

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council – Community Services & Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Billy Evans - Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell – Vice Chairman

Cllr F Bradfield, The Mayor

Cllr Billy Evans

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr F Davies

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr G Davies

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman reminded members of fire procedures, to switch off mobile phones, and to use the microphones when speaking. It was further asked that any issues arising be indicated to the Chairman.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2015/16

One nomination was received and

IT WAS RESOLVED *unanimously that Cllr Billy Evans be elected Chairman for 2015/16.*

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2015/16

Two nominations were received and following a vote,

IT WAS RESOLVED *that Cllr Mrs Myra Wigzell be elected Vice Chairman for 2015/16.*

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr M Williams

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Cllr J D Hold

Absent:

Cllr J E Ridler

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

There were none.

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5. TO WELCOME ACTING CHIEF INSPECTOR PAUL JOYCE, NORTH WALES POLICE, AND TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed Acting Chief Inspector Paul Joyce, North Wales Police. ACI Paul Joyce thanked members for inviting him and addressed the Committee.

He outlined that successful partnership working had resulted in a year on year reduction of crime rates in Llandudno. This was backed up with statistics. For example, there had been 29% less crimes in 2014 than 2013: notably vehicle crime was down 42%, and burglaries down 25% for homes and 28% for businesses. It was added that as some crimes decrease others can increase but that there was an overall strong trend of crime reduction. Issues of concern such as antisocial behaviour had also reduced, largely due to partnership working with other organisations and a combination of innovative ideas (such as securing wi fi, use of music) with traditional methods (such as security staff and keeping shop fronts tidy). The Great Orme had been subject to arson attacks, but arrests had been made and ongoing work with wardens was reducing incidents. Drugs would never be stamped out but offering initiatives such as employment opportunities, and monitoring and support were working.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team was seen as key to the reduction of crime in the community and there had been investment in one additional Beat Manager, ably supported by PCSO's. The team was no longer ward orientated but based on a model of predicative policing. Since February 2015, ACI Joyce had also been acting as one of three 'Chief Inspector of Operations', covering the central area (Conwy and Denbighshire). Ms Emma Norton was now acting as District Inspector and would also welcome an opportunity to meet the Council. Sgt Sam Roberts was shortly due to go on secondment to the National Police Federation, and a suitable replacement was in hand.

The proposals for the new Llandudno Police Station were outlined. It was reported that the current building had poor access, was difficult to re-structure and had high running costs. North Wales Police, however, were keen to retain some historical aspects of the architecture and proposed to work with local schools to identify this. There had been a risk that the Station might have been withdrawn from Llandudno, but the Police & Crime Commissioner was keen to retain it, however, it needed to be fit for purpose. The new station would be of a modern design, with good sized rooms and a purpose built interview suite, good IT facilities, and good security, especially the car park. There would be public consultation.

Members asked questions around the statistics, alcohol and petrol crime, the late night economy, the new station and old versus modern build designs. The Chairman thanked ACI Paul Joyce for attending and for the comprehensive update.

6. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

7. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 7th April 2015, were received.

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8. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

8.1 Town Centre Improvements Working Party. The Chairman reported that refurbishment of the benches at the front of the Town Hall had been completed and that the next project was under consideration.

8.2 Town Twinning. The Chairman reported on a successful football trip to Wormhout by local schools. The participants had also attended the 75th anniversary of Dunkirk celebrations and had been spoken to by the Vice Admiral of the fleet.

8.3 Former Shelter West Shore. The Clerk reported that the refurbishment of the shelter was now completed and that it looked excellent. Thanks were expressed to Conwy CBC and all involved in the restoration.

8.4 White Rabbit Statue and Event. The Clerk reported that arrangements were progressing well for the unveiling of the statue event at its new location at West Shore on the 11th July 2015. As the statue had been in store for a while, awaiting the outcome of the planning process, some attention was needed to it and cleaning, but this was well in hand with Conwy CBC. Once the plinth was removed from the Alice Pool, members would need to give consideration to the future of the pool, but Conwy CBC and the Friends of West Shore had some suggestions and these would be brought to a future meeting. Arrangements were in hand for QR history point plaques for the statue and shelter to be appropriately sited. Some members raised concern about the current condition of the statue and its housing at the storage site, but it was reported that a specialist was to attend to the statue before its erection in its new location and that any costs would be covered by Conwy CBC. The Town Council would, however, pay for the relocation of the plinth, from its previously allocated budget for the statue's relocation.

