

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Improvements – (Virtual Meeting) held on Wednesday 9th June, 2021 at 7pm

Present Cllrs: G Corry (Deputy Mayor), B Griffiths, P Hamer, D Johnson, M Jones, B McLoughlin, J McKenna, K Redhead (Mayor), N Smith

Non Voting: Cllr M Smith

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Chairman

Nominations were received and seconded for Cllrs B McLoughlin and N Smith. With no further nominations, a vote was taken.

Resolved that: - Cllr B McLoughlin be appointed Chairman.

2. Deputy Chairman

Nominations were received and seconded for Cllrs B Griffiths and N Smith. With no further nominations, a vote was taken. (chairman exercised her casting vote).

Resolved that: - Cllr B Griffiths be appointed Deputy Chairman.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

4. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs N Smith and D Johnson declared an interest in agenda item 7 – Planning, as they are both members of the planning committee at Conwy County Borough Council, and were placed in the virtual meeting waiting room whilst the agenda item was being discussed.

5. Public Participation

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

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

7. Planning

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Proposed single storey extensions and alterations to existing bungalow.

Resolved: - No Objection

8. Permanent Christmas Trees

Resolved that: -

a) Subject to the Churches accepting full responsibility for the permanent Christmas trees once they have been planted, the Town Council would fully cover the cost of planting a permanent Christmas tree at the following locations: -

- Kinmel Bay Church, North Coast Church and St Mary's Church.

b) The quote from Cambrian Woodland Services for the sum of £2,575 for the supply and planting of 3 x 4m Nordman Fir Trees be approved, as it was considered to be excellent value for money, and was the only quote that the Clerk could obtain for 4 metre trees.

c) The cost of the supply and planting of the trees would be paid out of the 2021-22 planting budget.

Noted that a local business (IPN Pet food) has kindly agreed to support the Town Council and Conwy County Borough Council with tree planting.

Resolved that: -

The Clerk would contact IPN Pet Food, and ask if they would be prepared to cover the cost of the supply and planting of the three permanent trees.

9. Access for All/Active Travel

Noted that a meeting had been arranged between the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic and Network Manager, Town Councillors and County Councillors on Wednesday 30/06/21, at 10am, at the entrance of the Tir Prince Park, to discuss and take matters forward.

10. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Resolved that: -

a) The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to advise them, that subject to Conwy County Borough Council repairing/replacing the two signs on St Asaph Avenue (by Kinmel Bay Church) which are not presently in operation, the Town Council will consider funding the cost of installing a sign at the following two locations: -

- **Gors Road – (existing post and power already in place).**
- **St Asaph Avenue by the first entrance to the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate.**

b) The Environmental Improvements Committee recommend that the Full Town Council approve a £10k budget to cover the estimated cost of two vehicle activated speed signs.

11. Bus Shelters

Resolved that: -

The quote for the sum of £1,950 from Rise and Shine be approved, as whilst it was not the cheapest option, it was considered to be good value for money, and the best option for the bus shelter, and for the local residents who use the shelter (provides better protection from the elements).

Noted the 2021 H1 bus shelter internal survey has been completed.

12. Concrete Ping Pong/Teqball Tables

Resolved that: -

a) The clerk would contact both the Y Morfa Leisure Centre and Cartrefi Conwy to enquire if they would consider giving permission for a concrete play table to be installed at their locations.

b) The final decision regarding the location of the concrete play tables would be delegated to Cllr K Redhead (2021-22 Mayor).

c) The Environmental Improvements Committee would recommend to the Full Town Council that a budget of £3,500 is approved for 2021-22, to cover the cost of one table.

Noted that North Wales Police may also have funding available, and maybe willing to support a second play table.

13. 2021 - Q2 Internal Tree Survey

Noted the Q2 internal tree survey has been completed.

14. Benches

Resolved that: -

a) The Town Council would cover the cost to supply and install three standard UPVC benches in the grounds of St Mary's Church for our local residents and visitors to use.

b) The quote for the sum of £1,080 from Dig It to install three concrete bases be approved, whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money, and all work previously completed by Dig It had always been completed to a high standard (the quote included the delivery/storage of the three benches).

c) The quote from Plastecowood for the sum of £825 for three armed IPVC standard benches be approved, as whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money, and all products previously purchased from Plastecowood were of an excellent standard.

15. Morfa Flood Forum

Noted the Conwy County Borough Council prepared informal minutes notes/minutes relating to the first meeting of the Flood Forum, which was held on 18th February, 2021.

Noted the Cllr G Corry will again chase Conwy County Borough Council to arrange a further meeting of the Flood Forum, as there are presently a lot of matters to cover.

16. Active Travel Public Consultation

Noted the previously mentioned meeting with the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic and Network Manager (see agenda item 9).

Noted that the Councillors need to actively promote the Public Consultation, to ensure that the residents of Towyn & Kinnel Bay are aware of the consultation/have their say.

17. Conwy County Borough Council Litter Bin Provision

Noted that Cllr D Johnson has been in contact with Conwy County Borough Council to request that the existing bins at the Tir Prince market entrance, by the footbridge, are replaced with larger quadrant bins.

Resolved that: -

a) The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to confirm that the Town Council is happy for Conwy County Borough Council to concentrate on upgrading bins between the area near to the Spar in Towyn, along the A548 towards Rhyl, along Sandbank Road and within Tir Prince Park.

b) The Clerk whilst writing to Conwy County Borough Council, also requests that they replace the existing bin outside the corner shop on Chester Avenue, with a larger wheelie type bin, as the existing bin is not big enough.

Noted that Keep Wales Tidy have a scheme for corner shops, and that Cllr K Redhead will contact the proprietor with a view to them signing up for the scheme.

18. Welcome Signs

Resolved that: -

a) The Town Council are prepared to cover the cost of two welcome to Kinmel Bay signs, one at Sandy Cove (Towyn Road) and one just after the Borth Crossroads on St Asaph Avenue.

b) The Environmental Committee recommend that the Full Council approve an £8,000 budget for 2021-22 to cover the cost of the two proposed signs (signs to be bilingual and to include Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council Crest).

19. Community Skips

Resolved that: -

a) A community skip event will be arranged at Sandy Cove before the end of June 2021.

b) A community skip event will be arranged at Chester Avenue before the end of July, 2021.

c) The Clerk will write to the Conwy County Borough Council - Head of Neighbourhood Services (4 County Councillors to be 'CC' into the email) to ask if Conwy County Borough Council can support the event by providing two men and a van to assist the residents, and also use the opportunity for a Conwy County Borough Council Litter Education Event to be held at the two locations, as they have previously been successful and well received by the residents.

d) The Town Council will cover the cost of two skips on each of the two proposed days, at a cost of £230 per skip (arranged via Conwy County Borough Council).

e) The arrangement for the Community litter pick event at the embankment on the Cader House site, will be deferred until the July Environmental Improvements Committee meeting.

20. Fforyd Y Berllan Playing Fields

Resolved that: - The Town Council are agreeable to the proposal in principle (Scottish Power Energy Networks seeking a revised wayleave over the Towyn Way East open space – Ffordd Y Berllan Playing Field), subject to Scottish Power Energy Networks being liable for full re-instatement, following the completion of the work.

21. Community Place Plan

Resolved that: -

a) The Environmental Improvements Committee will recommend that the Full Council ratify the £500 plus VAT payment to Chris Jones Business Consultants for the completion of the UK Community Renewal Fund application form, and that the 2021-22 budget for Professional Fees is increased from £1,400 to £1,900 to cover.

b) The Environmental Committee recommend that the Full Council provisionally approve a £10k budget to cover the Town Council's contribution to the project (match funding) in the 2021-22 budget.

Noted that the Welsh Government's decision regarding the funding application is expected in late July/early August.

Noted that if approved, the Town Council will have approximately 7 months to complete the project.

Noted that the Councillors have been requested to read/gain a full understanding of the contents of the application form, and provide feedback/comments to the Clerk.

22. Proposed Flood Defence Improvements

Noted that Cllr B Griffiths has been in contact with Conwy County Borough Council/NRW regarding the role of flood wardens'/flood prevention.

Noted the update from the informal meeting which was held between Conwy County Borough Council Officers, CBCC Councillors and Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council Councillors on 26/05/2021.

Resolved that: - Cllr B Griffiths will collate a list of concerns, and forward to the Morfa Flood Forum, on the Town Council's behalf.

Cllr N Smith left the meeting early at approximately 20:50 (IT issues).

23. Youth Justice Services Involvement

Resolved that: - The Clerk will write to the Youth Justice Services to ask what they can do, what constraints they have, and enquire if they can assist with the proposed community skip events at Chester Avenue and Sandy Cove.

24. Towyn Update

Cllr D Johnson provided an update to Cllrs which included: -

- Proposed refurbishment of the Conwy County Borough Council car park on Sandbank Road.
- Recent Anti-social behaviour issues on Sandbank Road
- The dangerous corner on Gaingc Road Towyn is to be included in the Conwy County Borough Council Active Travel Plan
- Gors Road signage to be reviewed
- North Wales Police are stepping up prosecution of E Scooters users
- Tir Prince Park – looking good (recent work at pond and planting of bluebells)
- Baby Swans at Tir Prince Park attracting a lot of attention

25. Raised Planters

Cllr M Jones advised the members of the delays he has encountered due to plants not being ready, due to the poor weather in May.

Noted that arrangements need to be put in place for watering the plants in the planters, during dry weather, over the coming weeks.

26. Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted that due to time constraints a full review of the 2021-22 schedule will be deferred until/undertaken in the July meeting, and that in the meantime all Councillors will need to read /understand the schedule, and consider the proposed projects ready for the July meeting.

Meeting Closed at 21:10

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Signed by the Chair of the next Environmental Improvements meeting held on 7th July, 2021