

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Draft Minutes of the Full Council – (Hybrid Meeting) held on Wednesday 7th June, 2023
at 7:00pm

Present Cllrs: G Corry, L Formston (Mayor), L Gledhill, L Griffiths, D Johnson, M Jones, K Redhead, M Smith & N Smith

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Bibby, B Griffiths, L Knightly, A Macauley, B McLoughlin & D Mulvaney.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr N Smith declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 – Planning, as he is a member of the Planning Committee at Conwy County Borough Council, and he withdrew from the meeting whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

Cllr M Jones declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12 – CCBC 2023-24 Library Invoice as he is a Trustee of Friends of Kinmel Bay Community Library, and he withdrew from the meeting whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

Cllr L Griffiths & M Jones both declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 14 – Sign for Y Morfa Height Barrier as they are both Members of Y Morfa Committee. Cllr M Jones withdrew from the meeting whilst this agenda item was being discussed and Cllr L Griffiths was placed in the virtual waiting meeting room whilst this item was being discussed.

Cllr L Griffiths declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 21 – Summer Play Schemes as one of the Summer Play Schemes is being organised by St Mary's Church, and Cllr L Griffiths is a Church Member at St Mary's. Cllr L Griffiths was placed in the virtual waiting meeting room whilst this item was being discussed.

3. **Public Participation**

There were two local residents from Sandy Cove (members of the Sandy Cove Residents Association) at the meeting, as they wished to observe/address the Council regarding agenda item 13 – Sandy Cove Regeneration.

4. **Minutes**

Resolved that: -

The minutes of the Full Council meeting (Annual Meeting) held on 17/05/2023, be approved and signed.

5. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the above-mentioned meeting minutes.

The Chair changed the order of the agenda, so that the residents did not have to stay for the whole meeting, if they did not wish to do so.

13. Sandy Cove Regeneration

Resolved that: - The revised Full Town Council Report/Statement be approved, as presented by Cllr K Redhead, and that it will be sent to the following recipients: -

- **Darren Millar – Member of the Senedd**
- **Sam Rowlands – Member of the Senedd**
- **David Jones – Member of Parliament**
- **Gareth Davies – Member of the Senedd**
- **Julie James – Member of the Senedd (Housing Minister)**
- **Rt Hon Mark Drakeford – First Minister of Wales**
- **Head of ERF at Conwy CBC**
- **Chief Executive of Conwy CBC**
- **Leader of Conwy CBC**

Noted the email from the Conwy CBC Legal Department which advises: -

1. They do not believe that the Duty of Care Rule (2015) is relevant, in relation to Sandy Cove, as the Act being referred to deals with adults and support needs and those who care for them.
2. As the roads and pavements in Sandy Cove are not adopted, they are not the responsibility of the Conwy CBC or the Town Council.

Noted the advice provided by One Voice Wales which indicates that Town Councils do not have a specific power available to enable them to support residents with the cost of improving the standard of unadopted roads.

6. Planning

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Demolition of unsafe gable (Demolition prior Approval).

Resolved that: - No Objection

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Alterations, extensions and construction of new roof to form accommodation at first floor level.

Resolved that: - No Objection

7. Defibrillators

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy have confirmed that they are happy to provide consent for a Community Defibrillator and Cabinet to be installed on the outside of their building on Chester Avenue (Chester Avenue Community House).

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy are presently considering the proposed match funding of the Community Defibrillator and Defibrillator Cabinet.

Cllr G Corry asked that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that he feels that the convenience store on Chester Avenue would have been a better location for the Community Defibrillator.

Resolved that: -

1) The Town Council do not delay the ordering and installation of the defibrillator and defibrillator cabinet, pending Cartrefi Conwy's decision regarding match funding.

2) The quote from WEL Medical for the sum of £1,295 be approved, as whilst it was the only quote received, was excellent value for money and the defibrillator and cabinet was the same make/model/design as the majority of the existing Community Defibrillators.

