

Towyn & Kinnel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 1st March, 2021 at 7pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinnel Bay

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

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Johnson & S Wilson. Cllrs P Hamer & A Hodgson were absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Smith declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 – Planning, as he is a member of the Planning Committee at Conwy County Borough Council, and 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 18/01/2021, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

6. Coronavirus

a) Noted that Cylch (with effect from week commencing 8th March, 2021) will be using the downstairs meeting room at the TKBTC Community Resource Centre on Thursdays and Fridays until further notice.

Resolved that: -

a) **An addition, up to, £500 worth of food and basic provisions would be purchased from Asda, Kinnel Bay, which would be donated to the Kinnel Bay Foodbank (to be paid out of the Coronavirus Financial Assistance Budget).**

b) **That the 2020-21 Coronavirus Financial Assistance budget would be increased from £5,000 to £5,050.**

7. Planning

0/48069

Variation of condition no. 1 of planning consent 5/2504 to allow for all year round static caravan occupancy for a temporary 2-year period.

Resolved that: No Objection, subject to all year round occupancy, being for holiday/temporary purposes only.

0/48072

Variation of conditions 5, 12 & 13 of planning consent 0/46795 (Retention of workshop building, office building, tipping bay building and storage shed to cover existing activities on site together with the erection of extension to storage shed building) to allow for operations to continue for a 12month period.

Resolved that: No Objection

Cllr B McLoughlin asked that it be recorded in the minutes that she abstained from voting on planning application 0/48072, as she feels that it is a retrospective planning application.

8. 2021 Christmas Lights

The Councillors discussed the various options/quotes from the four Christmas Light Contractors.
Resolved that: -

- a) To approve the quote for the sum of £18,336 from Festive Lighting for the purchase of 62 lamp post motifs and lights for two trees. The Councillors felt that the quote represented the best value for money, and was cheaper in the long term to purchase the lights outright, rather than rent them for a three year fixed period.
- b) To approve the quote for the sum of £3,199 from Festive Lighting, to purchase the existing lights, as the Councillors felt that this represented excellent value for money.
- c) To approve the quote for the sum of £4,244 per year, fixed for five years, from Shaun Williams (Sets Limited) for the installation/removal/maintenance and storage of the lights. The members felt that the quoted represented excellent value for money, and was the cheapest quote.
- d) That the colour scheme for the lights would be blue and white for the lamp post motifs and multi-coloured with a star for the two Christmas trees.
- e) That the 2021 -22 Christmas Lights Budget be increased by £7500, from £20,000 to £27,500.

Cllr B Griffiths asked that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that he voted against all the agreed resolutions relating to the 2021 Christmas lights.

9. Memorial Plaque

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council has suggested to the resident that she places her memorial plaque in her own garden, as from their experience they tend to be subject to vandalism if they are placed in a public area.

Noted that Cllr K Redhead had been in touch with the resident and that the resident is very happy with Conwy County Borough Council's recommendation.

10. Sandy Cove Flood Defence Improvement

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have confirmed that the proposed flood defence works at Sandy Cove will be completed shortly, hopefully before the end of March, 2021.

11. Play Schemes

- a) Noted that Conwy County Borough Council are happy for a third party contractor to be used, subject to Conwy County Borough Council being fully consulted on the proposal, and that all works are built in accordance with the relevant codes and standards. Conwy County Borough Council would also need to supervise the works to ensure construction compliance.
- b) Noted the update from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the flooding at the Clwyd Park Play area.

12. Conwy County Borough Council Play Scheme Task and Finish Group

- a) Noted that the report and documents provided by Cllr B Griffiths, following his attendance on the recent Conwy County Borough Council Task & Finish Group meeting.
- b) Noted that the Clerk will forward a further document which has been prepared by Cllr B Griffiths, and that the Councillors are invited to reply/provide feedback directly to Cllr B Griffiths.

13. State of the Roads in Kinmel Bay

- a) Noted the emails received from 2 local residents regarding the state of St Asaph Avenue and Foryd Road, which Cllr Geoff Corry has forwarded to Conwy County Borough Council on the behalf of the residents.
- b) Noted the replies which Conwy County Borough Council have sent to the two residents.
- c) Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have confirmed that both St Asaph Avenue and Foryd Road will be considered in their 2021-22 Road Resurfacing Programme, once funding has been confirmed.

- d) Noted that Cllr N Smith has requested that Cader Avenue is resurfaced given the present state of the road, and that it is the main access road to the local Primary Schools.

14. Foryd Road Improvements

- a) Noted the up to date position regarding the feedback received from one of the residents on Foryd Road, following the improvement works.
- b) Resolved that at this stage the Town Council would not plant suitable bushes/shrubs on the verges behind the wall, as the existing plants would soon grow back, and the Town Council did not wish the Town Council to be responsible for any ongoing maintenance to the bushes/shrubs.**

15. Conwy County Borough Council – Local Places for Nature Tree Planting Installations and Consultation

Noted the recent email from Conwy County Borough Council which confirmed which areas in Kinmel Bay & Towyn would be included in the Conwy County Borough Council Tree Planting Scheme. (Owain Glyndwr Estate, St Asaph Avenue, Gors Road & Ffordd Y Berllan Play Field).

16. Environmental Working Party

- a) Noted the informal meeting notes relating to the meeting which was held on 10/02/2021.
- b) Noted the areas which have been identified by the working party as suitable areas for planting, a number of which have already been included in the Conwy County Borough Council Tree Planting Initiative and Consultation.

