



Cyngor Tref Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay.

Present: Cllrs: B Darwin, B Griffiths, D Johnson, L Knightly, B McLoughlin, M Smith, N Smith (Deputy Mayor), and M Roberts .

Clerk: H Stewart BEM

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: E Bateman (Mayor) (work commitments), S Evans (ill health) and S Anderson (unwell).

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Smith Deputy Mayor, chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Smith as Chairman of CCBC Planning Committee declared an interest in Agenda Item: 10 Planning Applications and left the table whilst all applications were discussed.

3. Public Participation

There were no applications from the public to address the Council.

4. Communities First Programme

There was a presentation from Delyth Phillipps, Development Officer CCBC, on the programme which aims to reduce poverty and help improve the lives of people who live in the poorest areas of Wales.

Delyth introduced herself and gave an overview of what the Communities First Programme was currently doing in the Kinmel Bay area. She went on to explain what the Communities First Programme does to reduce the gap between most affluent and less affluent areas and give people opportunities they may not otherwise have.

Members were informed about what was already being done and what was in the pipeline; for example in terms of training, help with employability, CRB checks, health and wellbeing, supporting local businesses, reducing social isolation.

Although the Communities First Programme was coming to an end there were still funds available until the end of June 2017. Councillors were asked if there was anything the Community First Programme could do to support the Kinmel Bay population and if so would they refer any contacts, groups or organisations to Delyth.

Cllr N. Smith thanked Delyth for her presentation and she left the meeting.

5. Urgent Matters

There were no matters of urgency raised.

6. Mayor's Report

In the absence of the Mayor there was nothing to report.

7. Minutes

Resolved that: the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 November 2016 be approved.

8. Policy Finance Resources & Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2017 were noted without comment.

9. Environmental Improvement Committee

The minutes of the meetings held on both 14 November 2016 and 9 January 2017 were noted.

10. Planning Applications

a) Application Ref: 0/43562

Proposal: Replacement of existing footbridge.

Location: Millars Cottage Footbridge, Towyn

Concern was raised regarding the lack of disabled access but it was noted that this was an application for replacement of like with like.

Resolved that: No objection be recommended.

b) Application Ref: 0/43599

Proposal: Extension of front of dwelling, removal of existing roof & provision of new roof with living accommodation at 1st floor level.

Location: 159 Foryd Road, Kinmel Bay

Resolved that: No objection be recommended.

11. Budgets

Copies of draft budget papers for 2017-18 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk went through the budget page by page and pointed out certain items for noting. Members then went on to discuss in detail, some aspects of the draft budget.

Questions were raised about how the budget for the civic service and civic events should be organised and managed. It was agreed to combine the amount for "Civic Fund" and the Civic Service. This budget allocation would then cover any expenditure related to the civic function outside of the Mayor's allowance. There would be no provision for a Mayor's "Emergency Fund".

The cost of the repairs required to the bus shelters had been factored into the draft budget as had an allocation towards a Rolling Capital Programme and an increased budget requirement for outside maintenance.

Resolved that: the expenditure budget for 2017-18 be set at £157,643 which with an estimated income of £8370 resulting in a Net Revenue Expenditure of £149,273

12. Precept

Following the discussion on a draft budget for 2017-18 the level of precept was considered. Taking into account that the reserves should be able to cover the equivalent of about 3 months expenditure and, considering what the potential impact of an increase would be to households in Band C and Band D of different percentage increases, it was proposed and seconded that the precept be raised by 9.39% to allow the Town Council to undertake some of the projects listed. A counter proposal was then put that the precept remain the same as 2016-17 based on not having had time to fully consider the budget papers that had been circulated.

Going to the vote the counter proposal fell by 2 votes to 6 with the original proposal being agreed by 6 votes to 2 against namely Cllrs: B McLoughlin and M Roberts.

During the discussion it was suggested that serious consideration should be given to the Town Council taking over the responsibility from Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC), for the maintenance of all of the flower borders.

Resolved that: A precept of £131,000 be raised for 2017-18 by CCBC on behalf of the Town Council.

13. Grants

Request for a grant of £500 from the Football Club

Resolved that: this application be approved to the amount of £425

Request for a grant of £500 from the under 5's play group for sensory accessories and toys.

Resolved that: this application be approved to the amount of £500.

Request from Benefits Advice Shop.

Resolved that: this application be approved to the amount of £250.

Request from Ysgol y Foryd

Resolved that: this application be approved to the amount of £425.

14. Correspondence

The correspondence received was not with no actions arising.

The meeting concluded at 9pm.

Signed
Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on 22 February 2017.