3) The Town Council will also purchase and install a Community Defibrillator and Defibrillator Cabinet on the outside wall off the Kinmel Bay Club. (The defibrillator and defibrillator cabinet will also be purchased from WEL Medical for the sum of £1295).

4) The 2023-24 Defibrillator Budget be increased from £3,000 to £3,500 to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of the the two defibrillators/defibrillator cabinets approved above.

Noted that Cllr A Macauley has kindly agreed to donate a Community Defibrillator for Ysgol Maes Owen, for use by both Schools.

Noted that Cllr M Smith will contact Conwy CBC to ask if they have funding available for a Defibrillator and Defibrillator Cabinet at Ysgol Y Foryd/Defibrillator Cabinet at Ysgol Maes Owen.

8. Memorial Plaque

Noted that Conwy CBC have confirmed that they consider installing Memorial Plaques as part of the Promenade Enhancements.

Noted the following proposed plaques: -

- Captain Vivian Hewitt – Pioneer Aviator.
- Spanish Armada Ship – Allegedly sank in 1583.
- The Great Ditch straightened by Edward 1st.
- Dr John Jones – First Resident General Practitioner in Kinmel Bay in 1937.
- James Henry Kinmel Sangster – British Screenwriter and Director (it is documented that his father, who was an estate agent in Kinmel Bay was persuaded to put the Town's name in his Son's name Kinmel because he was supposedly the first baby born there on 02/12/1927).

9. Installation of Additional Play Equipment at the Owain Glyndwr Park

Noted that the Conwy CBC Contractors have confirmed that the work will start the work on 26th June, 2023 and are likely to be completed by the end of July 2023.

10. Tir Prince Park

Resolved that: - The quote from Dennis McCabe for the sum of £480 be approved, as whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money, and all previous work completed by the Contractor had been completed to a good standard and on time.

Noted that all Councillors have been invited to a walk around Tir Prince at 6pm on Monday 19th June (meeting of the Llys Glyndwr entrance).

Noted that the Clerk will send a reminder to all Councillors, as to date only 3 replies have been received.

11. CCBC 2023-24 CCTV Invoice

Resolved that: - The invoice for the sum of £1,008 from Conwy CBC, relating to the Town Councils contribution towards the running costs for the 3 CCBC CCTV Cameras, which are located in the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area, be approved, as it was considered to be good value for money.

12. CCBC 2023-24 Library Invoice

Resolved that: - The invoice for the sum of £3,000 from the Conwy CBC, relating to the Town Councils contribution towards Conwy CBC Library Services costs for providing a Library Service

in Kinmel Bay for 2022-23, be approved, as the Kinmel Bay Library is considered an essential service/facility for our residents.

14. Sign for Y Morfa Height Barrier

Resolved that: - The Town Council will pay for a sign for the recently installed Height Barrier at Y Morfa, and that a Budget of £500 be ear marked in the 2023-24 Grants Budget to cover the estimated cost of the proposed sign and installation.

Noted that the Clerk will contact Y Morfa to discuss/agree the layout/content of the proposed sign.

Resolved that: - The grant application request be declined for the sum of £2,603 + VAT relating to the installation of a gate, as the members are concerned that the proposed gate will restrict public access to the field, and feel that it would be better to target the handful of dog owners who are allowing their dogs to foul on the field/not picking up.

Noted that if Y Morfa monitor and report any identified dog fouling issues/offenders to Conwy CBC, they will follow up.

15. Change to 20mph and Local Exceptions

Noted that the Welsh Government have passed legislation to change the default speed limit on urban roads in Wales from 30mph to 20mph, and that the change will be introduced on 17th September, 2023.

Noted under the Local Exceptions process the A548 (Foryd/Towyn Road) between the Blue Bridge and Pensarn, will retain the existing 30mph speed limit.

Noted that the Conwy CBC members have asked Conwy CBC to consider adding St Asaph Avenue to the Local Exceptions list, however their request has been refused by Conwy CBC.

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy CBC to request that Conwy CBC revise their decision for St Asaph Avenue not to be included on the Local Exceptions list, as it is the main transit route into Kinmel Bay and Towyn.

