

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

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

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

Non Voting: Cllr A Macauley

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Griffiths and P Hamer. Cllr L Knightly was absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Public Participation

There was one resident/member of the public in the meeting, as she wished to observe the meeting.

4. Minutes

Resolved that: - The minutes of the Environmental Improvements meeting held on 09/06/2021, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Permanent Christmas Trees

Noted that: -

a) The three local Churches have all accepted the offer of a permanent Christmas tree being planted in their Church grounds.

b) The trees will be planted in Sept/Oct, as the tree specialist has advised that this is the best time for them to be planted.

c) The three Churches will be asked to sign a planting licence, which states that once the trees are planted, they are fully responsible for the trees, (the licences will be signed prior to the trees being planted).

d) The Clerk will contact IPN Pet Food, to enquire if they will contribute towards the cost of the planting of the three trees.

7. Access for All/Active Travel

Noted that the proposed meeting with the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic and Network Manager, was held on 30/06/2021(on bikes) and that the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic and Network Manager has promised to keep the Town Council fully updated regarding Conwy

County Borough Council Access for All/Active Travel Plans, for the Towyn and Kinmel Bay area.

Noted that the document provided by Cllr B Griffiths relating to the Clwyd West Bank will be discussed under agenda item 13 – Morfa Flood Forum, as the document covers/relates to both agenda items.

8. Bus Shelters

Noted that: -

- a) The proposed improvements to the Chester Avenue bus shelter have been delayed due to an issue sourcing the required brackets, to undertake the improvements.
- b) There may be an additional cost to the proposed refurbishment, as the above mentioned brackets, were not included in the initial quote.

9. Concrete Play Tables

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy have shown positive interest in a play table being installed on their land at Chester Avenue.

Noted that Cllr K Redhead is in contact with North Wales Police regarding a possible grant from them to cover the cost of a suitable base for the table.

10. Welcome Signs

Noted that the awaited reply/update has still not been received from Conwy County Borough Council.

11. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Noted that the estimated costs for the two proposed signs is £10,000 which is in line with the budget which has been approved by the Full Council.

Noted that Cllr N Smith has confirmed that Conwy County Borough Council have agreed to cover the cost of repairing/replacing the two existing speed signs on St Asaph Avenue.

Noted that the proposed speed signs will need to be adjustable, as the Government is talking about reducing the speed limit from 30 to 20 in certain residential areas.

Resolved that: -

a) The Environmental Improvements Committee recommend to the Full Council that the Town Council agree to fund the cost of the two proposed speed signs, (Gors Road – existing post and power in place and St Asaph Avenue by the first entrance to the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate).

b) The Environmental Improvements Committee recommend that the Town Council considers further speed signs in 2022-23 if the proposed speed signs for 2021-22 prove to be successful (rolling programme).

12. Community Skips

Noted the dates of the two proposed Community Skip Events.

- Sandy Cove 22/07/2021
- Chester Avenue 05/08/2021

Noted that two skips have been booked for both events.

Noted that every property in Sandy Cove has been advised by letter of the Sandy Cove Skip Event.

Resolved that: - The arrangements for the proposed Community Litter Pick Event at the embankment on the Cader House site will be deferred to the September Environmental Improvements Committee meeting.

Noted that the area in front of Plas Elwy on Old Foryd Road will be added to the community litter picking schedule..

13. Morfa Flood Forum

Noted the various documents/reports provided by Cllr B Griffiths and the update provided by Cllr G Corry (Chairman of the Morfa Flood Forum), which included: -

- Bore holes
- Property Level Resilience
- Conwy County Borough Council looking to adopt/take over the Flood Forum's Website
- The RDP submission which has been fully supported by the Flood Forum at their meeting earlier this week.

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to confirm the Town Council's support for the inclusion of the Clwyd West Bank in the Conwy County Borough Council Local Development Plan.

14. Youth Justice Services

Noted the reply received from the Youth Justice Services, which advised that their activity was presently restricted due to Covid restrictions/regulations.

