

Towyn & Kimmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Environmental Committee held on Monday 22 January, 2018 at 7pm the Community Resource Centre, Kimmel Bay

Present Cllrs: G Corry, D Johnson, M Jones, B McLoughlin and N Smith

Non Voting: B Griffiths & M Smith

Clerk: D Thomas

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Knightly, T Curran and D Dickin.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

Local Residents Mrs Sanderson-Roberts, Mr & Mrs Blunt and Mr Johnson requested to address the Committee regarding Agenda item 7 Parking on Cader Avenue, and Ms Brown and Ms Wilson requested to observe the meeting.

7. Parking on Cader Avenue (Chairman moved agenda item 7 for the benefit of the Local Residents in attendance).

Cllrs discussed the Parking issues on Cader Avenue, which is caused by Tilery Garage parking end of life cars and breakdown recovery trucks on the Highway.

The following matters/issues were also discussed:-

- There had been reports that some of the vehicles do not appear to be licenced with the DVLA.
- Issue with breakdown recovery trucks parked along Cader Avenue.
- Cars blocking access to the Railway Line.
- A number of meetings have been held with Town Councillors/Network Rail/The Environmental Agency/North Wales Police/CCBC/Darren Millar and Trading Standards.

Mrs Blunt asked if Residential Parking had been considered, Cllr N Smith advised that it had been considered, but it was a long process/Residents would have to apply every year and would also have to pay an annual fee.

Cllr Griffiths advised that he had witnessed issues with residents trying to get on and off the bus, as the bus stop was often blocked with vehicles, which is a very serious problem and safety risk. There was also the issue for cars accessing the road, with cars often having to drive on the pavements due to the vehicles being parked on the road.

Cllr Corry indicated that he was concerned that end of life vehicles could cause issues in the event of a flood, by blocking/obstructing access for emergency vehicles and also post flooding pollution.

Resolved that:

- a) **The Clerk would write to the Environmental Agency to request a site meeting with the Cllrs to discuss the issues.**
- b) **That the Clerk would write to Peter Brown at Regulated Services, Conwy to request a site meeting to discuss the issue, and agree how to address the issues.**
- c) **The four residents in attendance regarding agenda item 7, would be contacted and updated after the above proposed site meetings have been held.**
- d) **That the residents would also email Peter Brown at Conwy with their concerns regarding the parking on Cader Avenue.**

4. Minutes

Resolved that: The minutes of the Environmental meeting held on 13/11/17 be approved.

5. Matters Arising

170612/7, 170911/5 & 171113/5 – Kingdom

Noted: The reply from Conwy, and noted that a Public Space Protection Order (Dog control) consultation is on the Agenda for the Full Council on Monday 29/01/18.

170911/13 & 171113/5 – Beach Car Park Barrier

Resolved that: The Town Council has budgeted £7,500 for the completion of the work in the 2018-19 budget, and that part of the funds would be required to cover Conwy's Legal Costs, which are estimated at under £1,000.

170911/13 & 171113/5 – Bus Shelters

Resolved that:

a) The quote for the Bus Shelter at the Seagull in Towyn be recommended at £2,935, and that Conwy would be instructed so that the work could be completed prior to the start of the holiday season.

b) That the awaited quotes for the other four Bus Shelters will be discussed/considered once received.

170911/15 & 171113/5 – CCTV

CLLrs discussed the email dated 21/11/17 from Emma Dowell CCTV Manager at Conwy.

Resolved that:

a) The Clerk would write to Conwy CCTV to advise that the Town Council can not justify paying either the £3,000 for replacement CCTV Cameras nor the £843 Annual Maintenance Fee for 2018-19 and future years.

171113/6 TKBTC/Improvements

- Entrance to Community Centre/Library and Resource Centre. The three quotes were discussed and compared.

Resolved that: This would be added to the Agenda for the Full Council meeting on 29/01/18, with a view to the Town Council covering the Full Cost for the work.

- Community Centre & Library Signage

Resolved that: The Clerk would write to Peter Wood at Conwy to arrange a site visit with CLLrs N Smith and M Jones, to discuss Conwy's thoughts regarding New Signage.

171113/7 – Flood Plan Update

- Noted the documents.

171113/9 – Skate Park

- Noted that No Papers/Plans could be found relating to the Skate Park.

171113/10 – Bus Shelter Insurance

Clarification obtained from Zurich that the quote they provided in November, related to All Risk Cover for the 5 Bus Shelters.

Resolved that: As it was unlikely that the Town Council would claim in the event of Storm/Collision/Vandalism to the Bus Shelters, the Town Council would not take forward the proposed additional cover.

