

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
Special Meeting of the Council (Finance & General Purposes)
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors – B Chapman (Deputy Mayor, Chair), V Macdonald, R Parker, E Leighton-Jones, B James, S Cotton, P Hart, E Hughes, C Rigal, H Roberts.
Dave Phillips (Health & Safety Advisor at Conwy Christmas Eve Event)

IN ATTENDANCE: H Barritt (Town Clerk), J Hodgson (Acting Assistant to the Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: J Hughes, T James

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct: S Allardice (CCBC Planning Committee)

Minute Number

210. Christmas Events 2016

a) Discussion of events held over the Christmas period

Report from Dave Phillips:

The Conwy Christmas event was excellent with a great firework display. There was a large crowd with lots of children & fewer dogs & large prams. There was a good police presence (officers & support officers) & crowd dispersion went very well. Police & traffic management worked very well with roads open well before road closure licence ran out. There was a good number of marshals: all were active & all knew what they were doing, thanks to the Town Clerk's preparation & training. The excellent work by the Town Clerk was praised.

Discussions by Councillors:

- Photographs of the crowd taken from the castle by Conwy Camera Club will be used by Dave Phillips to estimate the number of people who came.
- Extra speaker will be used at Vicarage Gardens next year.
- Lancaster Square – request for the band to have microphones as their sound didn't carry as far people using microphones.
- Steps to Morfa Bach car park were very dark. If not fixed by CADW next year, perhaps mobile lights with generator would be needed. May also be worth asking CCBC to check steps.
- Porth y Felin car park needs at least four marshals. CB radios for use within the car park would help marshals at the entrance know what spaces are left in the car park. Twr

Llewelyn access letters worked well. Having a police officer on the road is helpful at emptying the car park.

- Reminder to Councillors to use their community contacts to recruit volunteer marshals.
- Arwel & Gary Carr want to record Santa's message in advance of the event in 2017.
- Discussion about some cars driving out of Conwy before the road was opened.
- Members thanked Dave Phillips with a round of applause.

At this juncture, Dave Phillips left the meeting.

- Litter – suggestion that announcements are made from stages during the event. Much of the litter in Lancaster Square was Costa cups, chip shop trays.
- Baskets of chocolate were left in the main area in St John's and were taken.
- Amend plan of evening so that Santa and elf don't wait to be collected to go into castle.
- Deganwy event – repeat of request to have tree lights on & barriers around tree removed.
- Llandudno Junction – need to make sure we are clear about location & not refer to it as Marl Gardens.
- It was good to have Rev Peter Walker taking part in both the Deganwy & Llandudno Junction events.
- Darren did a great job with finding carol backing & a great job on the night.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will write to CADW about the lights on the steps from Morfa Bach.

b) Payments

Volunteers always receive a thank you letter or email following the event. Members discussed whether to make contributions to organisations that are represented by volunteers and whether to state that individuals will receive £10 for their nominated charity during recruitment of marshals.

RESOLVED to make payments to the nominated charities of the following volunteers: Gary (MC) £50; Carl - £10; Molly (singer) - £10; Graham Jones (lead marshall) - £50; Conwy Camera Club - £30; St John's Ambulance - £250; Rosie Hearn - £30.

RESOLVED to not to make payments to the following: TVConwy; RNLI (Boxing Day Dip cancelled in advance).

RESOLVED that organisations who sent representatives to marshall will receive mayoral donation of £30, as follows: CHAPS; Conwy Yacht Club; Conwy Cricket Club; Llandudno Sailing Club.

RESOLVED that individuals who marshalled will each be asked to nominate a charity to receive a £10 donation, as follows: Christine Gilligan, John Gilligan, Gary Cooper, Frank, Nigel, Dave Jones.

c) Christmas Lights

Members received a report on the lights on the Quay.

Members requested that lights on the tree opposite Deganwy Station be more varied colours next year, rather than in bands of colours.

A problem was reported for the light on lamppost 51 in Llandudno Junction, below the railway station, probably a problem with the manufacturer.

d) Window competition

The shields and cup need to be collected from 2015 winners. The Mayor will collect from the Barn and P3.

211. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2016

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 19th December 2016

212. Questions on the Minutes

a) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2016

Page 1: Minute 5a) Highways Budget: Cllr Allardice thanked the Town Council for the support for the coach pull-in and lamp post at Parc Benarth.

b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 19th December 2016

Page 3: Minute 206: Cllr Chapman to provide draft letter to Town Clerk

Page 2: Minute 201c) Boxing Day Dip: request to add discussion about advice from RNLI on future Christmas event agenda

Page 3: Minute 201e) Planting: Cllr Macdonald updated Members on planting

213. Town Clerk's Report

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the Town Clerk's Report [\(Schedule A\)](#)

The Town Clerk reported the following additional items:

- Conwy Orchard Community Group Wassail – Saturday 7 January at 6.30pm
- Community Environment Day for Deganwy – Wednesday 18 January 9.30 – 14.30
- Customers Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 7/2/16 at 14.00 at Bodlondeb

214. 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 list of planning decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council.

215. Speed Limit Notice

Members had no further observations and continue to welcome the proposed 20mph speed limit at Ysgol Deganwy.

216. Marine & Fisheries Consultation - Microbeads

Members received information on the consultation.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent in support of the proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics & personal care products.

217. Landfill Disposal Tax (Wales) Bill Consultation

Members received information on the consultation.

RESOLVED to note this consultation but not make a response.

RESOLVED that CCBC are invited to make a presentation about waste disposal, including household collection, community waste collection site and landfill disposal tax.

218. Budget 2017/18

Presentation of the draft budget & precept for 2017/18

219. Payments to HM Revenue & Customs

Received information regarding the change in the payment method to HMRC

220. Approval of Payments

None to approve

221. Cash Payments

None to approve

222. List of Cheques

RESOLVED that the list of cheques 358 as tabled, is approved for payment (Schedule C)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm