

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT : Councillors – P Hart (Town Mayor), B Chapman (Chair), R Parker, S Allardice, J Hughes, E Leighton-Jones, B James, S Cotton, T James, E Hughes, A James, H Roberts,

IN ATTENDANCE : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES : Councillors V Macdonald, G Edwards, C Rigal

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item:

Agenda Item 7a – Planning Applications – Councillor Allardice is on the County Council Planning Committee

Minute Number

132. Development in the Conwy Town Council Area

As the Conwy County Borough Council officers were not present the discussion did not take place
RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to the officers saying that the Town Council is disappointed that they did not attend the meeting

133. Minutes

- Minutes of the Staff Committee meeting held on 26th September 2016
Councillor S Cotton had submitted her apologies
RESOLVED that the minutes are **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED** with the amendment
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134. Questions on the Minutes

Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th September 2016

a) Minute 107, Conwy Civic Hall & Quay (Part)

Members were informed that Gareth Peters, Principal Property Manager, Conwy County Borough Council will attend the Special Meeting of the Council on 21st November 2016 to give an update on the disposal process.

b) Minute 111a(3) Planning Applications, Llandudno Junction New School

The Principal Planning Officer, Conwy County Borough Council had pointed out that the application was actually to increase the boundary fence & addition of netting not additional classrooms. Members said that the application did not state this.

c) Minute 112 Open Spaces Working Party

Councillors Leighton-Jones & E Hughes said that they would try & attend the Appeal by Public Inquiry for the proposed Sychnant Pass development by Beech Homes commencing 26th October 2016 at Bodlondeb

Councillor Parker had received correspondence from the Group Chief Executive of Birmingham Hospital Saturday Fund, concerning the proposed development at Pentwyn Road/Marl Lane by Beech Developments. It said that “Beech Homes has not purchased the land but an option has been granted to them & if the conditions are satisfied they have a legal right to complete the purchase”.

d) Minute 115, Christmas

The Town Clerk said that she had undertaken the Chapter 8 Traffic Management training & that some attendees on the course had offered their services as marshals on Christmas Eve

e) Minute 117, North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle Car Rally 2016

The event had been a great success. The Mayor thanked the Assistant to the Town Clerk & Councillor Roberts for their hard work organising the event & Councillors who had helped out with marshalling in Bodlondeb.

RESOLVED that Conwy Cricket Club are given a donation of £250 for supplying refreshments with a letter of thanks

f) Minute 125, Guildhall Chamber Lights

The Town Clerk said that the Guildhall Working Party would meet when Councillor Macdonald was back

135. Town Clerk's Report

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the Town Clerk's Report (Schedule A)

The Town Clerk reported the following additional items:

- Prevent Hate Crime – National Hate Crime Awareness Week in North Wales – 8th to 14th October 2016

CCE & NWAMI Centre for Cultural Engagement, 10 Greenfield Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8EL

14th October 3pm to 5pm

- Glasdir Skills Academy courses:

11/10/16, Appraisals – How to make them a pain free & enjoyable process

19/10/16, Blogging for Business Owners

- Heritage Lottery Fund – Funding Support Workshop

19/10/16, 9:30am to 12:30pm, Oriel Mostyn

- Gwledd Conwy Feast, Temporary Traffic Regulation - Town Centre, Conwy, 20/10/16 to 23/10/16

- RNLI Coffee Morning, 22nd October 2016, 10am, Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, £2.00

136. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members considered the applications on Schedule B attached hereto and made recommendations and comments as detailed

b) Planning Decisions Issued

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council and the Planning Inspectorate

c) Snowdonia National Park Authority – Eryri Local Development Plan Revision: Call for Potential Sites

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the correspondence

d) Placemaking Research from Cardiff University

Members received a request from Dr.Selyf Morgan, Cardiff University to meet with members of the Town Council during November 2016

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contacts Dr.Morgan requesting dates for a meeting

137. Traffic Accident, Sychnant Pass Road, 28/9/16

Members discussed traffic speed issues on Sychnant Pass Road following an accident on 28th September 2016.

A Public Meeting had been held that highlighted a number of incidences.

Members were informed that the County Council collates evidence from the police before deciding to upgrade a road for safety. Attendees at the Public Meeting had said that they did not know how to report incidences as the police would often not attend. The public are concerned about increased traffic in the light of the proposed housing development on Sychnant Pass.

