

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Improvements – (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 25th April, 2022 at 7pm

Present Cllrs: L Formston, B Griffiths, D Johnson, A Macauley, B McLoughlin, D Mulvaney, M Smith & N Smith

Ex Officio (Voting) Member: K Redhead (Mayor) & G Corry (Deputy Mayor)

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Gledhill. Cllrs L Knightly and J McKenna 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 28/02/2022, be approved and signed.

Cllrs M Smith and B Griffiths joined the meeting late at 19:05.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above meeting minutes.

6. Planning

0/49568

Installation of 5 no. flues for 4 no. 195kw boilers and 1 no. 500kw boiler to the north end of the main storage shed.

Resolved that: No Objection

0/49576

Proposed rear extension, total re-roofing to form first floor and side porch.

Resolved that: No Objection

0/49580

Proposed warehouse for storage and distribution of wines, spirits, beers and soft drinks. Included in the warehouse are offices, off-licence and services.

Resolved that: No Objection

Cllr B Griffiths, requested that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that he was against planning application – 0/49580.

7. Picnic Benches

Resolved that: The two standard armed UPVC benches would be installed, one in Tir Prince Park (next to the path on the Eastern Boundary) and one in Kendal Road Park (opposite end to the existing bench).

8. Conwy County Borough Council Play Scheme

Resolved that:

a) 5 x weekly Conwy County Borough Council Play Scheme sessions at a cost of £810 be approved, as it was deemed to be good value for money, as the sessions are normally charged at £270 per session (2 free sessions included).

b) The Conwy County Borough Council Play Scheme sessions be held at Tir Prince Park.

c) The Clerk writes to Y Morfa, St Mary's Church, Chester House and Cartrefi Conwy, to invite suggestions/applications from them for Summer Play Events/Activities in the Towyn and Kinmel Bay area for 2022.

9. Plaque at Tir Prince Park

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council are no longer looking to replace/refurbish the existing plaque, as part of the Active Travel Scheme, as the project budget has already been fully spent.

Resolved that: The existing plaque is not refurbished/replaced at this time, as the Councillors felt that the existing plaque was important to the history of the park.

10. Morfa Rhuddlan Flood Group

Noted the update and Informal meeting notes relating to the group's recent meeting which was held on 16/03/2022.

11. Queen's Green Canopy Map

Noted the Queen's Green Canopy Map, which is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

12. Conwy County Borough Council Tree Planting Scheme

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council's Contractors had now completed the tree planting in the Towyn & Kinmel Bay area.

Noted that there had been some issues with trees not being staked, and that a small number of trees in the Owain Glyndwr park had already been damaged.

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Conwy County Borough Council to request clarification why there are large areas of grass verges on St Asaph Avenue, where no trees have been planted.

13. Drone Traffic Footage

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic Manager to enquire why the proposed box junction in Towyn (Gors Road/Sandbank Road, and Towyn

Road) has not been installed, and also to request that Conwy County Borough Council review the timings of the traffic lights at the junction, as the lights do not appear to take into account the increased traffic during Easter/Summer months.

14. Chester Avenue Woodland

Noted the feedback, following the site meeting which was held at the Woodland on 03/03/2022, between members and the One Voice Wales – Local Places for Nature Officer.

Noted that there may be funding available via One Voice Wales, for any proposed improvements at the Woodland.

Noted that a Working Party has been arranged at the Woodland on Saturday 21st May, 2022 by Llais Y Goedwig, and that all Councillors are invited.

Resolved that: The Clerk will prepare a poster to advertise the event, and that the Clerk will forward the proposed poster to members to promote the event.

Cllr G Corry joined the meeting late at 19:45

15. Y Ddol

Resolved that: The Clerk will write to Cartrefi Conwy to confirm that the Town Council would like to see a gate installed, as repairing the fence is clearly not working, subject to them undertaking appropriate consultations with the Tenants and Residents on the Estate.

16. National Forest of Wales

Noted the communication from the National Forest of Wales, regarding the online interactive map which they have recently introduced, to help them understand where residents/visitors would like to see more trees planted in their communities by dropping a pin on the map.

17. 2022 – Q1 - Internal Tree Survey

Noted the 2022 - Q1 Internal Tree Survey, which has been undertaken/completed by the Clerk.

18. Promenade Seats

Resolved that: The Clerk would obtain costings and check with Conwy County Borough Council whether infrastructure can be installed on the Crown Estate (Beach), and whether consent would be required and from whom.

19. Tir Prince Park

Noted the short report/update provided by Cllr D Johnson, following the site meeting which he recently attended with Conwy County Borough Council Officers and Darren Millar – Member of the Senedd.

20. Community Skips

Resolved that: The Town Council would introduce a Second Community Skip Event in Towyn in 2022-23 (Festival Church car park).

Resolved that: The first 2022-23 Community Skip Event would be held at Chester Avenue (2 skips), on a Thursday, at the end of May.

21. Christmas Lights

Resolved that: This agenda item will be added to the agenda of the next Full Town Council meeting, which is on 03/05/2022.

22. Bus Shelters

Noted that the balance which Conwy County Borough Council holds on behalf of TKBTC, relating to the ongoing cleaning/maintenance and replacement of the TKBTC owned bus shelters presently stands at £6,830.75.

Noted that the contractor whose quotes had been previously approved by TKBTC, to undertake necessary repairs to the Chester Avenue and the Seagull bus shelters, is no longer able to undertake the work, and therefore Conwy County Borough Council are presently obtaining replacement quotes for the required work, for the two bus shelters.

23. 2022-23 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule

Noted the Draft 2022-23 Environmental Improvements Work Schedule, which the members will need to discuss/prioritise at the first Environmental related Full Council meeting in 2022-23.

Meeting Closed at 20:20

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Signed by the Chairman of the Full Council meeting held on 03/05/2022.