

TKBVoice Community Partnership

Draft Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 12th November 2024

Community Resource Centre

Present

Cllr Barry Griffiths (BG)

Cllr Nigel Smith (NS)

Cllr Bernice McLoughlin (BMcL)

Invited Officers

Shane Wetton (SW) - Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer Conwy CBC

Lynda Griffiths (LG) – Secretary

Dylan Thomas (DT) – Clerk to the Town Council

Kath Evans (KE)- Deputy Clerk to the Town Council

Apologies for absence

Bill Darwin (BD)

Scott Griffin (SG)

Cllr Kay Redhead (KR)

To review the current membership of TKB Voice

Noted that: - the following members have left the TKB Voice Committee

- Jenny Beswick
- Stan Barrows
- Adam Williams
- Georgia Thomas
- Denise Dale.

Current membership consists of the following members

- Cllr Barry Griffiths
- Cllr Nigel Smith
- Cllr Bernice McLoughlin
- Bill Darwin
- Scott Griffin.

To discuss/consider whether to continue with current subscriptions (Website, Go Daddy, Canva and Wix)

Resolved that :- due to the lack of activity all subscriptions relating to the TKBVoice website and Emails (Go Daddy, Wix Premium Plan, Wix Ascend Professional, Wix Mail Box set up and Canva) be ceased with immediate effect. Reactivation options can be explored if and when required.

To review the current position of TKB Voice and to discuss/consider the best way forward

Noted that: - there has been difficulty in obtaining charity status and opening a bank account which has limited the progress of projects and activities which TKBVoice wish to undertake. Further discussion on restructuring/exploring alternative approaches was recommended to move matters forward.

Noted that the following options were discussed:

Option 1 –Remain within the current structure

- Membership - three Community Councillors from the Town Council (two from Kinmel Bay and one from Towyn), one County Councillor, three representatives from the business community, three representatives from the community/voluntary/social enterprise and two young members aged between 18-25. (all these positions were originally filled but now have reduced to six members)
- Independent from Town Council
- Voting rights – all members have equal voting rights

Option 2 – Consider adopting the powers and duties delegated to the Place Plan Committee as implemented by Abergele Town Council.

- Membership – All Town Council Councillors are members and non-voting members of the community are approved by the council via co-option.
- Reporting to Full Council
- Voting rights – only Town Council members only

Option 3 – Consider adopting the powers and duties delegated to the Place Plan Committee as implemented by Colwyn Bay Town Council.

- Membership – Six Town Councillors, one per ward (for Towyn and Kinmel Bay it would be two per ward resulting in six members) and one County Councillor, Co-opted representatives from the business and tourism community/ local community/voluntary sector
- Reporting to Full Council
- Voting rights- all have equal voting rights

Noted that :- choosing options two and three would result in the Council dissolving the TKBVoice partnership and setting up a Town Council Place Plan Committee.

Resolved that having discussed/reviewed the above options they will be taken to Full Council for consideration in January 2025. If option two or three is accepted, the TKBVoice partnership will be dissolved and a committee comprising of all members of the Town Council plus non-voting members of the public (option 2) or a committee comprising of seven representatives from the Town Council and members of the public with voting rights (Option 3) will be formed.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm