

Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – Environmental (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 7th September, 2020 at 7pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinnel Bay

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

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Knightly. Cllrs T Bibby & A Hodgson 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 Full Council meeting held on 19/08/2020, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Coronavirus

Noted the recent Welsh Government and Conwy County Borough Council Coronavirus related updates.

7. Benches

Noted that cllr D Johnson has retracted his proposal to relocate one of the recently installed benches in Tir Prince Park.

Resolved that:

- a) **The newly installed benches on the quarry line path would not be repositioned to face the path.**
- b) **The Clerk would contact National Resources Wales, to request consent for the Town Council to install UPVC benches on the north side of Y Ddol.**
- c) **The Town Council will include 1 x picnic bench and 1 x standard bench at the Woodland on Chester Avenue, in the proposed bench scheme.**

8. Community Study/Project

Resolved that: In principle the Town Council supported that the land at Parc Hanes is kept as a public open space.

9. Raised Beds

Resolved that:

- a) **Up to £5,000 from the 2020-21 Planting Budget, is spent on the installation of 5 Large Planters, and that appropriate quotes will be obtained to be approved at a future Town Council meeting.**
- b) **The Clerk will obtain quotes to improve/tidy up the area, at the bottom entrance to Clwyd Park, via Ffordd Nant.**

10. Little Forest

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact the Charity who hold the Lease, to express the Town Council's full support for the Little Forest Scheme, and to ask that they sign the agreement, rather than the Town Council, as the Town Council feels that the charity are better placed to take on the management responsibilities to maintain the Tiny Forest in the future.

Noted that the Land Owner (Conwy County Borough Council) permission for the scheme is still awaited.

11. Bulb Planting

Resolved that: A £2,000 budget would be put in place to buy the bulbs and cover the cost of the planting of the bulbs.

12. Foryd Road Scheme

Noted the most recent updates received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the road scheme.

Resolved that: The Clerk will contact Wales and West Utilities to ascertain if there is a known gas leak on Foryd Road.

13. Proposed Installation of LED Lights and a Flag Pole at/on the Community Resource Centre

Resolved that: The flag pole budget will be increased by £500 from £500 to £1,000 to cover the cost of the required planning application, which will cover both the LED Lights and flag pole.

Noted that permission is still awaited from Conwy County Borough Council (Landowner) for the proposed flag pole to be installed on their land.

14. Height Barrier at Car Park across the road from the Kinmel Bay Medical Centre

Resolved that: The Town Council would not look to install a height barrier at the car park.

15. Signage

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy County Borough Council to request if they would consider relocating the 'Welcome to Towyn' Sign on a suitable lamp post on the Towyn side of the bridge, and whether they would be happy for a 'Thank you for visiting Kinmel Bay', to be installed on the sign post outside the Sandy Cove Club.

16. Strip of Trees

Noted the most recent update from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the strip of trees.

17. Parking on Foryd Road

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to ask them if anything can be done, to address the issue, of taxis parking on the pavement at Moelwyn Avenue West Junction with Foryd Road. This has been an ongoing issue, as the taxis are causing restrictive and possibly at risk passage to both Foryd Road traffic and pedestrians.

18. Proposed Promenade Improvements

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to express that the members are concerned that they are not being listened to, and would request that a site visit is arranged, with a view to consultants drawing up plans to include the widening of the promenade.

19. Environmental Improvements Working Party

Noted the update/informal meeting notes following the working party's most recent informal meeting, which was held on 12th August, 2020.

20. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted that: The awaited plans have still not been prepared, and that they will be presented at a future meeting.

Resolved that:

a) The Town Council look at the cost of installing Solar LED Lights at the Chester Avenue Woodland.

b) A budget of £3,000 is set to cover the cost of the proposed Solar LED Lights.

21. Risk of Flood from the River Elwy

Noted the report which has been prepared by Cllr B Griffiths.

22. Community Skips

Resolved that: The Clerk would contact Conwy County Borough Council, with a view to arranging a community skip at Tir Prince Park on either Tuesday the 29th September or Wednesday the 30th September, 2020.

23. Foryd Road Walkway

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council, to request permission for a walkway to be installed on the grass verge on Foryd Road.

24. Welsh Government Repurposed Town Centre Regeneration Funding

Resolved that: Grant is split between benches, additional commando sockets in Towyn, and additional Christmas Lights, subject to confirmation from Conwy County Borough Council that these meet the required criteria of the grant.

25. Solar LED Lights

Resolved that:

- a) The LED light budget is increased from £5,500 to £10,500 to cover the cost of installing Solar LED lighting at Clwyd Park and the Woodland on Chester Avenue.
- b) The quote from Wydels for the sum of £1,337 for 5 x 15w lantern packages be approved, as the quote was considered to be excellent value for money, and their products, which have been used at Tir Prince Park, have been extremely well made and trouble free.
- c) The quote from Dig It for the sum of £600 for the installation of 5 lamp post columns in Clwyd Park 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.

Noted that permission is still awaited from Conwy County Borough Council for the 5 lamp posts to be installed in Clwyd Park.

21:05 Cllr M Smith left the meeting.

26. Path Way through Tir Prince Park

Noted that all Councillors are invited to a site meeting at Tir Prince Park on Tuesday 29th September, 2020 at 11.30am, to discuss the proposed path way through the park.

27. Playgrounds in Kinnel Bay and Towyn

Noted that the Chester Avenue and Tir Prince play schemes have been completed, and that the Clwyd Park play scheme should finally be completed by Friday 18th September, 2020.

28. Environmental Improvements Schedule

Noted the updated Environmental Improvements Schedule for 2020-21.

29. Cader Avenue Road Restrictions

Noted the detailed update/timings received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the road restrictions.

Meeting Closed at 21:15

Signed by the Chairman of the Full Council meeting held on 14/07/2020.