

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT : Councillors – P Hart (Chair), R Parker, S Allardice, S Cotton, T James, G Edwards, C Rigal, H Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
Mr Craig Barton, Hospital Director, Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Mr Gareth Evans, Assistant Director Clinical Services, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

APOLOGIES : The Mayor, Councillors V Macdonald, E Hughes, B James, B Chapman, A James

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item:

Agenda Item 8a – Planning Applications

Councillors Roberts, Parker & Hart are members of the Trakz Committee who receive funding from applicant 0/41923

Agenda Item 15 – Véloconwy

Councillor Roberts rents her shop out to Véloconwy

Minute Number

156. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Town Clerk announced that Councillor Arthur James had made his Declaration of Acceptance as a Deganwy Councillor to her on 9th October 2015 following his success at the election the day before as he was unable to attend the meeting

157. Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Board

The Chairman welcomed Mr Barton & Mr Evans from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Mr Barton said that they had been holding a number of “listening” events to collect views on how the Health Board is running. A questionnaire has been produced to be filled in by the public & the consultation is open until 31/12/15.

Members discussed many aspects of the service with Mr Barton & Mr Evans

Members were concerned about the tiers or management in the organisation & not retaining medical staff.

Mr Barton said that the Board was trying to address the problem of medical staff not staying in the area. They are aware that staff tend to move back to where they are trained. The Board is also trying to recruit staff into management roles who have a clinical background. The BCUHB gets good feedback from students regarding the training they receive.

Members were concerned about “bed-blocking”. Mr Barton said that the Board was working in partnership with local authorities & the independent sector to try & alleviate this

Members felt that educating the public could help to alleviate the pressures on the service.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barton & Mr Evans for addressing the Town Council & hoped that they would update the Council again in the future

The Town Clerk suggested that Members should fill in the questionnaires individually so all their views would be considered. Additional questionnaires are available for Members to take to residents

Mr Barton & Mr Evans left the meeting at this juncture

158. Minutes

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th September 2015
RESOLVED that the minutes are ACCEPTED and APPROVED
- Minutes of the Christmas Committee meeting held on 30th September 2015
Due to the absence of the Chair & Vice Chair the approval of the minutes was deferred

159. Questions on the Minutes

a) Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th September 2015

i) Minute 136, Planning Applications

Members were informed that Monkey Puzzle trees are not protected by species but by their inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area, if it is not in a Conservation Area or specified in a Tree Preservation Order then the land owner can remove the tree.

ii) Minute 137, Poppy Exhibition

The Town Clerk reminded members that Laura Stenhouse is holding a poppy making workshop on 19/10/15 at 5pm in the Guildhall, members are asked to bring 1 or 2 2L plastic bottles with lids.

iii) Minute 138, Buildings & Structures of Local Importance

The Town Clerk read a response from Sandy Williams, CCBC. The 'Depot Building' was an old refrigeration cold stored depot (dairy). The Buildings nominated by the Town Council will be added to the list in due course

iv) Minute 140, Walled Towns Friendship Circle Car Rally

The Town Clerk read a positive response from Conwy Cricket Club, they enjoyed their involvement with the Rally and thanked the Town Council for the £250

v) Minute 142, Hanging Baskets, Guildhall Planters & Plants in the Community

- The Town Clerk informed Members that Mr Hemming of Bwyd Bendigedig Conwy felt that the planters were too small for the type of planting they undertake. Mr Jones of CCBC will plant the planters up for the winter

- The Town Clerk informed Members that Mr Hemmings had tried to obtain free compost from CCBC but had not had any success

RESOLVED that the Town Council pays for the compost £130 plus vat

vi) Minute 143, Gwledd Conwy Feast

Members received a grant application from Mr Mart to hire the Tabernacle Chapel for music recitals during the Feast weekend. The amount requested was £300

RESOLVED that the grant is awarded & that Members should attend the event to assess whether it is value for money

vii) Minute 144, Footpaths and Green Spaces Working Party

The Town Clerk informed Members that Mrs Norwood had reported that the footpath off Sychnant Pass Road had now been cleared. She had also sent a link to "Paths for People: a guide to public paths for members of town & community councils" produced by the Ramblers. The Town Clerk will forward the link to Members

viii) Minute 146, Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations(Wales) Act 2015- Welsh Government Consultation