Noted that Conwy CBC are looking to prioritise St Asaph Avenue, and Towyn Road, for road resurfacing, as the road is in a poor state of repair and its condition is declining quicker than Foryd Road. (The resurfacing on St Asaph Avenue should be completed before 31/03/2024.

16. Community Skip Event

Resolved that: - A Community Skip Events will be held in line with the dates and locations in 2022-23.

Resolved that: - A Community Skip Event will be held at Chester Avenue over the next few weeks, and we will ask if Conwy CBC look to hold a recycling educational day on the same day.

Resolved that: - The Clerk will contact Conwy CBC, to see if a Community Skip Event using a dustbin wagon, rather than a skip. (as the members are concerned that there isn't sufficient room at the location for the usual Conwy CBC commercial skip) could be considered at Hafan Y Heli to alleviate the present build-up of rubbish on the estate.

17. Bus Shelters

Noted that the replacement living roof bus shelters have still not been installed at Palins/Tir Prince Raceway and the Seagull.

Noted that the Town Council are not happy with the standard of the work relating to the recently refurbished Chester Avenue (Maes Gwyn) bus shelter, and that a site meeting has been requested with Conwy CBC Officers to discuss/resolve the issues, and in the mean-time Conwy CBC have been asked not to settle the invoice.

18. CCBC Additional Bins

Noted that the majority of the new/replacement bins have been installed by Conwy CBC.

Resolved that: - The Conwy CBC invoice (estimated at £6,700) can be paid once received, subject to the Clerk being happy that all the required work has been completed.

19. Flood Forum Meeting

Noted the notes/reports provided by Cllr B Griffiths relating to the Conwy CBC Flood Forum meeting which was held on 21/04/2023.

20. Tree Survey

Noted the Q2 Internal Tree Survey which has been completed by the Clerk.

Noted that the Conwy CBC Ecologist has been contacted by Cllr K Redhead, with a view to Conwy CBC arranging for the trees, which Conwy CBC Contractor planted in May 2022, be watered, given the recent dry weather.

21. Summer Play Schemes

Noted that: -

1) The 5 dates and locations for the Play Bus have been agreed and confirmed, and the poster will be issued nearer the time to promote the events.

2) Conwy CBC Play Scheme at Tir Prince Park: - Posters are awaited from Conwy CBC to promote the events.

3) St Mary's Summer Play Scheme at Y Morfa.

Noted that Conwy CBC are struggling to find volunteers to support the events, and St Mary's have asked the Town Council, that if for any reason Conwy CBC are not able to support/supply qualified leaders, are the Town Council happy for St Mary's to recruit suitable qualified individuals with play management experience.

Resolved that: - The Town Council are happy, if necessary, for St Mary's to recruit suitable qualified individuals subject to them meeting the specified Conwy CBC criteria for experienced/qualified leaders.

Cllr M Smith left the meeting early at 20:30

22. UK Shared Prosperity Fund Conwy

Noted that the fund officially launches in the Summer of 2023, and in preparation potential applicants should start considering the fit of their projects with the UKSPF Interventions.

23. Christmas Lights

Resolved that: -

1) The Clerk contacts Abergele Town Council regarding the small Christmas trees which are installed on the business premises in Abergele each Christmas, and report back to the members at the next Environmental meeting, which is in September.

2) The Clerk obtains quotes for the proposed brackets/electrical connections and installation ready for the next Environmental meeting.

24. Playgrounds

Resolved that: - The Town Council will defer discussing/considering any proposed playground improvements in 2023-24, as we believe that Conwy CBC may be looking for financial support for the proposed refurbishment of the skateboard park in Tir Prince Park.

25. Solar LED Lights

Resolved that: - In view of the proposed improvements for Sandy Cove, that the Town Council will not look to install Solar LED lights at Sandy Cove at this time.

Resolved that: - The Town Council will install 10 Solar LED Lights on Green/Ogwen Avenue in Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: - The Solar led lights budget be increased from £5,000 to £5,500 to cover the estimated cost.

