

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – (Hybrid Meeting) held on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7:00pm

Present Cllrs: G Corry (Mayor), B Griffiths, L Griffiths, D Johnson, M Jones, L Knightly, A Macauley, D Mulvaney, K Redhead & N Smith

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs T Bibby, L Formston, B McLoughlin and M Smith. Cllr L Gledhill was absent without apology.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr N Smith declared a Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 7 – Planning, as he is a member of the Planning Committee at Conwy CBC and was placed in virtual meeting, waiting room whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

Cllr G Corry declared a Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 7 – Planning – Application 0/50441 – Tir Prince Leisure Park, as he is employed by Tir Prince Leisure Park. Cllr Corry withdrew from the meeting whilst this planning application was being discussed.

Cllr M Jones declared a prejudicial Interest in agenda item 7 – Planning – Application 0/50424 – 6 Parc Luned, as he lives in close proximity to the applicant/location. Cllr M Jones was placed in the virtual meeting waiting room, whilst this planning application was being discussed.

Cllr M Jones, B Griffiths and L Griffiths declared a Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 9 – Y Morfa – Proposed Installation of a Height Barrier, as Cllrs M Jones and L Griffiths are both members of the Management committee at Y Morfa, and Cllr B Griffiths is a volunteer for the Kinmel Bay Football Club, which are based at Y Morfa. Cllrs B & L Griffiths withdrew from the meeting, and Cllr M Jones was placed in the virtual meeting waiting room whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

3. Public Participation

There was one local resident at the meeting, as he wished to observe/address the Council regarding Agenda item 6 – Proposed Flood Improvements Consultation.

There were two Conwy CBC Officers at the meeting (Conwy CBC Flood Improvements Team) and one Conwy CBC Flood Consultant, to update the members regarding agenda item 6 – Proposed Flood Improvements Consultation, and to answer questions.

There was an Officer from North Wales Police at the meeting, to update the members following the recent fires at the Chester Avenue Woodland and Tir Prince Park.

4. Minutes

Resolved that: -

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25/01/2023, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

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

6. Proposed Flood Improvements Consultation

The Mayor read out the resolution (agenda item 18- Proposed Flood Improvements Consultation – Full Town Council meeting 25th January, 2023).

The Conwy CBC Officers/Consultant advised: -

- The proposed Coast Defence Improvements Scheme, with wider benefits, is being funded by the Welsh Government to reduce flood risk.
- Flooding is a problem which faces all coastal properties/communities.
- It's predicted that there will be a 2 ½ foot rise to the sea levels over the next 200 years.
- The modelling is based on a one in two-hundred-year flood event.
- 166 properties will remain at risk, which is deemed to be a tolerable risk.
- In a storm event it is not possible to fully stop the sea due to wind and other factors, to fully protect there would need to be a very high sea wall (possibly 2/3/4 metres high), and a balance needs to be made between amenity landscape/possible flooding/the height of the sea wall.
- Conwy CBC/Consultants believe that any over topping to the areas/properties remaining at risk will be minimal and will be much improved compared to the current risk/position.
- Tolerable/Height of Sea Defence Scheme. It is an adaptive scheme, and will need to be reviewed and further defence actions will need to be undertaken, if deemed necessary. (In 20/30 years- time).
- The whole frontage of Kinmel Bay has been looked at and has been treated as one, a balance has to be made.
- Conwy CBC/Conwy CBC Consultants believe that the risk/cost balance is acceptable.
- The number of accommodation units (caravans/houses/businesses) have a positive impact to the risk assessment/protection, however the Conwy CBC Officer confirmed that tourism is not a driver.
- Funding is to reduce the flood risk, and there needs to be a cost verses risk balance.
- Flood risk pressure have been taken into account, they have done their own models, and mapping, and not used TAN 15, which is planning related.
- Mapping/models include Wave Modelling, Over Lapping Modelling and Indicative Modelling, they have used the most recently approved Welsh Government modelling.

Noted that the Conwy CBC Officers have assured the local resident, that they will ensure that he receives a response to his consultation feedback/comments.

Noted that the Conwy CBC Officers have agreed to hold a further meeting to further clarify matters for the Conwy CBC Flood Group/Town Council. The Town Councillors and the member of the public at tonight's meeting, are all welcome to attend the meeting.

The Mayor thanked the two Conwy CBC Officers and the Consultant for attending tonight's meeting.

The Chairman changed the order of the agenda, so that the Officer from North Wales Police did not have to stay for the whole meeting, if he did not wish to do so.

8. Y Ddol - Holes in Fence

Noted that a reply was still awaited from the Chief Executive of Cartrefi Conwy.

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy had confirmed that they are proposing to install a gate in the two areas where the fence has been repeatedly broken/holes introduced. Cartrefi Conwy are now obtaining quotes to take this forward.

22. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted the recent fires in the Chester Avenue Woodland and Tir Prince Park, which were deliberately set.

Noted that our contractors will be undertaking a site visit tomorrow (Thursday 28/02/2023 at 4.30pm) to provide a quote to shred the recently felled trees, which had been damaged/dead, as there was a concern that the piles could be set alight.

Noted that Cllr D Johnson advised that the Chester Avenue is not a public open space, and Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council is responsible for the area, and that there are no bye-laws. Cllr D Johnson feels that the Town Council should consider fencing off, and making it a bio-diversity area, with a safe area for seating at the front of the woodland.

Noted that the Police will involve the Youth Services, to educate any youth's identified lighting fires/damaging trees, with a view to issuing yellow cards. North Wales Police have confirmed that they will keep the Clerk updated with any developments.

Noted that this agenda item will be added to the agenda of a suitable future Town Council meeting, for further discussion/consideration.

