

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Improvements – (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 24th January, 2022 at 7pm

Present Cllrs: L Formston, L Gledhill, B Griffiths, D Johnson, A Macauley, J McKenna, B McLoughlin, K Redhead (Mayor), M Smith & N Smith

Non Voting: Cllr D Mulvaney

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Corry. Cllr L Formston had advised that she would be joining the meeting late. Cllrs L Knightly and A Hodgson were both absent without apology.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr N Smith declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 – Planning, as he is a member of the Planning Committee at Conwy County Borough Council, and he was placed in the virtual 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 Environmental Improvements meeting held on 15/11/21, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Planning

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Single Story, flat roof extension to front elevation of existing dwelling.

Resolved that: No Objection

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Variation of condition no 4 (Opening Hours) of planning approval 0/49145 (Change of use of residential garden area to a mixed use comprising café/snack bar with retail sales and associated outdoor seating and toilet facilities and increase in front wall boundary wall to 400mm and provision of demountable flood barriers) to allow for an extension to opening hours from 08:00 to 22:00 on any given day.

Resolved that: No Objection

Cllr D Johnson joined the meeting late at 19:06.

7. Parc Hanes

Noted the update and the Project Initiation Document from Conwy County Borough Council.

8. Bus Shelters

a) **Resolved to ratify the decision made by the Clerk to approve the design of the proposed replacement bus shelter on Towyn Road (outside Palins/Tir Prince Raceway), which Conwy County Borough Council are looking to install as part of the Active Travel Improvements.**

b) Noted that the proposed improvements have still not been made to the Chester Avenue and Seagull bus shelters, and that the Clerk is chasing Conwy County Borough Council on a regular basis, to ensure that the required work is completed, as soon as possible.

9. Y Ddol

Noted that Cartrefi Conwy have arranged for the two holes in the fence to be repaired.

10. Litter Picking Station

Noted that Baysville have confirmed that they are happy for a litter picking station to be located at Baysville, and are also happy for the station to be added to their Public Liability Insurance.

Resolved that: -

a) **The Town Council will purchase a litter picking station, at an approximate cost of £900, which will be located at Baysville on a trial basis, and will be paid for out of the 2021 -22 Solar Farm Funds.**

b) **The Town Council will contact Sunny Vale Caravan Park, the Kiosk Lease Holder at the Kinmel Bay beach, Golden Sands Caravan Park & Knightly's Fair to ask if they would consider installing litter picking stations at the beach entrance to their locations, if the trial at Baysville proves to be successful.**

Noted that Cllr D Mulvaney, will also ask other parks in Towyn, to gauge their interest.

11. Greenfingers

Noted that a reduction of £2,590 to the 2021-22 Ground Maintenance Contract with Greenfingers has been agreed, due to issues encountered with work not been completed.

12. Historic Fly Tips on Tir Llwyd

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council will make arrangements to clear their site.

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council – Estates Teams, to ask them to contact the Leaseholder of the second fly tip site, to request for the site to be cleared (land plot between Conwy County Borough Council Mercury Units and Samco).

Noted Cllr B Griffiths will contact Conwy County Borough Council regarding the ongoing issues at the vacant land on Cader Avenue.

13. Chester Avenue Woodland

a) Noted that the Woodland area is being well used by both local Schools, the Greenfingers Community Group and the Willow Harvesters.

b) Noted that there have recently been Anti-Social behaviour issues at the Woodland, in the evenings, including an off road motorbike being ridden in the Woodland.

c) Noted that unfortunately there has been a theft of 9 bags of manure from the Woodland, which residents CCTV have captured the bags being stolen from the Woodland; and that the Police have been informed.

d) Noted that the Greenfingers Group will be applying to the Town Council for a grant to purchase plants for the woodland.

Resolved that: - If the 9 bags of manure are not returned, the Town Council will replace the bags, so that the Community Group can proceed with their proposed planting.

Resolved that: - The Clerk will explore regarding applying to the Woodland Trust for free trees, to be planted in the Woodland, and also look to get the Lais Y Goedwig representative involved with the proposed planting scheme.

Cllr L Gledhill left the meeting early at 19:50

14. Concrete Play Tables

Noted the update from Cartrefi Conwy which was received earlier today and that Cllr K Redhead will consider how/if to proceed, and will update the members at the next Environmental Improvements meeting.

Cllr L Formston joined the meeting late at 20:05

15. Community Skips

Noted the two Community Skip Events which have been arranged in February, and that there will be two skips available for both events (Sandy Cove 10/02/2022 and Kinnel Bay Church Car Park on 24/02/2022).

16. Clwyd Park

Resolved that: - The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to express the Town Council's disappointment that there has been no progress with the proposed installation of a gate. (Email to be sent to the Open Spaces Area Manager East, Cabinet Member for ERF, and TKBTC Conwy County Borough Council Members.

17. Incredible Edible Projects in Conwy

Noted the various schemes within the County of Conwy.

18. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Resolved that: - The Clerk write to Conwy CBC Events Team to advise that whilst the Town Council is not putting any events on ourselves, we have agreed to consider awarding grants up to the value of £250, to any Community Groups who are looking to hold a Queen's Jubilee related event, subject to them obtaining any required consents from Conwy County Borough Council (if applicable).

19. Winter Lights 2021

Noted the email from Conwy County Borough Council requesting feedback relating to the 2021 Winter Lights event in Kinnel Bay.

Noted the feedback from the various Councillors, which the Clerk will feedback to the Conwy County Borough Council events team.

Nigel Smith left the meeting early at 20:35

20. 2021-22 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the updates provided by the Clerk.

Noted that Cllr D Johnson is arranging a site meeting with Senior Conwy County Council Officers at Tir Prince Park, and that Cllr D Johnson will provide details/date and time of the proposed meeting to the members, once the proposed meeting has been confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 20:42

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Signed by the Chairman of the Environmental Improvements meeting held on 28/02/2022.