

TOWYN & KINMEL BAY TOWN COUNCIL
Full Meeting of the Council held at
The Community Resource Centre at 7pm on 2nd July 2014

All Meetings are Recorded.

MINUTES

32.14 Attendance.

Cllr. Corry, Cllr. Sadler, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. McLoughlin, Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Darwin and Cllr. Anderson.

33.14 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Knightly and Cllr. Bateman.

34.14 Declaration of Interest.

Members are reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of their declared interest. (Using the form provided for this purpose)

Cllr. Stone declares an interest in item 38.14 E due to his role as a School Governor
Cllr. Darwin declares an interest in item 38.14 E due to his role as a School Governor
Cllr. Sadler declares an interest in item 38.14 E due to her role as a School Governor
Cllr. Anderson declares an interest in item 38.14 E due to his role as a School Governor

35.14 Urgent Matters.

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

NONE

36.14 To confirm and approve the minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council 4th June 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Johnson that the minutes be accepted and this was agreed by all.

37.14 Public Speaking time

A local resident requested to address the Council with regard to two issues concerning the park area in front of his property. The first was in relation to children playing football and the fact that the ball kept going into his garden. He had asked whether some capture nets could be installed at the end of the park or the possibility of a MUGA being installed. After some discussion it was;

It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Darwin that the clerk should write to CCBC regarding the possibility of capture nets and that the possibility of a MUGA should be addressed at a future Budget Meeting.

The second issue related to the small wooden posts in the park area and the fact the resident felt they were too pointed and not safe. The clerk confirmed that this issue had already been addressed with CCBC who had been out to inspect the posts and were arranging remedial work so the posts would be rounded off.

38.14 Reports for consideration

a) War Memorial

At the P.F.R. Meeting on the 18th June there was some discussion with regard to the war memorial and the potential to have it inscribed, however, it was felt that the Royal British Legion needed to be consulted for their views and further consideration given with regard to any potential wording to be inscribed. Ian Martin of the Royal British Legion attended the meeting and spoke with members, expressing their view that the memorial should remain as it is and the blank stone is there should the two towns have the misfortune of losing any military personnel in any current and future conflict. Mr Martin also queried whether the war memorial was officially registered and insured, and the clerk confirmed the relevant enquiries would be made and would ensure that if this was not already done it would be. The final point Mr Martin made was to request that a Councillor attends the Royal British Legion Branch Meetings on behalf of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Johnson that Cllr. Stone acts as the Town Council's representative at the Branch Meetings of the Royal British Legion.

Cllr. Anderson arrived at the meeting at this point. He expressed views on behalf of the vergers with regard to the memorial explaining that by leaving the memorial blank it almost felt like people were waiting for World War 3 to happen and that an inscription of some form would be more appropriate. After some discussion it was;

Proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Stone that the war memorial remains blank and this was agreed by all apart from Cllr. Anderson who abstained from voting.

b) Car park bay markings

A quote had been received from CCBC's approved line marking contractor to re-mark the parking bays in the car park shared by the Community Centre, Library and Resource Centre. It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Anderson to accept the quote of £500 for the car park to be re-lined, and this was agreed by all.

c) Declarations of Interest and Apologies

The clerk emphasised to members the requirement for Councillors to fill in declaration of interest forms, each time they declared an interest at a meeting. Members were also provided with a flow chart which explained the process of when a declaration of interest should be made. The clerk also explained the importance of putting in formal apologies if members were unable to attend meetings, it had been noted that some members were not attending meetings and were not informing the clerk in advance of their non-attendance.

d) Local Government Pension Scheme: Employer Discretions

The clerk explained that further to the changes that were implemented on the 1st April 2014, all employers now have to have policy in place with regard to Employer Discretions. As with other complex areas the clerk had liaised with CCBC for guidance and requested that members adopt CCBC's policy with regard to Employer Discretions. It was, proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Anderson that the Town Council adopt CCBC's policy with regard to the Local Government Pension Scheme: Employer's Discretions.

e) Ysgol Y Foryd

This matter has been deferred from the PFR on the 18th June, due to all members present at that meeting having to declare an interest in Ysgol Y foryd matters and as such the matter was not dealt with. A financial request had been received from Ysgol Y Foryd in relation to a £1500 grant request towards providing swimming lessons for the children. Cllr. McLoughlin asked that a breakdown of how the money was to be spent should be provided before any decision was made and after some discussion it was, proposed by Cllr. Corry and seconded by Cllr. Johnson that the £1500 was given to Ysgol Y Foryd towards the swimming lessons and that in return the school provide a written account of how the money is to be spent. This was agreed by all apart from Cllr. McLoughlin who abstained from the vote.

f) Welsh Government Consultation Document – Access to Information on Community & Town Councils

The Council acknowledged the document and were happy with its content as this Town Council already comply with most of the recommendations contained within.

39.14 Correspondence received

- Public Sector Deposit Fund annual report – the report was acknowledged.

40.14 Mayor's report

Cllr. Richmond updated members with the events she had attended since her last update, explaining that she was thoroughly enjoying her role and getting to meet so many people. Cllr. Richmond, on behalf of the Council, also took this opportunity to formally acknowledge and congratulate Cllr. Knightly's recent M.B.E. as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours, in respect of his hard work and dedication to the people of Towyn over the years.