

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Improvements – (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 15th November, 2021 at 7pm

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

Non Voting:

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Smith.

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 Environmental Improvements meeting held on 13/09/2021, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Concrete Play Table

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy are in the process of arranging a site meeting to discuss the proposed location.

7. Bulb Planting

Noted that the 200 square metres of Crocus bulbs were successfully planted on Friday 5th November, 2021.

8. Tree Planting

Resolved that: -

a) In view of the mixed feedback received from the Consultation with residents, members resolved not to plant any additional trees at the following locations, for the time being.

- Entrance to Clwyd Park Play Area
- Green at Lon Olwen
- Green at Bodelwyddan Avenue/Trem Y Bont
- Kendal Road/Moelwyn Avenue East

b) The dead trees on the grass verges between the Kinmel Bay Community Centre and the Mayquay would be replaced.

9. Chester Avenue

Noted the update/report provided by Cllr K Redhead, which was dated 11/11/2021.

Cllr M Smith joined the meeting late at 19:25

10. Welcome Signs
Resolved that: - The Councillors will make a decision regarding the number/type of Welcome/Thank You signs once the final drawings, locations and the full costings are known.
11. Speed Sensing Sign
Noted the update from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the signs, which are due to be installed w/c 22/11/2021.
Resolved that: - The speed sign budget be reduced from £10,000 to £6,000, now that Conwy County Borough Council have agreed to cover cost of the replacement sign on Gors Road.
12. Public Health Wales
Noted the recent communication received from Public Health Wales, regarding infographics highlighting the importance of climate change impacting on the health and wellbeing of the population of Wales.
13. Active Travel
Noted the Conwy County Borough Council Public Consultation regarding the Active Travel Network Maps.
14. Christmas
Resolved that: -
a) **The quote from our Christmas light contractor for the sum of £420 + vat to permanently install the spare Christmas tree lights in the two trees outside the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council Community Resource Centre be approved. The Councillors considered the quote to be excellent value for money.**

b) **To pay out of the LED Lighting Project Budget.**
15. Litter Picking Station
Resolved that: -
a) **The Clerk would obtain quotes for a suitable A Frame/Litter Picking Station**

b) **The Clerk will approach the owners of Baysville, to enquire if they would consider a trial installation at their site next Spring.**
16. Damaged Fence on Y Ddol
Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council and Cartrefi Conwy regarding the holes in the fence, which the Council consider to be a health & safety risk for small children.
17. Parc Hanes
Noted the update from the Leader of Conwy County Borough Council, which confirmed that the Project Plan for Parc Hanes has been completed following the agreement from Welsh Government, that Conwy County Borough Council can use/sign over the land.
18. Conwy Urban Tree Planting Project
Noted the update from Conwy County Borough Council Ecologist confirming that Conwy County Borough Council anticipate that the planting will be delivered in Jan/March 2022.

19. Bus Shelters

Noted that the required improvements have still not been made to the Chester Avenue Bus Shelter, and that the Clerk is pushing Conwy County Borough Council to ensure that the required work, is completed as soon as possible.

Resolved that: -

a) The quote for the sum of £280 from Rise and Shine (approved Conwy County Borough Council Contractor) to replace the two damaged front panels on the Seagull bus shelter in Towyn be approved, as the members considered the quote to be excellent value for money.

b) The £280 payment be made from the Bus Shelter Maintenance/Improvement Funds, which Conwy County Borough Council held on behalf of Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council.

20. Drone Footage

Resolved that: - A copy of the footage will be provided to the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic Manager, and that we request that he provides feedback to the Town Council once he has viewed the footage.

21. Ground Maintenance Contractor

Noted the issues presently being encountered with the Ground Maintenance Contractor, and that the Clerk will provide an update at a future meeting of the Town Council.

22. Ffordd Y Berllan

Resolved that: - The members were fully supportive of the stance taken by the Clerk, regarding a resident undertaking ground maintenance work at Ffordd Y Berllan.

23. Community Skip Event

Resolved that: - Two Community Skip Events would be held in February 2022, one at Sandy Cove and one at the Kinmel Church Car Park, as it was not possible to hold any skip events in 2020-21 at either of these locations due to Covid-19 lockdown/restrictions (two skips per event).

24. Clwyd Park Trees

Noted the reply from the Conwy County Borough Council Tree Officer which stated that Conwy County Borough Council would not agree to residents pollarding trees, as this would set a precedent for other neighbours to do likewise, eventually leading to all Council parks being surrounded by pollarded trees. Pollarding mature trees is also contrary to the British Standards for tree works (BS3998) and would be considered to be a bad practice unless there was an essential Health and Safety requirement to do it.

25. Community Litter Picking

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to get these historic fly tipping locations on the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate cleared.

26. Quarryline Path – Replacement Plaque

Noted that the plaque has been replaced, and that there have been a number of positive comments on social media, regarding the replacement plaque.

27. Internal Tree Survey

Noted that the Q4 2021 Internal Tree Survey has been completed.

28. Permanent Christmas Trees

Noted that the permanent Christmas trees are due to be planted w/c 22/11/2021, and that the Clerk will advise the Councillors of the full details once they are known.

29. Llys Cynfig

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to the resident to advise that the Town Council only presently installs raised planters on main roads/routes within Towyn & Kinmel Bay, however the Town Council will be happy to purchase some bulbs for the residents to plant in the grass verges.

30. Owain Glyndwr Abandoned Play Area

Noted that the Town Council is still awaiting an update from Conwy County Borough Council and also the residents group who are looking to maintain the Community Orchard/Allotment once ownership has been transferred from Conwy County Borough Council.

31. Llys Madoc

Resolved that: -

a) The existing raised wooden planters would not be relocated.

b) Cllr B McLoughlin (Chair of Environmental Improvements Committee) be delegated the responsibility to introduce changes to some of the planters, with a view to planting more visual plants such as roses.

32. 2021-22 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

The Clerk presented and explained the update 2021-22 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule.

Noted the updated schedule.

Meeting Closed at 20:45

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Environmental Improvements Committee held on 24/01/2022.