the cheapest by far in 2018, and as there is only a very small increase in price, the Councillors were happy that the quote represented good value for money.

25. Christmas Lamp Post Motif Support/Donations

Resolved that: - The Town Council would not approach businesses this year for support/donations towards the 2019 Christmas Lights.

26. Clwyd Park

Resolved that: - The Town Council would make arrangements and cover the costs for the bin right next to the play equipment in the park be moved to a more suitable area, as it is used to deposit dog waste, and is presently located right next to the children's play equipment.

27. Town Council Return to Conwy re Services provided by Town Council

Resolved that: - The Clerk and Cllrs Johnson, Griffiths, Jones and Corry would complete the Return on behalf of the Town Council, and return it to Conwy by the deadline date, which is 2nd October, 2019.

28. New Notice Board in Kinmel Bay

Resolved: -

- a) To approve the quote from Cllr Morris Jones for the sum of £150, as the Councillors were happy that it represented excellent value for money.
- b) To wait until Conwy have completed the landscaping in the square, before the Town Council make any decisions regarding the landscaping around the new notice board area.

29. Bus Shelter

Noted that the Chester Avenue and the Seagull Bus Shelters have recently encountered damage, and both needed panels replacing.

Resolved that: - The cost of the repair of the two bus shelters would be paid from the funds held by Conwy on the behalf of the Town Council.

30. Woodland at Chester Avenue

Resolved that: -

- a) Digit would be requested to provide a quote for the removal of both the willow tunnel which has died off/falling down, and the willow maize, which is getting out of hand, both in terms of annual maintenance costs and encroachment within the woodland.
- b) The quote would be discussed at the next suitable meeting of the Town Council.

31. Work Schedule for 2019-20

The Clerk presented the up to date Environmental Improvements Work Schedule, and also the up to date position regarding the various agreed projects which are due to be undertaken in 2019-20.
Noted the up to date position.

32. Strip of Trees at Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy to request that Conwy give the Town Council assurances that they will ensure that there are conditions included in the sale of the plots which stipulate that the purchaser must maintain the trees and not remove them, or alternatively, that Conwy maintain ownership of the strip of land, and continue to maintain the trees/grass verge.

33. Welsh Water – Planned Works with Towyn & Kinmel Bay Area

Noted the planned works which will be undertaken by Welsh Water over the coming months.

Resolved that: - The Councillors will be requested to provide suggestions to the Clerk before the next Environmental meeting, regarding how Welsh Water could support the Community, given the impact the works will have on both our residents and visitors.

34. Sandbank Road Improvements

Resolved that: - The Clerk will contact Digit to enquire if they have factored in the requirement/cost of a Section 171 Licence from Conwy to close the pavement. If they have not factored this into their quote, do they feel that the work can be completed without mechanical diggers/the need to close the pavement. If for any reason the work cannot be completed without mechanical diggers/the need to close the pavement, Digit will need to requote to include the cost of them applying to Conwy for a licence.

35. Community Signage

Resolved that: - The quote of £195 from Clwyd Signs for 8 Community Project Signs, be approved, as it was considered to be good value for money.

Meeting Closed at 21:05

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Environmental Improvements meeting held on 11/11/19.