

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – (Virtual Meeting) held on Wednesday 23rd June, 2021 at 7pm

Present Cllrs: G Corry, B Griffiths, P Hamer, A Hodgson, D Johnson, M Jones, A Macauley, J McKenna, B McLoughlin, K Redhead, M Smith & N Smith

clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Bibby & S Wilson, Cllr L Knightly was absent without apology.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs N Smith and D Johnson both declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 18 Planning, as they are both members of the Planning Committee at Conwy County Borough Council and were placed in the virtual meeting waiting room, whilst the agenda item was being discussed.

3. Public Participation

There was one resident/member of the public in the meeting, as she wished to observe the meeting.

4. Minutes

Resolved that: - The minutes of the Full Council Annual meeting held on 12th May, 2021, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted the draft minutes of the following Committee Minutes: -

- PFR & Planning 26/05/2021
- Environmental Improvements 09/06/2021

19:08 Cllr B Griffiths joined the meeting late.

7. Appointed/Designated Finance Councillor

Resolved that: -

a) Cllr M Jones be appointed the designated Finance Councillor for 2021-22, and that he will sign the payment/receipt listings, and the bank reconciliations (as well as the Chairman of Full Council), to confirm that he has checked and verified the transactions/balances.

b) Cllr M Jones be authorised to sign purchase orders, in line with the Financial Regulations Limits.

8. Section 137/LGA 2000-S2

Resolved that: -

The Section 137/LGA 2000-S2 expenditure report for 2020-21 be approved, as presented and explained by the Clerk.

9. CCBC Provision of Summer Play

Resolved that: -

In view of the Play Works Grant available (£500), the Town Council would request Conwy County Borough Council to arrange 2 x Play Sessions this Summer in Towyn & Kinnel Bay, at a cost of £40 (normal cost 2 x £270 per session – Total £540 less £500 Welsh Government Grant = £40.00).

Noted that Cllrs B McLoughlin and A Macauley will evaluate the two proposed sessions, for future reference.

10. Budget Monitoring Reports and Proposed Budget Changes for 2021-22

Resolved that: -

a) The 3 x 2021-22 year to date budget monitoring reports, including one with explanations for reportable/notable variations be approved as presented and explained by the Clerk.

b) The proposed new budgets/budget amendments for 2021-22, be approved, as presented and explained by the Clerk (including the new budgets/budget amendments recommended by the Environmental Improvements Committee).

11. Payments & Receipts

Resolved that: -

The list of payments and receipts for the period 01/05/2021 to 31/05/2021, which have been fully reviewed and signed by the Clerk and Cllr M Jones (Chair of PFR and designated/appointed Finance Councillor) be approved as presented by the Clerk, and be signed by the Chairman.

12. Bank Reconciliations

Resolved that: -

The balances as at 31/05/2021, which have been fully reviewed and signed by the Clerk and Cllr M Jones (Chairman of PFR & designated/approve Finance Councillor) be approved as presented by the Clerk, and be signed by the Chairman.

13. Ear Marked Reserves and 2021 Proposed Projects

The Clerk presented and explained: -

a) The current Ear Marked Reserve Balances as at 31/05/2021, and the proposed changes to the Ear Marked Reserve Balances.

b) The proposed projects for 2021-22 and the agreed budgets for the projects.

Resolved that: -

a) The following Ear Marked Reserve Balances would be transferred to the general reserves.
- Owain Glyndwr project £5,000 (CCBC have advised that they have secured grant funding for the project, and therefore no contribution is required from the Town Council).

- Play Grounds - £8,500 (The Councillors were happy that the £10,000 Play Ground Budget for 2021-22 was sufficient to cover any proposed improvements to the playgrounds within Towyn & Kinnel Bay.

- Grants £5,400 (The Councillors were happy that the £12,000 Grants Budget for 2021-22 was sufficient).

b) The 2021-22 Budget for Promenade LED Lighting of £5,000 be reduced to NIL.

c) The 2021-22 Budget for LED Lighting Projects be increased from £10,000 to £11,000.

d) Rather than mark a provisional £10,000 budget for the UK Community Renewal Fund Match Funding, if the Town Council's application was successful, then the required £10,000 contribution/match funding would be paid out of the Solar Farm Grant Ear Marked Reserves Balance.

14. Committees

Resolved that: - Cllrs M Smith and L Knightly be added to the Environmental Improvements Committee.

Noted the update following the recent PFR & Planning and Environmental Improvements meetings (appointment of Chairman and Deputy Chairman).

15. Coronavirus Related Expenditure

The Clerk presented the 2021-22 Coronavirus related expenditure year to date.

Resolved that: - The 2021-22 Coronavirus expenditure report, be approved as presented by the Clerk.

16. UK Funding Application

Noted that the Welsh Government's decision regarding the funding application is expected in late July/early August.

Noted if approved, the Town Council will have approximately 7 months to complete the project.

Noted that the Councillors have been requested to read/gain a full understanding of the contents of the application, and provide feedback/comments to the Clerk.

17. Volunteer Hub

Cllr B Griffiths advised the Councillors that he has set up a volunteer hub to link volunteers with suitable projects within the Towyn and Kinnel Bay Community.

Whilst CVSC (CCBC) have a hub at County level, the volunteer hub will be at a local level for people who are holding events, and they can use the hub to promote events and to identify volunteers to assist with their events.

Resolved that: -

a) The Town Council fully support the Volunteer Hub.

b) A link will be added to the Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council Website, for the Volunteer Hub.

18. Planning Applications

Noted the resident's comments regarding planning applications 0/48473 & 0/48009.

Noted that the Clerk will contact the resident to confirm that the members have discussed and noted his comments.

19. NHS Social Care & Front Line Workers Day

Resolved that: -

a) Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions and regulations it would not be possible/appropriate to hold a formal event, at this time.

b) The Town Council will purchase boxes of chocolates and biscuits, for the Mayor to present to: -

- **The four residential homes in Towyn & Kinnel Bay**
- **The two chemists in Kinnel Bay**
- **The staff at the Kinnel Bay Vaccine Centre**

c) The cost of the chocolates and biscuits would be taken out of the Solar Farm Grant earmarked Reserve Budget.

Noted that if the Councillors wish to recognise any other front line workers, they should complete a Community Award nomination form, and forward it to the Clerk.

20. Grants

There was one grant application which had been received since the PFR & Planning Committee meeting on 26/05/2021.

Resolved that: -

A grant for the sum of £222 to Y Morfa, for the hire of a skip, to assist them with a deep clean of the centre, in readiness for it to be reopened, be approved.

21. Awel Y Mor-Proposed Offshore Windfarm

The Councillors discussed the recent communications from RWE.

Noted that the Councillors have been invited to attend a virtual meeting (three separate dates available) with RWE Renewables regarding the proposed Awel Y Mor Offshore Windfarm.

Resolved that: -

The Clerk will forward the RWE Renewable email to all Councillors, so they can register, if they wish to attend one of the RWE Zoom meetings regarding the proposed Awel Y Mor Offshore Windfarm.

22. Conwy County Borough Council – Litter Bin Provision

Resolved that: - The invoice for the sum of £4,800 from Conwy County Borough Council, relating to the Town Council's contribution towards the cost for the new/improved bins within the Towyn & Kinnel Bay area, be approved and paid.

23. Abergele Joint Burial Committee

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960), it was resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

Meeting closed at 19:55

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting on 28/07/2021.