

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 20th January, 2020 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, B McLoughlin, K Redhead, M Smith & N Smith

Non Voting:

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Bibby (Non-voting), Cllr L Knightly was 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 11/11/19 be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Tree Planting

Cllr T Curran provided feedback to the Councillors following her public consultation/leaflet drop at the Owain Glyndwr Estate. The majority of the resident's feedback was very positive.

Resolved that:

- a) Initially 4 Rowan Trees would be planted approx. 10 feet from the pavement.
- b) A £500 budget would be set to cover the cost of purchasing and planting the 4 trees.
- c) The trees would be protected by way of additional/long wooden posts and/or flexi mesh tree guards.

7. Foryd Road Scheme

The Councillors were concerned that the majority of the issues remain outstanding.

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to the Cabinet Member for ERF, and express the Councillors concerns, regarding the outstanding issues.

8. LED Lights

Noted that a demonstration has been arranged for approx. 4pm on Tuesday 21/01/2020.

9. Abandoned Play Area

Noted that a meeting was held with Conwy County Borough Council Officer on Thursday 12/12/2019.

Noted that detailed Project Plans and a Time Line Schedule are awaited from Conwy County Borough Council.

10. Community Skip Day

Noted that

- a) Conwy County Borough Council have advised, that they do not have funds available to fund an additional skip.

- b) Sandy Cove Residents Association have kindly agreed to fund an additional Skip.
- c) There will be 3 Community Skips available for the Sandy Cove Community Skip Day.

Resolved that: The Clerk will contact Conwy County Borough Council to ask if the Community Skip Day can be arranged for Wednesday 11/03/2020.

11. Re-Instatement of Plants on Foryd Road Borders

Noted that the work has now been completed by Conwy County Borough Council, at a reduced cost of £3425, instead of the previously agreed figure of £3875, as one of the borders was not planted, due to an objection from a resident.

12. Bus Shelters

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to the Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet Member for ERF, to express the Town Council's frustration with regards to how long it is taking to undertake repairs to the Seagull & Chester Avenue Bus Shelters.

13. Woodlands at Chester Avenue

Cllr B Griffiths & Cllr M Jones updated the Councillors regarding the Informal Open meeting which was held at Chester House on 15/01/2020. Various options were discussed at length, however many of the Councillors are still in favour with the removal of the whole of the Willow Maze, as agreed at the Full Council Meeting held on 27/11/2019 (Agenda Item 29).

Resolved that: No decision will be made regarding the full removal/part removal of the Willow Maze, until the Councillors fully understand and agree what to do with the land, once/if the willow is removed.

14. Strip of Trees

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council are presently undertaking a tree survey, to fully assess the condition of the trees.

15. Sandbank Road Improvement

Noted that the work is due to commence any day.

16. Installation of an Additional Bench at Tir Prince Park

Noted that the cost of the concrete base for the bench would be £350, which is £45 more than initially estimated.

17. Height Barrier at Y Morfa

Following a debate whether the removal at the existing gate, should or should not be a condition of the Town Council contributing £1,000 towards the cost of a height barrier at Y Morfa, two proposals were made:

Proposal one, that the Town Council should withdraw the offer of a £1,000 contribution towards the cost of a new height barrier, if the existing gate is not removed.

Proposal two, that the Town Council would honour its offer of a £1,000 contribution towards the new height barrier, whether the gate is removed or not.

Resolved that: The Town Council would contribute £1,000 towards the cost of a new height barrier, regardless of whether the existing gate is removed or not. (Split decision 5 against and 5 for, Chairman Cllr B Griffiths exercised his casting vote, so that the final vote was 6 for and 5 against).

18. Tir Prince Outside Gym Equipment

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have been asked if they would consider moving 3 items of equipment from Tir Prince Park, to the Chester Avenue Park (possibly in the area where the zip wire was recently removed).

19. Environmental Wales Act 2016

Resolved that: The proposed Town Council Report would be presented at the next Full Council meeting for approval.

20. Playgrounds within Towyn & Kinmel Bay

Noted that: -

- a) Conwy County Borough Council are installing and funding a replacement slide at Clwyd Park, together with a new wet pour surface/base.
- b) Conwy County Borough Council are installing and funding replacement swings at Tir Prince Park, together with a new wet pour surface/base.
- c) Conwy County Borough Council have confirmed that the Chester Avenue Project will be commencing shortly, and should be completed by the end of March.
- d) That Conwy have completed their tender process for the Chester Avenue Play Scheme, and that the approved quote is for the reduced sum of £28,003.

21. Unsafe Corners on Pavements

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy ERF regarding the unsafe corners on the pavements at Dulas Avenue and Llygwy Avenue.

22. Water Treatment Works

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have indicated that the reported smells from the water treatment works, should cease once the old tanks are removed from the site by the end of March 2020.

23. Q4 – 2019 Tree Survey

Noted that the Q4 2019 Internal Tree Survey has been undertaken by Cllr M Jones and the Clerk.

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy County Borough Council to ask them what is the position regarding children playing in the woodland.

24. Potential Funding Opportunities

Noted that Cllr D Johnson has submitted a Topic Selection Form to Conwy with a view to Conwy obtaining funding for a link road joining Kinmel Bay & Towyn.

25. Benches on Sea Wall in Kinmel Bay

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy County Borough Council to ask what seating schemes Conwy County Borough Council have included as part of the Welsh Government Grant for Coastal Defence Improvements.

26. Tree Planting

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy County Borough Council to ask them what tree planting schemes they have in hand/planning for the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Area.

27. Welsh Water

Resolved that: The Clerk would complete a Welsh Water Community Fund Grant Application for £1,000 to fund improvements to the Quarry Line Path.

28. Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019

Noted the WIMD Report.

29. Fireworks

Noted that Darren Millar (AM) Welsh Government has asked the Welsh Government – “What consideration has been given to restricting the use of fireworks in Wales, given their adverse impact on pets and wildlife (Reference WAQ79106 (e).

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

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Conwy County Borough Council to confirm that the Town Council is not interested in taking over the ownership of the Sandbank Road Public Toilets, at this time.

31. Work Schedule 2019-20

The Clerk presented the up to date Environmental Improvements Work Schedule, and also provided an update regarding the up to date position for each of the agreed projects.
Noted the up to date position.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signed by the Chairman of the next Environmental Improvements meeting held on 09/03/2020.