

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – Environmental (Virtual Meeting) held on Wednesday 8th July, 2020 at 7pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinmel Bay

Present Councillors: T Bibby, G Corry, B Griffiths, D Johnson (Mayor), M Jones, L Knightly, A Macauley, B McLoughlin, J McKenna, K Redhead (Deputy Mayor), M Smith, N Smith & S Wilson

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence received, Cllr A Hodgson was absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Smith declared an interest in agenda item 6 - Planning, as he is a member of the Planning Committee at Conwy County Borough Council, and he was placed in the virtual meeting waiting room whilst this agenda item was being discussed.

3. Public Participation

There were no applications from the public to address the Council.

4. Minutes

Resolved that: - The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24/06/2020, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Planning

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Additional dormers to roof extension to achieve 2 no. Bedrooms and bathroom (partly retrospective).

Resolved: No Objection, however Conwy County Borough Council Planning may wish to look at potential over development on the site, and the impact on parking.

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Removal of the existing garage and replace it with a ready-made flat roofed log cabin. Change of use of the building from storage to holiday/guest accommodation.

Resolved: No Objection, however Conwy County Borough Council may wish to look at the holiday accommodation element, under their planning policy checks.

7. Covid-19

Noted the Darren Millar MS, had requested a meeting with the North Wales Police Senior Officers, to ensure that additional traffic control is in place, over the weekend of 11th & 12th July, when the caravan sites re-open in Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Senior Conwy County Council Officers and the Leader of Conwy County Borough Council to express the Town Council's disappointment that Conwy County Borough Council have taken the decision to classify the two outdoor funfair complexes in Towyn as 'Travelling Fairgrounds', and therefore will not presently allow them to re-open as planned on Saturday 11th of July, whilst other County Council in Wales have allowed similar outdoor funfair complexes to re-open. Given that both the visitor attractions

have been based in Towyn for many years, and that tourism is the bread and butter of Towyn and Kinnel Bay.

Cllr G Corry asked that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that he had no involvement/participation in this agenda item.

Cllrs G Corry and L Knightly asked that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that they did not vote on this agenda item.

8. Working Party Update

Cllr J McKenna updated the Councillors following the Working Party's first meeting, which was held on 19th June, 2020.

9. Foryd Road Scheme

Noted the update received from Conwy County Borough Council Officers, following the site meeting which was held on 26/06/2020.

10. Flood Forum

Cllr G Corry advised the Councillors that he was very pleased with the progress and support in re-establishing the Flood Forum. Conwy CBC have kindly agreed to provide admin support for the forum. Cllr Corry advised that Cllr D Johnson had agreed to represent CCBC & TKBTC on the Flood Forum.

Cllr Corry asked for Town Council nominations to join the Forum, as he was looking for one further Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council representative.

Noted that Cllr B McLoughlin nominated Cllr M Jones, and Cllrs J McKenna and B Griffiths both expressed an interest in joining the Forum.

Resolved that: All Councillors who wish to be considered to be a Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council representative should contact the Clerk to express their interest, and that a vote would be held at the next Town Council meeting which is on 22nd July, 2020.

11. Strip of Trees at Tir Llwyd

Cllrs stated that they felt that it is imperative that the tree screening on St Asaph Avenue remains in place, however the Councillors feel that the ownership and maintenance responsibility for the trees must remain with Conwy County Borough Council, as the Local Authority.

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to the Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council, to state that the Town Council feels that it is imperative that Conwy County Borough Council as the Local Authority, maintain ownership and control of the strip of trees, as there will be no control on the trees, if the strip of trees is included in the proposed sale of the industrial estate plots.

12. Community Skip Day

Noted that due to the Coronavirus Conwy County Borough Council will not be providing skips for Town Council Community Skip Days, until at least 01/08/2020.

13. Play Grounds

Noted that all three play schemes should be completed by Conwy County Borough Council contractors over the next 4 or 6 weeks.

14. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted that the awaited plans have not yet been prepared, and therefore this agenda item will be deferred to the next Full Council Environmental meeting which will be in September.

15. Report/Study/Plan for the Proposed Enhancement Developments on the Promenade at Kinmel Bay

Cllr N Smith indicated that he was not happy with the present lack of CCBC investment/projects in the East of the County.

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Senior Officers at Conwy County Borough Council stating that the Town Council would like to see a plan prepared/commission for enhancements/development and better facilities on the promenades in both Towyn and Kinmel Bay, and perhaps this could be incorporated in the proposed Coastal Defence Improvements.

16. Town Council Flag Poles

Cllr B McLoughlin asked that the following points be included in the minutes:

1. Conwy County Borough Councils permission would be required for a flag pole, as the flag pole would be installed on their land.
2. What impact would the flag pole have on the Town Council's Insurance.
3. Who was going to look after the flag pole.
4. Due to strong winds in the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area, flags are quickly damaged, and this needs to be taken into account when considering the installation of a flag pole.

Resolved that:

- a) **The Town Council purchases and installs a 6m fiberglass flag pole at the rear of the Town Council Resource Centre Building, subject to permission being received from Conwy County Borough Council.**
- b) **That a budget of £500 is marked to cover both the purchase and installation of the flag pole.**

17. Benches

Resolved that:

- a) **The quote from Dig It for the sum of £3,440 plus VAT for the installation of 9 concrete bases, and the securing the 9 benches to the bases, be approved, as the quote was considered to be excellent value for money, and all work previously undertaken by Dig It has always been completed to a very good standard, and in a timely manner.**
- b) **The quote from Plastecowood Ltd for the sum of £1,755 plus VAT for 9 black UPVC standard benches, be approved, as the quote was considered to be excellent value for money, and the benches which they have previously provided have been very well made and supplied in a timely manner.**
- c) **The 2020-21 benches budget be increased from £5,000 to £5,200 to cover the cost of the supply and installation of the 9 benches.**

18. Environmental Improvement Work Schedule 2020-21

Noted that due to a potential winter event being organised for local residents, the £12,000 Day Time Music Event Budget would remain in place for the time being.

Meeting Closed at 20:35

Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting on 22/07/2020.