

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 11th November, 2019 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay

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

Non Voting:

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Luke, Cllrs L Knightly and B McLoughlin were absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 09/09/19 be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Welsh Water

Noted the update from Welsh Water regarding the replacement of the water pipe in Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: The following suggestions would be discussed with Welsh Water, at the Full Council meeting on 27/11/19, with a view to asking them what they can undertake by way of community work by way of a payback.

- a) Contribution toward Chester Avenue Woodland Project.
- b) Contribution towards Chester Avenue Play Area Improvements.
- c) Contribution towards a Town Council shed at the Proposed Community Allotment.
- d) Contribution towards/assistance with Quarry Line Path Improvements.

7. Tree Planting

Resolved that:

- a) Cllr T Curran would undertake a public consultation/leaflet drop to request feedback from Owain Glyndwr residents, regarding the proposed planting of 10/12 trees between the green and the grass verge on the Owain Glyndwr Estate.
- b) Cllr T Curran would provide any feedback/comments from the residents, at the January Environmental Improvements meeting.

8. Foryd Road Improvement

Noted the interim reply from the Conwy Highways Officer.

Noted that the Conwy Highways Officer has confirmed that he will forward a comprehensive reply once the Road Safety Audit has been completed and he is in receipt of the designer's response to the Road Safety Audit.

9. LED Lights

Noted that:

- a) The demonstration from Anolis has been delayed due to their representative recovering from an operation.

- b) Conwy have approved the installation of a test LED Solar Light in Tir Prince Park, over the Winter.
- c) That Conwy have agreed to provide a 5m folding column, for the test light to be attached to, subject to the Town Council covering the installation costs.

Resolved that:

- a) The quote of £192.09 be approved, for the purchase of a Test LED Light from LEDKIA, as it was considered to be excellent value for money.
- b) That the test light would be installed outside the back of the Community Centre for the Winter, rather than install a 5 metre column in Tir Prince Park.

10. Owain Glyndwr

The Councillors discussed the proposed plans which have been prepared by Conwy.

Resolved that: The following would be discussed with Conwy Officers: -

- a) The Town Council would like for a corner to be set aside, to install a shed/container for the Town Council's equipment.
- b) The Town Council would like to see the wire fence removed.
- c) The Town Council would like to see some of the trees removed, whilst the site is being cleared.

Noted that Scottish Power have agreed to erect a wall/fence to match and also install gates at the front of the Electricity Sub Station.

Noted that a meeting will be arranged over the next few weeks to discuss the proposed plans with Conwy Officers and that all Councillors will be invited to that meeting.

11. Community Skip Day

Resolved that: -

- a) The Clerk would ask Conwy to provide an additional skip, at no extra charge for the proposed Sandy Cove Community Skip Day.
- b) The Clerk would contact Sandy Cove Residents Association to ask if they would be prepared to fund an additional skip for the proposed Sandy Cove Community Skip Day.

Noted that if Conwy and/or Sandy Cove are not prepared to fund additional skips, the Town Council may need to discuss increasing the Community Skip Day Budget at a Full Council meeting.

12. Proposed Transfer of Assets/Services from Conwy County Borough Council

The Clerk updated the Councillors regarding the proposed transfer of assets/services from CCBC.

Resolved that: The Environmental Improvements Committee would recommend to Full Council that the following expenditure is included in 2020-21 precept calculations/budgets.

- a) £3,000 payment to be made to Conwy to maintain the existing opening times for the Kinmel Bay Library.
- b) £843 payment to be made to Conwy County Borough Council towards the running cost of the three Conwy CCTV Cameras which are located within the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area.

13. Reinstatement of Plants on Foryd Road Borders

Noted the up to date position regarding the reinstatement of plants on Foryd Road between J & J Caravans and the Sandy Cove Club.

14. Cader Avenue

Noted the reply from North Wales Police regarding the parking offence which North Wales Police failed to enforce in time.

15. Clwyd Park

Noted that the bin will be relocated over the next few weeks.

16. Town Council Return to Conwy

Noted the completed return which was sent to Conwy on 13/09/19.

17. Bus Shelters

Noted that the Chester Avenue and Seagull Bus Shelters have still not been repaired by Conwy, and that the Clerk has chased Conwy for the work to be completed as soon as possible.