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Local Government Reform Working Party would meet on the evening of 4/11/15 after the workshop in Venue Cymru to discuss the consultation

ix) Minute 150, 70th Anniversary of Conwy Camera Club

the Town Clerk informed Members that Mr Clark of Conwy Camera Club had said that the Club would like to go ahead with the competition. The Town Clerk said she will speak to Councillor Macdonald regarding arrangements

160. Town Clerk's Report

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

The Town Clerk reported the following additional items:

- a) CCBC Meetings
 - i) Special Meeting of Cabinet 22/10/15 at 11.30am to consider the Annual Monitoring Report of the Conwy Local Development Plan
 - ii) Special Meeting of the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee 19/10/15 at 6pm
- b) One voice Wales training- Don't miss out on The Council Meeting training at Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Llangefni 22/10/15, 6.30-9pm
- c) Conwy Orchard Harvest- 18/10/15 2pm. Volunteers to help harvest needed. Conwy Orchard will have a stall at the Feast on 24-25/10/15

161. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

Application 4 0/41923 - The Deputy Mayor & Councillors Parker & Roberts left the meeting during discussion of the application. Councillor Cotton took the Chair

b) Planning Decisions Issued

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

162. Proposal for Naming of a Street- Narrow Lane, Llandudno Junction

Members received a proposal for the naming of a Street from Beech Homes at the Narrow Lane development, the name 'Cae'r Llynen' had been suggested by County Councillor P Evans.

RESOLVED that Cae'r Llynen is accepted and that County Councillor P Evans is thanked for his research

163. European Walled Towns

RESOLVED that the agenda item is deferred to a future meeting

164. Staff Committee & John Ronald Cunningham Memorial Trust

- a) Due to the absences of a number of Members, the appointment of a new member to the Staff Committee is deferred to a future meeting
- b) The Town Clerk informed Members that both Councillors A James & B James were happy to represent Deganwy ward as a trustee on the John Ronald Cunningham Memorial Trust
RESOLVED that Councillor A James is appointed trustee for Deganwy ward to the John Ronald Cunningham Memorial Trust

165. Aberconwy Vacancy

Members were informed that the election will be held on 19th November 2015. Members were asked if they wanted poll cards to be sent out at an estimated cost of £72. These could then either be delivered by Royal Mail at an estimated cost of £515 or delivered by hand (£211 plus mileage, estimate)

RESOLVED that poll cards are sent out by Royal Mail

166. Llandudno & Conwy Railway Society

Members received a request for a letter of support for the Llandudno & Conwy Railway Society for their application for grant funding from the Gwynt Y Mor Fund.

RESOLVED that a letter of support is written

167. Presentation

Members received a request from the Chamber of Trade to make a presentation regarding 'The Tournament' a new event to take place in 2017

RESOLVED that the Chamber of Trade is invited to present at a future meeting

168. Véloconwy

Members received a request from Véloconwy to display their posters in the notice boards.

The poster is for the social enterprise side of the business whereby the organisation arranges cycle rides for people to go on at a small cost.

RESOLVED that posters can be displayed if there is room

169. Hire of Guildhall

Members received a request to hire the Guildhall for the Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd & Conwy to present Brian Gregson with a British Empire Medal

RESOLVED that the Guildhall is hired out for the private function for free

170. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a) BT Payments Services Ltd- Guildhall Alarm 1/7/15-30/9/15- £55.36 plus vat

Along with the additional payments:

b) MSI Alarms Ltd- Annual Service Contract- Access Control 31/10/15 to 30/10/16- £93.00 plus vat

c) MSI Alarms Ltd- Annual Service Contract- CCTV 31/10/15 to 30/10/16- £163.00 plus vat

d) Viking- Stationery & cleaning goods- £113.58 plus vat

e) Geraint Jones- Plinths- £175.00

171. Cash Payments

There were no cash payments

172. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 327, as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule C)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.17pm