Cllr D Johnson left the meeting early at 20:35

26. Mass Bulb Planting

Resolved that: - The budget will be increased from £7,500 to £8,100.

Resolved that: - The quote from Lubbe & Sons for the sum of £8,100 for 300 square metres of mixed Crocus bulbs be approved, as whilst it was the only quote received, mass bulb planting is very specialised, and the quote was deemed to be good value for money (same price as 2022) and the contractors were highly recommended by Conwy CBC, who have used the Contractors on numerous occasions.

Resolved that: - The bulbs will be planted on the grass verges on St Asaph Avenue between the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate and Borth Crossroads.

27. Speed Sensing Signs

Resolved that: - The Town Council would approach Conwy CBC to ask if they would consider installing two additional speed sensing signs, one on Foryd Road and one on Towyn Road, at the following locations: -

1) Foryd Road – First Choice

Foryd Road/Bodelwyddan Avenue Junction in a westerly direction, but if this location is unsuitable due to no electricity supply.

2) Second Choice

Foryd Road/Moelwyn Avenue Junction in a westerly direction (exact location – next to the lamp post before the Moelwyn Avenue Junction).

28. Benches

Resolved that: - A decision regarding the installation of benches in 2023-24 will be deferred until after the site meeting has been held with Conwy CBC Officers on Foryd Road, which has been arranged for 9am on Wednesday 14th June, 2023.

29. Plants and Shrubs on the Grass Verges on Foryd Road

Noted that a site meeting has been arranged for 9am on Wednesday 14th June, 2023 with the Conwy CBC Officers, with a view to replacing the existing and/or plant additional trees and shrubs on the grass verges between the Kinmel Bay Club and the Mayquay on Foryd Road.

30. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted the recent issues with small fires at the woodland, and 101 refusing to log calls, and 101 staff advising the caller to report the fire to 999 (Police & Fire Brigade).

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to North Wales Police to request that they step up patrols in Chester Avenue, in view of the regular small fires in the woodland recently.

31. 2023-24 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the update year to date Work Schedule.

32. Conwy County Borough Councillor Updates/Reports

Cllr K Redhead advised that last week she attended a multi- agency walk around the Chester Avenue Cartrefi Conwy Estate at Conwy CBC (North Wales Police, CEO Cartrefi Conwy, Cartrefi Conwy Officials and a Conwy CBC Councillor). (The meeting was very positive and productive).

Cllr K Redhead advised that Cartrefi Conwy have finally arranged for Councillor Contractors to install Kissing Gates on the Ddol, where the three holes were in the fence.

Cllr N Smith advised that: -

a) The Welsh Government have funded a number of foodbanks in Wales, including the Abergele foodbank.

b) When Conwy CBC resurface St Asaph Avenue (between now and 31/03/2024), they will also remove the mini roundabouts at the same time.

c) There have been reports of issues with trespassing on St Asaph Avenue (residents gardens being used as short cuts).

d) He has recently attended meetings with Conwy CBC Officers regarding the Kinmel Bay Library, Clinic and Kinmel Bay Community Centre.

e) He has spoken to the Conwy CBC Head of Library Services and she has agreed to contact the Friends of the Kinmel Bay Library to discuss possible grant funding.

f) Conwy CBC are looking to introduce additional lighting and CCTV on the Kinmel Bay Promenade.

g) Conwy CBC Officers have advised him that the Charity which owns the land at Sandy Cove beach, are not too keen for the walkway to be widened in that area.

Cllr K Redhead advised that Ysgol Maes Owen are having their Estyn Inspection next week.

Cllr K Redhead also advised that Children from Ysgol Maes Owen attended the Town Council Chambers on Tuesday, to participate in their own meeting. The Children were met by Mayor Cllr L Formston and K Redhead who explained how the Town Council works. The children were presented with a special community badge, and they also had their photo taken wearing the Mayoral Chain.

Meeting Closed 21:06

Signed by the Chair of the Full Council meeting on 12/06/2023.

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