18. Woodlands at Chester Avenue

Resolved that: The quotes received from Digit to remove both the willow tunnel and maze be discussed at the next Full Council meeting, as the Full Council would need to discuss/approve a budget to cover the required work.

19. Strip of Trees at Tir Llwyd

Resolved that:

- a) The only way that the strip of trees could be guaranteed to be safeguarded, would be if the Town Council took over the control of the strip of trees.
- b) The Clerk would write to Conwy to advise them that the Town Council would consider taking over the ownership of the trees subject to Conwy undertaking a tree survey and ensuring all the trees are made safe/maintained prior to the transfer of ownership.

20. Sandbank Road Improvements

Noted that the proposed work will be completed shortly, and that the delays have been due to the licence which is required from Conwy County Borough Council.

21. North Wales Fire & Rescue Public Consultations

Resolved that: The Clerk would forward the link to all Councillors, and ask that they individually provide their feedback/comments to the Consultation.

22. North Wales Police Representative at Town Council Meeting

Resolved that: Due to work pressures and rotas, it would not be practical to request a representative from North Wales Police to attend Town Council meetings on a regular basis.

Noted that the Kinmel Bay PCSO visits the Community Resource Centre on a very frequent basis to provide the Clerk with Policing updates in the area.

23. Installation of an Additional Bench at Tir Prince Park

Resolved that:

- a) An additional bench and a concrete base would be installed at Tir Prince Park at the far end of the park, which is well used by local residents and dog walkers.
- b) That the UPVC bench would be purchased from Pastewood Ltd who provided the benches earlier in the year at a cost of £195 per bench and that the concrete base would be installed by Digit at an estimated cost of £305.00, which is what they charged earlier in the year, for the same sized base. The two local companies were chosen as they were deemed to be excellent value for money and both provide an excellent level of service.
- c) The cost of the bench and base would be paid for out of the benches budget, and that any shortfall would be paid from the Ground Maintenance Budget.

24. Replacement Sign for Towyn

Resolved to approve the quote for £145 from Clwyd Signs for a replacement sign in Towyn, the Councillors considered that the quote was excellent value for money.

25. Height Barrier at Y Morfa

Cllr N Smith said that he felt that the removal of the gate would alleviate the present parking congestion on Morfa Avenue during the start/end of the school day, and would potentially make the area safer, if there was off street parking, available at Y Morfa.

Cllr B Griffiths said that Y Morfa had closed the gates during the start/end of the school day, as from experience when the gate was left open, parents simply blocked the entrance road to the Y Morfa car park, rather than park in the parking bays. This resulted in cars having to reverse out into Morfa Avenue.

Cllr T Curran advised that she believed that the gate was closed at the start/end of the school day, as part of the safe route to school scheme.

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy to request clarification regarding the following: -
a) Would Conwy have an objection to the gate being removed, once the proposed height barrier is installed.
b) Would the removal of the gate have any impact on the safe route to school scheme.

26. Tir Prince Park

Resolved that:

- a) To approve the proposed improvement work to the pond and ditches, which is estimated at approx. £500.**
- b) That Digit would be requested to undertake the proposed improvements, as previous quotes/work undertaken had been to a very high standard and was deemed to be very good value for money.**

27. Proposed Projects for 2020-21

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to all Councillors to ask that they submit their suggested projects to him by 30/11/2019.

28. Environmental Wales Act 2016

The Clerk advised the Councillors of the need for the Town Council to complete an Environmental Report by 31/12/19.

Resolved that: The completion of the draft report would be delegated to Cllrs B Griffiths, M Jones and the Clerk, and that all Councillors would be invited to attend an informal meeting to enable them to provide their thoughts and input.

29. Complaint from Residents regarding Fireworks

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy and Darren Millar Welsh Assembly Member, to express the Town Council's concerns regarding the misuse of fireworks and their impact on animals.

30. Work Schedule 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.

31. Planning Consultation

Resolved that: Cllrs B Griffiths, M Jones and the Clerk, would be delegated the responsibility to provide feedback on behalf of the Town Council to the Planning Consultants.

Resolved that: All Councillors would be invited to attend an informal meeting to enable them to provide their thoughts and input to the Planning Consultation.

Meeting Closed at 20:55

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Environmental Improvements meeting held on 20/02/2020