Members were told that they should ask for a reference number if they report anything to the police or County Council. This should ensure that the incidence has been recorded.

138. Temporary Closure of Footpaths in Llandudno Junction

The Town Clerk informed Members that the proposed closures of Footpaths 29 & 30 had both been cancelled until further notice

139. Bus Shelters

The Town Clerk presented a list of cleaning & repairs required to the community bus shelters following the survey by Senior Public & Community Transport Officer, CCBC, a representative from Externiture Ltd. & herself.

The total cost of repairs was quoted at £11,192.07. This included shelters at Broad Street, Llandudno Junction & Brynmaelwyn Cottages, Deganwy that could possibly removed, following usage research. The cost excluding these two shelters would be £6,055.75. This amount would be covered by the contribution to bus shelter maintenance currently held by the County Council.

Members also asked about the status of the redundant bus shelter at Gorlan which is no longer on a bus route. The Town Clerk informed Members that this shelter was being considered for relocation to Glyn-y-Marl Road, Llandudno Junction, to possibly replace a Clear Channel shelter that had been removed following the breakage of the glass panels

RESOLVED that:

- a) the work excluding the Broad Street & Brynmaelwyn Cottages shelters is approved
- b) the County Council is asked to relocate the Gorlan shelter to Glyn-y-Marl Road if Clear Channel do not go ahead with the replacement

140. Conwy Street Operative

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Williams had moved to Rhos-on-Sea but a new operative had been deployed in the town

141. Establishment of a Flood & Coastal Erosion Committee – Welsh Government Consultation

Members did not have a response to the consultation

142. 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals

Members did not have a response to the initial proposals

143. Land Transaction Tax in Wales

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the request for ideas & views

144. Affordable Fire & Rescue Services for North Wales

RESOLVED that the consultation is put on a future agenda

145. Society of Local Council Clerks

The Town Clerk gave a report on the 2016 Conference for Wales held on 14th September 2016.

Topics covered included:

- Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – the representative from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner was surprised that the County Council had not involved Town & Community Councils in the Public Service Boards.
- Insurance matters
- Capability & Capacity Building in the Local Council Sector – the Town Clerk said that she had told the representative from the Welsh Government that they needed to start publicising what they expected

of Town & Community Councillors now, in the light of elections next year, if they wish Town & Community Councils to take more on

- Good Financial Management & Practice – this covered the new external audit arrangements. The themes for 2016/17 will be PAYE & Code of Conduct
- Paths for People, a guide to public paths for members of Town & Community Councils – the Town Clerk said that she would put the leaflet on the Chamber table
- Planning Wales Act 2015 – update on Development of National Significance
- Law for Local Councils

146. St. Michael's and All Angels R.C.Church, Conwy

Members received a reply from The Right Reverend Peter M.Brignall regarding the proposed closure of St. Michael's and All Angels Roman Catholic Church, Conwy.

Members said that the loss of the Church, that had just celebrated 100 years, would be to the detriment of the town

147. The Tournament

Members were informed that the Guests of Honour at the Medieval Banquet on 24th June 2017 would be the Marquis & Lady Hertford whose ancestors were owners of the Castle. There is an ancient tradition that a dish of fish is offered to the Marquis when he passes through the town. Mr.Tunstall, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade would like to re-enact this with the Mayor presenting a fish dish

RESOLVED that the Mayor takes part in the event

148. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payment is approved:

- a) Hopol Heating Ltd. – Service of Guildhall Boiler - £50.00 plus vat

Along with the additional payments:

- b) MSI Alarms Ltd. – Guildhall CCTV & Access Control Annual Service Contracts, 31/10/16 to 30/10/16 - £260.00 plus vat
- c) Viking – Stationery & Cleaning Supplies - £191.20 plus vat
- d) Business Systems (North Wales) Ltd. – 5,469 Copies, 1/9/16 to 30/9/16 – £32.15 plus vat
- e) British Telecommunications Plc. – Guildhall Alarm, 1/7/16 to 30/9/16 - £52.74 plus vat

149. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

150. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 352 as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule C)

The Chairman allowed the following item due to its urgency

151. Siting of Mobile Phone Mast at Conwy Borough Football Club

Members received a request for a letter of support for the siting of a mobile phone mast in a floodlight at Y Morfa. This would not only raise funding for the Football Club but also improve mobile phone reception in the area.

RESOLVED that a letter of support is written

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:57pm