



Cyngor Tref Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community Resource Centre, Kinmel Bay.

Present: Cllrs: E Bateman (Mayor), S Anderson, G. Corry, B Darwin, S. Evans, D Johnson, Luke Knightly, M Smith, N Smith (Deputy Mayor), M Roberts

Clerk: H Stewart BEM

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: B Mcloughlin (personal engagement) and B Griffiths (abroad).

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr N 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.

Cllr E Bateman (Mayor) declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10d) the applicant being his landlord. Cllr M Roberts declared an interest in Agenda Item 14: Grants being a governor on Ysgol Maes Owen.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Urgent Matters

There were no matters of urgency raised.

5. Mayor's Report

Cllr Bateman was happy to report that the Community Event on Saturday 26th November had been successful with £160.40 being raised for the Mayor's fund.

The Mayor reported that the problem with parking at Cader Avenue was still giving cause for concerns. On inspection all but two of the vehicles parked along the road were fully insured, taxed and had an MOT. It was highly probable that most vehicles were owned by local residents. There were however, two tow trucks that might require a "clear up order" and the only avenue left to try and address the problem might be by involving Darren Miller MP.

Cllr Bateman then asked Members if any of them who had previously served as the Mayor, been approached at Christmas to supply selection boxes to the 150 pupils at Maes Owen. This led into quite a lengthy debate which eventually resulted in a vote being taken on purchasing the selection boxes.

Resolved that: the request to purchase 150 selection boxes for Maes Owen be refused.

The Clerk did suggest that Councillors might find a summary of "Powers" by which the Council had to operate would be a useful reference when deciding on such requests.

5. Minutes

Resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2016 be approved.

Cllr Darwin apologised for not having registered his absence from the meeting on the 26 October because

of illness.

Cllr Bateman was asked if the email about Sports and Leisure had been sent to Councillors. He apologised for his oversight and said he would send it out following this meeting.

6. Matters Arising

Cllr Corry said that the Flood Group meeting had taken place. Unfortunately Johnathan Williams had not been able to attend but Cllr Corry was due to have a meeting with him before the next meeting of the Group.

7. Planning Applications

Cllr N Smith left the table and then Cllr Johnson reported his finding on each of the applications listed.

Resolved that: No objections on any of the listed applications be recommended to CCBC.

8. Environment Improvement Committee

This matter was deferred to the next Council meeting

9. Healthcheck

This matter was deferred.

10. Community Resource Centre

Three quotes had been obtained for work including enlarging the windows in the Clerk's office and replacing the fire exit door.

Cllr Knightly suggested that whilst considering this improvement work the lighting should also be reviewed. He said that there was much better and more economical lighting suitable for the office space.

Cllr N Smith requested that the appointed builder be asked to review the possibility of enlarging the ramp outside of the front door to accommodate a more accessible entrance for those with mobility impairment. Whilst these two additional items should be pursued councilors were keen that they should not delay the improvement works.

Cllr Corry suggested that the Council's Health & Safety consultant should be asked for his professional advice on the work.

Having considered the three quotes it was agreed that B & W Builders be engaged to discuss the additional work and provide a final quotation for the Council to consider and approve.

11. Grants

A draft grants policy had been circulated for consideration. The main purpose for adopting a policy would be to provide clarity and guidelines to Members when considering grant applications. Whilst there was no apparent opposition to the draft policy formal approval got lost within the lengthy and heated debate on the applications being presented at this meeting.

Cllr Darwin said that he knew of two organisations who were unaware that grants were being considered and that it would be unfair to make any awards resulting in no budget remaining for these two applications when received.

Cllr N Smith was passionate about funding the new indoor bowls mat and said if a decision was delayed until the New Year it would not be much use as the group would revert to bowling outside in the March. Cllr Roberts and Knightly were not as supportive of providing all of the £900 out of a budget of £3000. The debate on the merits of all the applications continued for some time.

Eventually it was agreed that:

- i) A contribution to the Ysgol Maes Owen School Fund for Christmas Arts and Craft Materials should be made.

ii) An indoor mat could be purchased by the Town Council and donated to the Indoor Bowls Club.

All other awards would be deferred to the January meeting allowing the two organisations mentioned by Cllr Darwin, to submit their applications.

12. Telephone and Broadband

This matter was deferred.

13. Electricity

This matter was deferred.

14. Staff Cover

Members agreed that the Clerk should pursue the appropriate option for office cover during the six week absence of the Office Assistant.

15. Christmas Opening

It was agreed that the Community Resource Centre would close from 1pm on Friday 23 December until 9.00am on Tuesday 3 January 2017. The answerphone message would provide the emergency contact numbers should anyone call.

16. Asset Disposal

There were two DPS batteries which were at least six years old, not now required by the Council. It was agreed that rather than let them gather dust they could be disposed of.

Resolved that: Cllr N Smith could collect and dispose of the two unwanted DPS batteries.

17. Correspondence

The cost of £1,218 to provide "Play Out" Summer Holiday Play Provision in 2017 was noted and would be factored into the budgets for 2017-18

The following consultation documents that had been received were noted.

- a) Additional Council Tax on Long Term
- b) LDP24 Renewable Energy
- c) LP40 Trees and Development

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

Signed
Chairman of the Full Council meeting held on 25 January 2017