

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
THE GUILDHALL, CONWY.
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2017

Present: Councillors – B Chapman (Mayor), S Cotton (Deputy Mayor), T James, A James, E Hughes, G Edwards, M Priestley, S Barber-Bailey, D Hale, J Vaughan, E Leighton-Jones, V Macdonald, H Roberts, P Hart

In Attendance: Kathy Cook, Civic Administrator/Events Co-ordinator as Acting Deputy Clerk
J.Jones, Managing Director, North Wales Tourism Ltd

Apologies: Councillor T Hughes

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item 7a) Planning Application 0/44029 – Cllr H Roberts is a Member of the Llandudno Junction Community Club

Minute Number

33. Twinning

Mr J. Jones, North Wales Tourism gave a presentation on the evolving tourist relationship with Japan, which has significantly increased since Conwy Town has been identified as the best place to visit in the UK and one of the top 30 places in the Europe. Mr Jones was proposing that Conwy be twinned with Himeji, an historical town in Japan with a Castle built in a similar time epoch to that of Conwy's Castle. He believes that twinning would bring significant cultural and educational benefits as well as increasing the tourist footfall and sustaining economic growth for Conwy Town.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Mr Jones for an interesting and informative presentation.

Mr Jones left the meeting at this juncture.

RESOLVED to support the proposal in principle but to request the CCBC to present on the Regeneration Programme for the Town of Conwy and to explore the impact on the staffing levels, office and administrative accommodation and other resources of the Town Council.

34. Minutes

- Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th April 2017
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th April 2017
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 15th May 2017
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Mayoral Inauguration held on 22nd May 2017
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Staff Committee held on 30th May 2017
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 30th May 2017
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35. Questions on the Minutes

a) Town Council Meeting held on the 10th April 2017

Minute 157 – Guildhall Chamber Lampshades

Concern was expressed at the quality of light from the new light fittings. It was agreed to monitor the light levels in the Council Chamber

b) Special Meeting held on the 24th April 2017

i) Minute 319c – Planning Applications – Electronic

It was noted that a response had not been received and this item was requested to remain on the Agenda

ii) Minute 332 – Pentywyn Road Planning Application

Councillors agreed a proposal to support the cost of a Public Meeting at a local venue to enable residents to discover all the pertinent issues relating to this development and this item was requested to remain on the Agenda whilst location and costs were identified.

iii) Minute 333 – Hire of Guildhall

Councillors were pleased that the event had been successful & to receive the thank you letter from Mr John Lewis.

c) Annual Meeting held on the 15th May 2017

i) Minute 2 – Register of Interests

Cllrs Chapman and Barber-Bailey undertook to provide their Statements before the next meeting.

ii) Minute 10 – School Governors

Councillors noted that notification to Schools was outstanding

iii) Minute 20 – Hanging Baskets

It was noted that Hinton's had not yet installed their hanging baskets and Cllr Hughes undertook to enquire as to whether they were wanted or could be re-located to Amelie's Conwy. It was noted that the Toyshop had taken 3 baskets.

iv) Minute 21 – Open Doors 2017

It was agreed that an email be sent to arrange a meeting for the Working Party for this event.

d) Special Meeting held on the 30th May 2017

i) Minute 3 – Car Parking in the Community

It was noted that the Town Clerk has written to Mr Turner but has not yet received a reply.

ii) Minute 9 – MacKinley Road Lands, Llandudno Junction

It was noted that the Town Clerk had been in correspondence with CCBC Estates and they enquired as to when the Town Council were going to carry out a public consultation, to which the Town Clerk replied that it was within the remit of the CCBC to carry out the consultation. The Town Clerk has had no further communication with CCBC in this regard since.

v) Minute 11 – Playing out 2017

Conwy sessions have been moved to Bodlondeb from Gyffin.

vi) Minute 14 – CCTV in the Community

The Town Clerk has emailed out a list of cameras and incidents reported

RESOLVED that the contribution for 19 cameras 2017/2018 at £5,339.00 is approved

36. Town Clerk's Report

Members received the Town Clerk's Report (Schedule A attached)

Item 6 – Welsh Government Consultations

The Town Clerk was requested to send out the electronic links to these 3 Consultations

37. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Members considered and commented on the attached Schedule B

RESOLVED that the proposed Lidl store is retained on future agendas

Councillor Priestley abstained from voting on applications Items 4 (0/44018) and 5 (0/44029)

b) Planning Decisions Issued

There were no planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council

38. Christmas Committee

RESOLVED to agree Monday 3rd July 2017 as the date for a meeting of the Christmas Committee

39. North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle

a) It was noted that the Management Meeting had been rescheduled until 29th June 2017 and will be reported on after that meeting.

b) **RESOLVED** that representatives are appointed to the following Committees:

- i) the Car Rally committee
Cllrs G Edwards, P Hart, H Roberts
- ii) the Marketing Group
Cllr H Roberts

40. On-Street Parking in Conwy

The Council received a report from PCSO Owen & noted the complaints.

RESOLVED to write to CCBC to address this issue.

41. Replacement of Flagstones in Conwy

Members discussed the replacement of flagstones with tarmac in Conwy following roadworks

RESOLVED to write to CCBC to address the issue.

42. "Keep It Clean – No Messing Campaign"

Members received a response to their queries regarding the effectiveness of the scheme

RESOLVED to write and refuse the proposal from L Martin, Senior Environmental Health Officer, CCBC and for the Council to make its own provision.

43. Public Conveniences in the Community

RESOLVED to link this issue to that of the proposed twinning & regeneration of the town.

44. Staff Committee & Representation on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that the following Members are appointed to the following Committees & Outside Bodies:

- a) Staff Committee - Cllr E Leighton-Jones
- b) Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee - Cllr A James
- c) Management Plan for Castles & Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd World Heritage - The Mayor, Cllr B Chapman
- d) John Ronald Cunningham Memorial Trust - Cllr V Macdonald

45. Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy

RESOLVED to defer the agenda item to a future meeting

46. North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

RESOLVED to defer the agenda item to a future meeting

47. Cyngor Ar Bopeth Cylch Conwy District Citizens Advice Bureau

RESOLVED to defer the agenda item to a future meeting

48. North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

RESOLVED to defer the agenda item to a future meeting

49. Llandudno Junction Football Club

Members discussed whether & the type of grant application the Club should make for improvements to the ground

RESOLVED to request an application for the small grants fund

50. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED to approve the payment of received invoices:

a) V.Macdonald – To Reimburse for Plants for Guildhall Planters - £90.05

b) A.Slater – Cleaning of Guildhall & Bus Shelter Windows, 4 Weeks to 2/6/17 - £170.00

51. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

52. List of Cheques

RESOLVED to approve the list of cheques no.369 (Schedule C)

53. Councillors' Social Fund

Members were requested to contribute to the social fund

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:55pm