9. Y Morfa – Proposed Installation of a Height Barrier

Noted the update and that the proposed height barrier should now be installed the week commencing 6th March, 2023.

7. Planning

0/50417

Single Storey Rear Extension to provide larger family kitchen/dining space. First Floor Side Extension to create additional bedroom and make provision for Home Office.

Resolved that: - No Objection

0/50424

Proposed second floor extension over existing single storey to create additional bedrooms.

Resolved that: - No Objection

Cllr A Macauley was nominated and approved as Chairman to Chair Planning Application 0/50441.

0/50441

Erection of boundary fencing following the construction of the new access to Tir Prince.

Resolved that: - No Objection

Noted the Planning Inspectorate – Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Ltd – Notification of Hearings.

10. Owain Glyndwr – Abandoned Play Area

Resolved that: - The Town Council will wait for the land to be transferred from Conwy CBC to Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council, before any decision is made regarding the installation of a water and/or electricity supply to the site.

11. TAN 15 – Consultation

Noted the Consultation.

Resolved that: - Individual Councillors who wish to provide feedback/observations to the consultation, should do so individually directly to the Welsh Government Planning Directorate.

12. Ground Maintenance Contract

Resolved that: - The proposed Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council Ground Maintenance Specification and Conditions Document and covering letter be approved, as presented without the need for any amendments.

Noted that the Clerk will send the document and covering letter to interested contractors, and that quotes/tenders will need to be received by the Town Council by 5pm on Friday 17th March, 2023.

13. Community Skip Events

Noted the update regarding the recent skip event at the Kinnel Bay Church Car Park (Tuesday 21st February, 2023).

Noted that the last community skip event for 2022-23 will be held on 21st March, 2023, at Tir Prince Park in Towyn.

14. Playgrounds

Noted that Conwy CBC did not include the cost removing existing equipment and installing safety surface under the swings in their previous quote (£29,667.50 – approved at Full Council meeting 23/11/2023 – agenda item 20 – playgrounds).

Noted that Conwy CBC have provided a revised plan and quote for the sum of £36,421.

Resolved that: - A further site meeting is required with Conwy CBC Playground Officers/Inspectors to discuss/agree exactly what is to be included in the proposed scheme, as the Councillors are concerned that the proposed equipment/installation, is not what they had in mind. They are looking for a similar play scheme, to the one Conwy CBC recently installed, next to the Library in Conwy.

15. Additional Conwy CBC Litter Bins

Noted that there has been a delay in Conwy CBC installing the additional litter bins, as they are still waiting for their supplier to manufacture the required bins, and it is now likely that they won't be installed in April/May 2023.

16. TKBTC Bus Shelters

Noted that Conwy CBC have managed to secure funding for a replacement shelter with a green living roof at the entrance to Palins/Tir Prince Raceway.

Resolved that: - Rather than refurbishing the TKBTC bus shelter outside the Seagull in Towyn, a new green living roof bus shelter would be installed, as Conwy CBC will contribute towards the cost and a new shelter with a living roof, will cost TKBTC less than the cost to refurbish the existing bus shelter.

17. Tir Prince Park

Resolved that: - The Town Council will obtain quotes to paint the blue railings/poles at the park (Towyn Road).

Noted that the blocked drain has now been cleared.

Resolved that: - The Town Council agree in principle, to Conwy CBC installing an additional pond in the park (Conwy CBC to secure grant funding to cover the cost of the installation, and the ongoing maintenance costs which are deemed to be very low key to be covered by either Conwy CBC Countryside or the Town Council).

Noted that: -

- a) The two fountains have been removed from the pond, and have been jet washed by our local contractor.
- b) The ditches have been cleared out and fallen branches have been cut up to provide bug holes.

Cllr L Knightly asked that it be recorded in the meeting minutes, that he would like to thank Cllr D Johnson for the ongoing work which he has undertaken in the park.

18. Conwy CBC Tree Planting on St Asaph Avenue and Ffordd Y Berllan

Noted that the remedial work on St Asaph Avenue to secure the trees has been completed by Cllrs N Smith and M Jones.

Noted that Conwy CBC contractors have undertaken the required repairs to the fences/gates at Ffordd Y Berllan.

Noted that the Conwy CBC contractors are responsible for replacing any damaged/dead trees, as part of their contract with Conwy CBC.

19. Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted the draft minutes of the HR Committee meeting held on 20/02/2023.

20. School Litter/Dog Poo Poster Competition

Resolved that: -

- a) **The four posters are laminated, and that Councillors will collect and distribute/display in prominent locations in the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area.**
- b) **The following heading/wording will be added to the posters – These posters have been prepared by children from Ysgol Y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen to Highlight Littering and Dog Poo Issues in the area.**

Cllr D Johnson left the meeting early at 20:50

21. Sandy Cove Consultation/Survey/Petition

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy CBC to request a draft copy of the results of the Sandy Cove Consultation/Survey, and the accompanying presentation papers from the recent Conwy CBC Sandy Cove Action Group Meeting.

Noted: -

- a) The email which was received last week from the Rhyl Journal.

b) That no Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council comments/response was made to the Rhyl Journal, as the Town Council members had not had an opportunity to formally discuss the petition to upgrade the infrastructure on the Sandy Cove Estate.

c) The Town Council has not been formally notified of the petition.

d) The email from Cllr B Griffiths regarding the proposed Sandy Cove Regeneration.

23. 2022-23 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the updated year to date schedule, which was presented by the Clerk.

24. Conwy County Borough Councillor Updates/Reports

Noted there were presently no updates/reposts from the Conwy CBC County Councillors as the Conwy CBC meeting was deferred last week, and will now be held on Monday 2nd March, 2023.

Meeting Closed at: 21:00

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting held on 06/03/2023.