Resolved that: -

- a) The Environmental Improvements Working Party will review/consider the planting of trees and wild flowers at Tir Prince Park.**
- b) The next Environmental Improvement Working Party meeting will be held sometime in early/mid- April.**

17. Wheel Chair Access Picnic Table

Resolved that: -

- a) The wheel chair access picnic table will be installed in Tir Prince Park ready for the Summer Season. (Picnic Bench to be installed close to the path near to the main entrance to the park, so that it is fully accessible to wheelchair users).**
- b) That Dig It will be requested to install the required concrete base for the bench, subject to their quote being acceptable to the Chairman/Appointed Finance Councillor and the Clerk.**

18. Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate

- a) Noted the email from the local resident regarding the amount of dog poo, the general state of the Industrial Estate and the types of jobs which the Industrial Estate currently attracts.
- b) Noted the Conwy County Borough Council reply to the resident.
- c) Noted the report prepared by Cllr B Griffiths regarding the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate.
- d) Noted that the Conwy County Borough Councillors will be attending a meeting before the end of March 2021, to discuss Tourism in Towyn and Kinmel Bay, and how to best promote the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate.
- e) Noted that following the County Councillors attendance at the above mentioned Conwy County Borough Council meeting, that the County Councillors will report back to the Full Council at the next appropriate meeting.

19. Foryd Road Traffic Lights

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council have finally completed the requested alteration to the lights.

20. Access for All

- a) Noted that a zoom meeting has been arranged between Conwy County Borough Council Officers and Councillors, and the Town Councillors at 15:30 on Wednesday 10th March, 2021, to discuss Access for All, Mobility and Active Travel.
- b) Noted the update provided by the Clerk regarding the feedback which he has received from the

various charities which he contacted regarding Access for All in Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

Resolved that: The Town Council will strongly express our disappointment that the footbridge in Towyn is not suitable for cyclists, young families and/or disabled users (residents and visitors).

21. Permanent Christmas Tree

Resolved that: The Clerk obtain some costings for permanent Christmas trees and power supplies, and report back to the Full Council in due course.

22. Defibrillator

Resolved that: The quote for the sum of £1,280 for a defibrillator and cabinet from Wel Medical be approved, as it was considered to be excellent value, and the model is the same as all the existing community defibrillators.

Resolved that: The defibrillator, will be located on the outside of the convenience store at Sandy Cove.

23. Community Skips

Noted that Conwy have put the community skips on hold for the time being due to the current Covid-19 lockdown.

Resolved that: -

a) The 2020-21 community skip budget will be reduced from £2,500 to £1,540, and that the 2021-22 community skip budget will be increased by £960, from £3,000 to £3,960.

b) The Town Council will arrange a community litter pick event at the embankment on the St Asaph Avenue railway bridge, once the Conwy County Borough Council community skip events are able to recommence.

24. Morfa Flood Forum

Noted that the first meeting of the forum was held on 18/02/2021, and the attendees included representation from Abergele Town Council.

Noted that once the minutes of the meeting are received from Conwy County Borough Council, they will be presented at a future meeting of the Town Council.

25. Llanddulas to Kinmel Bay – Proposed Coastal Flood Defence Improvement Scheme

Noted the update and the report prepared by Cllr B Griffiths, following the meeting which was held on 22/02/2021 with Conwy Officers/Councillors and Town Councillors.

Resolved that: The Councillors would provide the Clerk with details of what they would like to be included in the scheme/the comments regarding the proposed scheme.

Noted that the Clerk will present the Councillors suggestions/feedback at a suitable future Full Town Council meeting.

26. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted the two grants which have been awarded (Welsh Water Community Fund £500 and Conwy County Borough Council Play Scheme £2,000), towards the proposed works at the Chester Avenue Woodland.

Resolved that: The quote for the sum of £5,715 from Dig It be approved, as it was the cheapest of the quotes received, and the Councillors felt that it represented excellent value for money.

Noted that this work relates to phase one (ground works) and that further phases including wild flower/meadow area, tree planting and the installation of suitable seating for the outside play area/classroom, will be completed in 2021 -22.

Resolved that: A budget of £4,215 (Chester Avenue Woodland Improvements) would be marked for 2020-21, and the remainder would be paid out of the £1,500 in Ear Marked Reserves (Willow - Chester Avenue) which was carried forward from 2019-2020.

27. Lift

Resolved that: -

- a) The quote for the sum of £680 from Standard Lift be approved, as it was considered the best value for money, as it was the cheapest of the two quotes and also included a lift prop.**
- b) The quote for the sum of £425 from KRM be approved, whilst it was the only quote received for tanking the lift shaft, it was considered to be excellent value for money, and the work previously undertaken by KRM was completed to an excellent standard and on time.**

28. Tir Prince Park and Pond

Noted that in the absence of Cllr D Johnson, the feedback following his recent site meeting at the Tir Prince Park/Pond with Conwy County Borough Council Officers would be added to the agenda of a future Full Town Council meeting.

Resolved that: The quote for the sum of £790 from Dig It to increase the size of the island in the Tir Prince Park Pond would be approved, whilst it was the only quote received, the quote was deemed to be excellent value for money, and all work previously undertaken by Dig It has always been completed to an excellent standard and on time.

29. Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the updated environmental related work schedule, which was presented and fully explained by the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 21:30

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council Meeting on 08/03/2021