

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – Precept (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 11th January, 2021 at 7pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinmel Bay

Present Councillors: T Bibby, G Corry, B Griffiths, A Hodgson, D Johnson (Mayor) M Jones.
A Macauley, J McKenna, B McLoughlin & N Smith

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Hamer and M Smith. Cllrs L Knightly, K Redhead and S Wilson 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 06/01/2021 be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Coronavirus

a) Noted the most recent Welsh Government updates/regulations.

b) Noted the update from Cllr Griffiths regarding the hygiene hampers.

7. Precept

This item was only added to the agenda of this meeting incase the Councillors had been unable to agree/approve the 2021-22 Precept requirement, at the previous Full Council meeting which was held on 06/01/21. Given that the Councillors in the meeting on 06/01/21 approved/agreed the 2021-22 Precept requirement, this agenda item was not discussed at this meeting (11/01/21).

8. Parc Hanes (Welsh Government Land)

Noted that Parc Hanes has now been added to the Conwy County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan.

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council will be approaching the Welsh Government to commence discussions regarding Parc Hanes shortly.

9. Benches

Resolved that: -

a) The quote from Plastecowood for the purchase of 2 standard black armed UPVC benches for the sum of £550 plus VAT, be approved, whilst it was the only quote received, it was considered to be good value for money, and all benches which have previously been purchased from Plastecowood, have been extremely well made and trouble free.

b) The quote for the sum of £720 plus VAT from Dig It for installation of two concrete bench bases on the Y Ddol footpath be approved, whilst it was the only quote received, it was considered to be good value for money, and all work previously undertaken by Dig It has always been completed to a very high standard, and in a timely manner.

- c) The Clerk contacts the Rhyl Journal regarding the recent installation of the various benches within Towyn & Kinnel Bay, which were part funded by way of a Welsh Government Grant, which was secured by Conwy County Borough Council.
- d) That the Bench budget for 2020-21 is increased from £5,900 to £6,800.

10. Bins

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have installed an additional public waste bin at the Llysfaen Avenue side of the Square in Kinnel Bay.

11. Foryd Road Improvements

Noted the feedback received from the residents, following the recent public consultation regarding the area behind the wall on Foryd Road.

Resolved that: - The Clerk would obtain quotes for the areas on either side of the wall to be cleared/strimmed, dog roses cut back and small shrubs to be planted.

Resolved that: The Town Council would undertake this work as a one off, and that the Town Council will not be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the verges behind the wall.

12. Access for All

Noted that a reply is still awaited from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the email which the Clerk sent to them on 11/11/2020, and chased on 2/12/2020, 2/12/2020 and 17/12/2020.

13. Clwyd Park

Resolved that: -

- a) **In view of the costs, the proposed Play Scheme Improvements (toddler provision) will not go ahead at this time.**
- b) **The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to ask if they would consider allowing an approved third party play group equipment contractor to install additional toddler related equipment in the park, if the Town Council was successful in identifying a suitable Contractor offering an affordable/appropriate play scheme.**

Noted that given the proposed Play Scheme is not going ahead at this time, it is unlikely that the Town Council will be applying for a £500 Conwy County Borough Council Playworks Funding Grant, as the deadline for completed applications is 25/01/2021.

14. Parks for All

Noted that Conwy Cynhaliol on behalf of Conwy County Borough Council has commissioned a Community Engagement Programme, Environmental Survey and Action Plan to support and inform, the Local Authority's 'Parks for All' strategy.

15. Skips

Resolved that: -

- a) **Between now and 31/03/21 two Community Skips Day Events will be organised, one at the Kinnel Bay Church Car Park (1 skip) and one at Sandy Cove (3 skips).**
- b) **The 2020-21 Community Skip budget will be increased from £2,000 to £2,500 to cover the above mentioned Community Skip Events.**

16. Large Field at Clwyd Bank, Kinnel Bay

Noted that the field was no longer available, as it has recently been leased to a local farmer.

17. Q4 2020-21 Tree Survey

Resolved that: The Q4 2020-21 Tree Survey, be approved, as presented by the Clerk.

18. Raised Planters

Resolved that: -

- a) **Cllr M Jones would contact Greenfingers for a quote for the ongoing maintenance of the 14 raised planters, and report back in a future Full Town Council meeting.**
- b) **The quote from Platecowood for the sum of £4,135 plus VAT be approved for 8 additional**

raised black UPVC planters (to include delivery & installation,) whilst it was the only quote received, the quote was deemed to be excellent value for money, and the raised planters which have previously been purchased from Plastecowood, have been extremely well made and trouble free.

19. Environmental Working Party

Noted the update from the Environmental Improvements Working Party meeting, which was held on 02/12/2020.

Resolved that: The next Environmental Improvements Working Party meeting would be held at 10am on Wednesday 10th February, 2021.

20. Promenade Improvements

Noted the update following the zoom meeting with Conwy County Borough Council Officers/Councillors, which was held on 26/11/2020.

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have agreed to approach the Town Council in the coming months, to discuss/agree what will be included in the proposed Promenade Improvements Scheme, and that they will also be requesting suggestions and feedback from the Town Council.

21. Employment Opportunities at Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate

Noted the reply from Conwy County Borough Council regarding employment opportunities at the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate.

22. Permanent Christmas Trees

Resolved that: The Clerk will contact Conwy County Borough Council to request their thoughts/consent regarding the proposed planting of live Christmas Trees in both Towyn and Kinmel Bay, and report back to the Councillors at a future meeting of the Town Council.

23. Chester Avenue Woodland/Willow

Resolved that: The proposed plans for the willow area at the Chester Avenue Woodland, which have been prepared by Cllr M Jones, be approved.

Resolved that: Cllr M Jones will obtain costings/quotes for the proposed scheme, and report back to the Councillors at a future Full Town Council meeting, for consideration/approval.

24. Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the updated Environmental Improvements Schedule for 2020-21.

25. Planning Permission for Flagpole and LED Lights

Resolved that: Now Planning Consent has been approved for both the flagpole and the LED lights, that the quote for the sum of £368.00 from Flags&Flagpoles.co.uk plus VAT, for a 6m fibreglass flagpole be approved, as the quote was deemed to be good value for money, and constructed to a good standard.

26. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted that on reflection that the crime and antisocial behaviour statistics in the Kinmel Bay and Towyn area are relatively low.

Resolved that: - Crime and Antisocial behaviour will not be added to the agenda of future meetings on an ongoing basis.

Meeting Closed at 20:55

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting 18/01/2021.