

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council – (Hybrid Meeting) held on Wednesday 24th January, 2024
at 7:00pm

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

Clerk: Dylan Thomas

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Bibby, L Gledhill, A Macauley, K Redhead.

2. Declarations 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 15/01/24, be approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

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

6. Owain Glyndwr Abandoned Play Area

Noted that: -

a) The Community Regeneration Key Fund Grant Application (£11,626.00), has been approved.

b) The Project needs to be completed by 30/11/2024.

Resolved that: -

a) The following budgets be approved for 2024-25

- **Owain Glyndwr Project Grant (Income) £11,626**

- **Owain Glyndwr Project (Expenditure) £12,918**

b) A meeting will be arranged between the residents/members over the next few weeks, and an update will be provided at the next Full Town Council meeting on 04/03/2024.

7. 2023 Christmas Lights and Trees

Resolved that the following invoices be paid: -

- **£7,274.32 to SETS Ltd (Relating to: - Installation of an additional 10 x commando sockets and installing 2023 Christmas lights, taking down, testing and storing for 2024).**

- **£1,194.00 to Cambrian Woodland Services (Relating to the supply of 2 x 25ft Christmas trees for Christmas 2023).**

8. Identifying Historic Assets of Special Local Interest

- Noted that Conwy CBC are launching a project in 2024, to identify Historic Assets of Special Local Interest.
- Noted that Conwy CBC will be contacting Town Council's shortly to invite nominations for such buildings and structures.
- Noted that Councillor's have been requested to identify/supply details of Proposed Historic Assets of Special Local Interest, to the Clerk over the course of the next 14 days.
- Noted that the following Proposed Historic Assets of Special Local Interest be added to the TKBTC list: -
 - St Mary's Church (Towyn Road)
 - St Mary's Vicarage (Towyn Road)
 - Old School House (Towyn Road)
 - Art Deco House on Gors Road (No. 43)
 - Knightly's Amusements Building on Sandbank Road (Former Second World War Ammunitions Store).
 - Old Toll House (Foryd Road)
 - Morfa Rhuddlan Battle Location (Gors Road)

9. Community Defibrillators

- Noted the update provided by Cllr M Jones (Between 20/12/23 and 15/01/24 - 4 x Community Defibs were removed from their cabinets, two were used (One saved a life), and two were returned unused).
- Noted that the North Wales Ambulance Service are providing Defibrillator Training at Chester House, Chester Avenue shortly (Details to be confirmed shortly).
- Noted the North Wales Ambulance are offering the training free of charge.

Resolved that: - The Clerk will contact North Wales Ambulance to request additional defibrillator training at the following locations: -

- **Kinmel Bay Community Centre**
- **Festival Church, Gors Road, Towyn**
- Noted that Cllr L Knightly has kindly offered for his building (Long Bar Sandbank Road) to be used for Defibrillator training in Towyn if required.

10. Community Skip Events

Noted the successful Community Skip Event which was held at Maes Y Llan in Towyn on Tuesday 23/01/2024. (Single skip was filled within first two hours, unfortunately Conwy CBC were unable to provide an additional skip on the day).

Noted the dates for the Community Skip Events which have been arranged between now and 31/03/2024.

- Kinmel Bay Church Car Park 06/02/2024 – 1 Skip
- Tir Prince Park – 13/02/2024 – 2 Skips
- Chester Avenue – 07/03/2024 – 2 Skips

11. Conwy CBC Biodiversity and Resilience of ECO System Delivery Plan

Noted the following locations which have been identified by members in the Towyn and Kinmel Bay area, for potential Conwy CBC projects: -

- Tir Prince Park
- Chester Avenue
- St Asaph Avenue Grass Verges
- St Asaph Avenue Playing Field
- Parc Hanes
- Coal Yard at the back of St Mary's Church

Noted that Conwy CBC have confirmed that they have identified/secured grant funding for a Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystem Project in Tir Prince Park.