9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM SUB COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES 2015/16

Members had been previously circulated with a list of Community Services & Tourism sub committees. It was noted that under the Council's Standing Orders, the Mayor would be a voting member of every Sub Committee, and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services & Tourism Committee would be members of every Sub Committee unless they signified to the contrary.

9.1 Miss Alice Sub Committee:

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that, in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the MISS ALICE SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16: Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr Mrs D Good, Cllr Mrs IL Groom, Cllr Mrs C Marubbi, Cllr Miss A O'Grady and Cllr MA Pearce.*

9.2 Christmas Parade: Sub Committee:

***IT WAS RESOLVED** that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the CHRISTMAS PARADE SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16: Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams, Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr BB Bertola, Cllr G Burchett, Cllr Mrs P Burchett, Cllr F*

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Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr TR Davies, Cllr T Dewar, Cllr JD Hold, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr Miss A O'Grady, Cllr Mrs C Marubbi, Cllr MA Pearce, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr D N Sutcliffe, Cllr Mrs AM Yates.

9.3 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the DECORATIVE LIGHTING SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16: Cllr BB Bertola, Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr G Burchett, Cllr Mrs P Burchett, Cllr F Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr T R Davies, Cllr T Dewar, Cllr Billy Evans, Cllr Mrs M Lyon, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr GO Roberts.*

9.4 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the LLANDUDNO IN BLOOM SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16: Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr F Davies, Cllr G Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr Mrs C Marubbi.*

9.5 Town Twinning Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE 2015/16: Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr G Burchett, Cllr Mrs P Burchett, Cllr F Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr T Dewar, Cllr D Hawkins, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr MA Pearce, Cllr JE Ridler, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr Mrs AM Yates.*

9.6 Fireworks Working Party:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the FIREWORKS SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16: F&GP Chairman, Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr G Burchett, Cllr F Davies, Cllr Mrs JE Haworth, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr Mrs M Lyon, Cllr Miss A O'Grady, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr GJT Robbins.*

9.7 Town Centre Improvements Working Party:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the following members would be re-elected to the TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY 2015/16: The Mayor, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr M Bullock JP, Cllr F Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr Mrs JE Haworth, Cllr Miss A O'Grady, Cllr Mrs M Lyon, Cllr Mrs C Marubbi, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

9.8 Beach Working Party:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the following members would be re-elected to the BEACH WORKING PARTY 2015/16: The Mayor, CST Chairman, F&GP Chairman, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr F Davies, Cllr Gl Davies, Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, Cllr J D Hold, Cllr Mrs M Lyon, Cllr M Pearce, Cllr G J T Robbins, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell*

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10. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COMMUNITY SERVICES SUB COMMITTEES

- 10.1 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, 31st March 2015.
- 10.2 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, 7th April 2015
- 10.3 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee 15th April 2015
- 10.4 Town Twinning Committee, 16th April 2015
- 10.5 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee 13th May 2015

IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 31st March 2015, Christmas Parade Sub- Committee, held 7th April 2015, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 15th April 2015, Town Twinning Committee, held 16th April 2015, and Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 13th May 2015, be approved and accepted.

11. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- 11.1 A report *was received* from the Town Council's representative on a meeting of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Key issues under discussion included business rates, and local government re organisation.
- 11.2 A report from the Town and Community Council Forum, held 15th April 2015, *was received*.
- 11.3 Notes of the Conwy Fairtrade Coalition, held 21st April 2015, *were received*.
- 11.4 Minutes of the Great Orme Country Park meeting, held 5th June 2014, and notice of the meeting to be held 3rd June 2015, *were received*.
- 11.5 To receive any further reports from outside bodies: there were none.

12. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 12.1 Women's Clinical Services in North Wales. Letters received from: the First Minister, Welsh Government; Betsi Cadwaldr University Health Board; and the North Wales Community Health Council *were received*.
- 12.2 An email was received from Ships' Timbers thanking the Town Council for its contribution to the former Llandudno Lifeboat Tillie Morrison and offering presentations on a survey of the North Shore heritage features (*survey as requested by the LTC Beach Working Party*) and the 'For Those in Peril on The Sea' project.

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite Ships' Timbers to give separate presentations at future dates to the Community Services & Tourism Committee on the North Shore heritage features and the 'For Those in Peril on the Sea' Project.

- 12.3 An update on Penrhyn Bay Library and that it would be closed for renovations from the 8th June - 7th July 2015 *was received*. A Grand Re-opening was scheduled for July following completion of the work. Cllr Bradfield had also been invited to be an honorary member and had accepted.

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12.4 An invitation for members to attend an Irish Sea 2050 conference at Parc Eirias on the 12th June 2015, was received. Interested members were asked to notify the Office.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 7th July 2015**.