

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – (Hybrid Meeting) held on Wednesday 8th June, 2022 at 7:00pm

Present Cllrs: G Corry (Mayor), L Formston, B Griffiths, L Griffiths, D Johnson, M Jones, L Knightly, A Macauley, B McLoughlin, D Mulvaney, K Redhead, M Smith & N Smith

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Bibby and L Gledhill.

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 Full Council meeting held on 25/05/2022, be approved and signed.

Cllr B McLoughlin joined the meeting late at 19:05 (Virtually).

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the above mentioned meeting minutes.

6. Y Ddol

Noted the recent update from Cartrefi Conwy, which advised that they were holding a face to face consultation with the residents between 22 – 24 June, 2022, and that the results will then be pulled together, and they will make a decision on how to proceed, to address the issues with the holes in the fence.

7. Drone Traffic Footage

Noted the update received from the Conwy County Borough Council Traffic and Network Manager, which confirmed that: -

- a) Conwy County Borough Council will need to look at applying the Box Junction road marking.
- b) Conwy County Borough Council do not feel that amending the Traffic Light timings at the Sandbank Road/Gors Road/Towyn Road junctions would improve traffic congestion, as they believe that the congestion at the crossroads is caused by the congestion at the Tir Prince access.

Noted that a number of the Town Council members believe that the timing of the traffic lights at the crossroads have recently been tweaked.

8. Conwy County Borough Council Tree Planting Scheme

Noted that a meeting has been scheduled between Cllr N Smith and the Conwy County Borough Council Ecologist on 13/06/2022 to discuss the recently planted trees on St Asaph Avenue, and that Cllr N Smith will provide an update at the Full Council Environmental meeting in July.

9. Promenade Seats

Resolved that: - The agenda item will be deferred to the Full Council Environmental meeting in July, to enable Cllr B Griffiths to provide full details/plans/locations of the proposed benches.

10. Community Skips

Noted the Councillors concerns/observations regarding the issues encountered at the recent Community Skip Event which was held at Chester Avenue.

Resolved that: -

a) The next skip event will be held at Glan Morfa in Towyn (dates to be confirmed once availability is checked with ERF at Conwy County Borough Council).

b) Moving forward the skip event poster and an A board at the skip location will state: -

- No sign written/commercial vans
- No twin axle trailers
- No builders waste/rubble

11. Litter Picking Poster

Noted that Cllrs K Redhead, B Griffiths and G Corry will judge the posters which have been received from the pupils of Ysgol Maes Owen/Ysgol Y Foryd, and will present them at the Full Council Environmental meeting in July.

12. Litter Picking Station

Noted that the Love the Beach litter picking station has been installed at Baysville on a trial, and that it is being used/well received.

13. Ffordd Y Berllan

Resolved that: The Town Council will install a set of goal posts in the field for the children to play football.

14. Owain Glydwr Abandoned Play Area

Noted the update from Conwy County Borough Council, advising that Conwy County Borough Council are close to completing the work, following which they will transfer ownership of the site to the Town Council.

Resolved that: - Following feedback from residents the Town Council will make arrangements for the white steel container on the site to be painted a shade of green, so that it is more aesthetically pleasing.

Noted that Cllr L Knightly has kindly agreed to arrange for the container to be painted, once the paint/materials have been purchased by the Town Council.

15. Solar LED Lights

Noted that Conwy County Borough Council Officers have verbally confirmed their consent to the proposed Solar Lights being installed between Chester Avenue and Llys Glyndwr.

Resolved that: -

a) The Town Council will install 20 Solar LED Lights, subject to receipt of written confirmation from Conwy County Borough Council.

b) To approve the following quotes: -

(i) £6,550 plus VAT from Wydes to supply 20 x 15w Solar LED Lights and 20 x 4m lamp posts whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money, and the lights would match the existing lights, which have performed well/been trouble free.

(ii) The quote for the sum of £2,540 plus VAT from Dig It to take delivery/store and install 20 x 4m lamp post, whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money, and all work previously undertaken by Dig It has been completed to a high standard and on time.

(iii) The quote for the sum of £300, to install the 20 x 15w lights on the lamp posts, as whilst it was the only quote received, it was deemed to be excellent value for money.

c) That the Town Council would replace the damaged 15w Solar LED Lights at the Chester Avenue Woodland (approximate cost £327.50 light unit and £15 installation fee).

16. Tree Planting

Resolved that: - The Town Council will purchase 6 trees, compost and stakes for the residents of Trevor Avenue, and that the residents will plant the trees on the Trevor Avenue Green.

Noted that Bardsley apple is suitable for close proximity to the sea.

17. Additional Litter Bins

Resolved that: - The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to ask if they would consider installing additional litter/dog waste bins, and or replace existing bins with larger bins if the Council entered into a service level agreement to pay for the installation cost of the bins and the ongoing cost of them being emptied each week (two in Towyn and two in Kinmel Bay).

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to the local litter picking resident to advise him of the Town Council's proposed plans.

18. Local Places for Nature

Noted the recent communication received from Local Places for Nature relating to the various packages available to local community groups and organisations.

19. Grass Cutting on Park Avenue

Resolved that: -

a) The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to ask if they would consider allowing the Town Council's ground maintenance contractor to cut the grass on the Green.

b) Subject to Conwy County Borough Council agreeing to the whole of the green to being cut, say 4 times per year, that the quote from Davies Land and Sea for the sum of £40 per cut be approved, as it was deemed to be excellent value for money.

20. Q2 Internal Tree Survey

Noted the completed 2022 – Q2 Internal Tree Survey.

Noted that the members will advise the Clerk of any dead trees they identify in Towyn and Kinmel Bay, ready for the July Full Council Environmental meeting.

21. Big Meadow Search

Noted the recent communication received from the Carmarthenshire Meadows Group regarding the Big Meadow Search.

22. Bus Shelters

Noted the completed 2022 – H1 Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council Bus Shelters – Internal Survey.

23. Air Conditioning Annual Service Contract

Resolved that: -

a) Quote for the sum of £206 plus VAT per year, from ACS, be approved as it was considered excellent value for money, would maintain the warranty for the air conditioning units and ACS had installed the units.

b) The rolling Annual Service Contract would be signed by the Chairman of the Full Council and the Appointed Finance Councillor, on the behalf of the Town Council.

24. 2022 – 23 Environmental Improvement Work Schedule

Resolved that: -

a) Christmas Lights – for Christmas 2022 the Town Council will ask the contractor to install a mix of the old and new lamp post motifs, with a view to there being more variety/types of motifs.

b) Permanent Christmas Trees – The Town Council would not plant any additional permanent Christmas trees in 2022.

c) Play Grounds –

(i) The Clerk will write to Conwy County Borough Council to request an update regarding the proposed replacement Play Scheme at the Owain Glyndwr Park.

(ii) The Clerk would look to obtain an aerial plan of Clwyd Park for the July Full Council Environmental meeting.

d) Clwyd Park – Ffordd Y Nant Path – The Clerk will contact Conwy County Borough Council to arrange a site meet with Conwy County Borough Council Officers, to discuss the proposed path.

e) Planting Scheme – Noted that Cllrs will identify suitable areas for bulb planting ready for the July Full Council Environmental meeting and that the Clerk will obtain a quote for mass bulb planting.

f) Chester Avenue Woodland – Noted that Cllr K Redhead will speak to the Chester Avenue Groups regarding the maintaining of the planters in the Woodland.

g) Remembrance Day – Noted that the Clerk will obtain quotes for remembrance day statues, benches, and wood carvings.

Meeting Closed at 20:40

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting on 13/06/2022.