Noted that Conwy CBC have arranged two site meetings at the park between Conwy CBC Officers and potential contractors on 29/01/2024, and 19/02/2024, and that Conwy CBC have confirmed that Conwy CBC members and TKBTC members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Noted the Conwy CBC Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Delivery Plan and 2019 Report.

Cllr D Johnson advised that he has visited the playing field on St Asaph Avenue recently and he was disappointed with the Biodiversity at both the field and the Tiny Forest, and he feels that the rusty steel shipping container is unsightly.

Cllr N Smith advised that the unlocked steel container has been subject to anti-social behaviour and a number of fires.

Resolved that: - The Clerk writes to the Charity to ask if they would consider removing the container, and if the Charity don't have funds available to remove it, the Town Council would potentially be prepared to cover all/part of the costs to remove the container.

12. Speed Sensing Signs

Noted that there has been a saving of £2,491 relating to the two recently installed Speed Sensing Signs (Foryd Road and Towyn Road).

Resolved that: - A Speed Sensing Sign would not be installed/considered for Chester Avenue, at this time.

13. TKBTC Bus Shelters

Noted that Conwy CBC have finally confirmed that the 5 bus shelters are owned by Conwy CBC, and not the Town Council.

Noted that the Clerk has now removed the 5 shelters from the Town Council's Asset Register and Insurance Policy.

Noted that the Clerk is still awaiting Conwy CBC to reply regarding the three proposed additional bus shelters on Towyn Road.

Resolved that: - The 6m Internal Bus Shelter Survey will continue to be completed (Previously completed for Insurance Purposes) so that we can ensure that the shelters continue to be maintained/cleaned by Conwy CBC.

14. Conwy CBC CCTV Consultation

Noted the Conwy CBC Consultation relating to the re-deployable public space CCTV Cameras.

Resolved that: - The following two locations have been identified within the Towyn & Kinmel Bay Area, as risk locations which would benefit from re-deployable public space CCTV Cameras.

- **Chester Avenue (To cover community defib/anti-social behaviour).**
- **Sandy Cove - Rhys Avenue/Woodside Avenue (To cover Fly tipping).**

15. Kendal Road Playground

Noted that Cllr N Smith advised that Conwy CBC Playgrounds Team have recently received confirmation that they have secured grant funding for playground repairs.

Resolved that: - The Town Council would financially support the Conwy CBC Playgrounds Team for the sum of £696.30 (Emergency repairs required to the play equipment at the Conwy CBC playground), if for any reason covering funds are not available from the grant which they have recently secured.

16. Tir Prince Park – Solar LED Lighting

Noted that the existing lighting in Tir Prince Park has been extremely well received.

Noted the proposal to install additional Solar LED Lighting to join up the existing Solar Lighting in the park with existing Solar Lighting on the entrance/walkway from Chester Avenue.

Resolved that: - The Town Council will look to apply for Grant Funding to complete the Solar Lighting Scheme in Tir Prince Park, once the Deputy Clerk position is filled, and if for any reason grant funding is not secured, the members will re-visit/consider the possibility of the Town Council funding the proposed scheme in phases.

17. Environmental Related Work Schedule

Noted the year to date updated Work Schedule.

18. Conwy County Borough Councillor Updates/Reports

Cllr N Smith advised that this continues to be an extremely difficult time for Conwy CBC. Apparently, it has been announced that the Welsh Government will received an additional £25m, however it is unclear at this stage if Conwy CBC will receive any additional funding for 2024-25.

Cllr B McLoughlin advised that Conwy CBC are looking to remove some of their litter bins, and/or approaching Town Councils to ask if they would consider contributing towards the cost of emptying the Conwy CBC litter bins.

Cllr M Jones advised that the Kinmel Bay Library hours are likely to be reduced by at least 10% for 2024-25, and it could be as low as 6 hours per week for the Kinmel Bay Library.

Cllr M Smith advised that he had no further updates.

Meeting Closed:

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Signed by the Chair of the next Full Council meeting 04/03/24.