171113/13 – Signage Audit

Noted that:

- a) The Audit had been completed with the assistance of Cllr M Jones for Kinmel Bay and Cllr P Miller for Towyn.
- b) That the Clerk had written to Conwy to express the Town Council's disappointment of the current signage.

171112/14 – Bollards at Owain Glyn Dwr

Noted that: The work will commence shortly.

171113/7 – Re-Introduction of Borders

Resolved that:

- a) Councillor N Smith would contact Conwy regarding the position of ownership of the grass verges.
- b) Once Cllr N Smith has spoken to Conwy to clarify the position, he would contact the Residents involved and take matters further.

171113/7 – WREN

Noted that:

- 10.75% of the total proposed cost of a project needs to be in place/raised, in order to meet the criteria for a WREN Grant, and also that a Local Resident Consultation needs to be completed to confirm the need/importance/priority, of the proposed project.

6. Towyn & Kinmel Bay Improvements Programme

Resolved that:

- a) Arrangements be made to paint/refurbish the bench in Towyn (by Council Notice Board).
- b) That Plaques be ordered and placed on the following benches, in memory of three ex Mayors:-
 1. Cllr William Knightly – Towyn Notice Board Bench
 2. Cllr Ken Stone – New Bench by Railway Bridge
 3. Cllr John Bevan – New Bench by Railway Bridge
- c) The quotes from Greenfingers for Ground Maintenance work at the Notice Board in Towyn be referred to the Full Council meeting on 29/01/18 for discussion/approval.

8. Quarry Line Path

- Noted that

- a) Welsh Water will be cutting back the hedges/trees on their side of the fence at the Water Treatment Site.
- b) SP Energy will be replacing the leaning telegraph poles over the course of the next two months. SP Energy have confirmed that the poles are not dangerous and that the poles will be replaced at the next planned power shut down for routine works.

Resolved that: The 5FT Scraping of the quarry line path be approved, subject to confirmation from Greenfingers in the proposed site meeting in April, that there is sufficient hard core present for the scrape to be completed.

9. Gors Road

Cllr Johnson advised that the Town Council have been campaigning for improvements to Gors Road for at least 20 years, and that he himself has had a number of meetings with Conwy Highways, to discuss speed limits, height restrictions, Road improvements and a possible Roundabout. Cllr Johnson advised that progress was slow due to Welsh Office Approval and issues with Vibration/Water Table Levels.

Cllr Corry said that he felt that Gors Road would be an issue in a flood situation. Cllr Johnson advised that he has a meeting with Conwy Traffic and Highways shortly to discuss matters further.

Resolved that:

- a) Cllr Johnson would complete a report following the meeting with Conwy, which would be shared with all Town Councillors.

- b) That a copy of Cllr Johnson's report would be forwarded to Ms Brown and Ms Wilson.
- c) That this is something would/could be looked at as part of the Locality Planning, with a view to discussing/addressing the issues, and agreeing long term solutions to address.

10. Christmas Lights

Resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would obtain quotes for 2 trees and 41 lamp post motifs as in 2017.
- b) The motifs would be more uniform, as it was felt that they were rather mixed in 2017.

11. Trees at Woodland

Resolved that: The quote for £250 from Tree Fellas would be accepted.

12. Towyn Community Flood Plans

Resolved that: Towyn Flood Plan and the Kinmel Bay Flood Plan be merged, so that there would be one Plan for the whole of Towyn & Kinmel Bay.

13. Travellers – Emergency Planning

Resolved that: A meeting be arranged between the Town Council, Conwy and North Wales Police, with a view to Conwy considering passing a Bylaw to address the Travellers Emergency Planning concerns.

14. Benches on either side of the Railway Bridge for Residents to sit on.

Resolved that:

- a) Cllr Bernice would contact the Residents near to where the benches are going to be located.
- b) That the quote from Conwy, for £1,108 be approved, and that Conwy be instructed to place the order and install the two benches.

15. Work Schedule 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Resolved that: The two work schedules be approved as presented.

16. Environmental Visual Audit

Resolved that:

- a) Cllr D Johnson be nominated for Towyn.
- b) Cllr M Jones be nominated for Kinmel Bay.

17. Tourist Signs

Resolved that: The Clerk writes to Conwy to advise that as the Town Council is not aware of any Tourist Signs that have been installed by the Town Council.

18. Tir Llwyd

Noted that: The Welsh Government have finally approved to continue to develop this valuable site.

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

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Signed by the Chairman of the meeting on 22nd January, 2018