15. Planting of Trees at Llys Cynffig

Noted that it had come to light that at least two of the 14 households had not been consulted prior to the planning of the trees, and both of these households had concerns regarding the trees.

Noted that Cllr M Jones has hand delivered a letter to each of the 14 households regarding the trees which have been planted, to give the households the opportunity to contact either himself or the Clerk, regarding the trees.

Noted that a resident has contacted Conwy County Borough Council regarding the planting of the trees, and that the Clerk has provided a detailed response to Conwy County Borough Council, so that they can reply to the resident.

16. Owain Glydwr Park – CCBC Bio Diversity Plan

Noted the Consultation Plan and document received from Conwy County Borough Council, regarding their proposed plans for the park.

Noted that Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council paid for the railings to be installed around the existing dog exercise area, and it is within this area of the park that Conwy County Borough Council are looking to install the Bio Diversity area.

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to ask who will be responsible for covering the cost for the new railings which will need to be installed for the replacement dog run area within the park.

17. Picnic Tables

Resolved that: -

- a) The Clerk will request quotes for the installation of an octagonal picnic bench at Chester Avenue.**
- b) The Clerk will investigate if a concrete base will be required for the octagonal picnic table, and depending on the proposed location at Chester Avenue, whether consent is required from Conwy County Borough Council.**
- c) Two standard benches and concrete bases will be installed in Tir Prince Park (South end of the park), subject to the required authority from Conwy County Borough Council.**

Noted that the two picnic benches presently located on the grass verges at the entrance to the Tir Prince raceway will need to be relocated to a permanent location in due cause.

18. Bulb Planting

Resolved that: -

- a) Cllr B McLoughlin will be delegated the responsibility to identify suitable locations within Towyn & Kinmel Bay, for bulb planting.**
- b) The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to enquire about the mass planting of bulbs/crocus's in the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area, and request an indication of the likely costs, and whether any grant funding is available.**

19. Raised Planters

Resolved that: -

- a) The quote for the sum of £3,550 from Plastecowood be approved, as whilst it was the only quote received, the quote was deemed to be excellent value for money. The quote included the delivery and construction of the seven planters.**
- b) The 6 proposed locations for the 7 planters be approved, subject to the Town Council obtaining the appropriate authority from the land owners, where required.**
- c) The Clerk will obtain quotes from suitable contractors to provide the soil, plants/shrubs and undertake the planting of the seven planters with appropriate perennial plants and/or shrubs.**

20. OVW – Local Places for Nature Advisor

Noted that OVW have appointed a Local Places for Nature Advisor, to help Town and County Council to facilitate local places for nature projects.

21. Sandy Cove

Resolved that: -

- a) Subject to obtaining the appropriate consent from the land owner, the Town Council would look to plant up to 10 suitable trees on the Green at Clwyd Gardens.**

b) Once the land owners consent has been obtained, that the Town Council contact the Conwy County Borough Council Tree Officer, to discuss suitable species of trees and testing soil samples.

22. Damaged Flagstones outside the TKBTC Community Resource Centre

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council had replaced the damaged paving slabs outside Community Resource Centre with Tarmac (by the walkway between the TKBTC Resource Centre and the Golden Bay Fish & Chip Shop).

Noted that whilst it was unclear from the plans/lease whether the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council or Conwy County Borough Council were responsible for this area, Conwy County Borough Council accepted responsibility and completed the work, as the paving slabs had been damaged by the Conwy County Borough Council grass cutting machines, that use the path as a short cut.

23. Towyn & Kinmel Bay Proposed Home Efficiency Scheme

Noted the Scheme.

Resolved that: -

All Councillors would actively promote the scheme to the residents of Towyn & Kinmel Bay both by face to face discussions and by sharing on social media.

24. Environmental Work Scheme

Noted the updated year to date 2021-22 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule.

Meeting Closed 20:45

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Environmental Improvements Committee on 13/09/2021.