

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council

Held on Wednesday 5th July 2017, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr G J T Robbins – Chairman

Cllr Miss A O’Grady – Vice-Chairman

Cllr F Davies – The Mayor

Cllr Mrs Jones

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr I Turner

In attendance:

Mr V Turner, Traffic & Network Manager, Conwy CBC

PC M Smith, North Wales Police

Sgt T Prytherch, North Wales Police

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Evans

S R Hillman

Absent:

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr M J Pavey

14. TO WELCOME MR V. TURNER, TRAFFIC AND NETWORK MANAGER, CONWY CBC AND SGT. T PRYTHERCH, NORTH WALES POLICE TO THE MEETING TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN LLANDUDNO.

Members welcomed Mr V. Turner, Traffic and Network Manager, Conwy CBC, Sgt T. Prytherch, and PC M Smith of North Wales Police to the meeting to discuss traffic issues within Llandudno. Mr Turner provided an update on the traffic report commissioned by Conwy CBC. There had been a delay in the publication of the report as the developers providing the Section 106 funding to implement the proposals had requested more detailed information. In addition, there had been resource issues at the consultancy drafting the proposals. Conwy CBC had therefore, undertaken less costly, minor measures to assist traffic flows. For example, clearer signage had been introduced on the A470 and brighter halos had been installed on the Vaughan Street pedestrian crossings to make pedestrians more visible to motorists.

Mr Turner explained that additional 106 funding was required to implement the main proposals for Llandudno, which were summarised as follows:

- **Junction of Charlotte Road and Conway Road**
One of the signal heads would be removed as it was considered that traffic would merge better under a give way system. An additional pedestrian crossing would also be provided on Charlotte Road.
- **Second set of traffic lights before Asda Stores/entering and exiting Parc Llandudno**
Traffic would be prevented from turning right as it exited Parc Llandudno to go to Asda as this turn was seldom used and would allow an additional lane on Conway Road, for traffic travelling straight on to be installed. The pavement would be narrowed by the introduction of the additional lane and would, therefore, require widening.

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- **Junction of Vaughan Street/Mostyn Street**

A dedicated right hand turn for traffic travelling onto Mostyn Broadway would be introduced and the priority would be changed to traffic travelling from Mostyn Street, to improve traffic flows. The options for exiting Parc Llandudno and the junction of Vaughan Street/Mostyn Street would be costly to construct.

- **Mostyn Broadway/Charlotte Road**

Left hand and right hand lanes would be created on Charlotte Road leading into Mostyn Champneys Retail Park but this would require the purchase/leasing of additional land to implement. Parking restrictions would also be introduced on Charlotte Road to solve the concerns raised about parking by B&Q.

A new signalised crossing would be installed on Mostyn Broadway by Venue Cymru. This would necessitate the relocation of the in-bound bus stop and would assist motorists turning right out of Charlotte Road and pedestrians. Parking restrictions outside Venue Cymru had also been proposed.

Mr Turner advised that he was scheduled to meet with the consultants the following day but once firm drawings of the proposals had been drawn up, they would be forwarded to the Town Council for consultation.

Members were generally supportive of the options outlined but asked whether the proposed relocation of McDonalds on Mostyn Champney's Retail Park would have an impact. Mr Turner confirmed that the relocation would be taken into account.

Concerns were also raised that the introduction of parking restrictions on Charlotte Road would lead to increased parking in Craig Y Don and it was suggested that temporary parking restrictions be introduced to see what would happen. Temporary restrictions were a possible option but Conwy CBC considered that it was preferable to find a long term solution to the issue following consultation with residents.

Members also asked whether Conwy CBC had considered the Town Council's request for a pedestrian crossing in Glan Y Mor Road, Penrhyn Bay, in response to concerns that pedestrians, particularly school pupils, often found it difficult to cross due to the increasingly high volume of traffic travelling along the road. Mr Turner responded that Conwy CBC was heavily dependent on Welsh Government funding to undertake all but minor improvements and to obtain Welsh Government Safety funding, priority was given to those improvements considered most likely to reduce the numbers of persons killed or seriously injured in road collisions. This had to be evidenced by a history of deaths or casualties. Every year, an analysis of road collisions was undertaken by Conwy CBC, involving deaths or casualties, in order to identify any sites that could qualify for this funding and Glan y Mor Road had not previously been identified as a priority as part of this analysis. In the future, Conwy CBC was planning to develop a whole route analysis as the evidence base rather than concentrating on particular cluster areas, which might allow Conwy CBC to obtain funding for improvements on Glan Y Mor Road. Funding had however, been secured in 2017 for an additional crossing by Ysgol John Bright.

Members queried whether a central refuge could be installed as an alternative, as the section of Glan y Mor Road from the shops at Penrhyn Bay roundabout to Rhos on Sea did not contain any traffic calming measures. The re-opening of the beach café was also likely to lead to increased traffic and pedestrians in the area. Central refuges, however, were costly to install

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and if warranted, a signalised crossing would be preferred by Conwy CBC. Sgt Prytherch also reported that vehicles regularly exceeded the speed limit on Glan Y Mor Road and there was a need for traffic calming measures.

Road Safety Funding bids were invited by the Welsh Government once a year in January. A business case for the next funding round would be developed between September and December and projects that secured funding would be implemented in the next financial year.

Mr Turner confirmed that clearer signage would be erected on Ty Gwyn Road denoting that there was no left turn, following concerns raised by residents. Signage would also be installed at the junction of Marine Drive/Llys Helig to alert motorists to cyclists travelling round the Great Orme. Cyclists travelling at speed was becoming more of an issue and Conwy CBC were working with cyclists and schools to raise awareness. Mr Turner was also asked if the signage to prevent people turning left in Zion passage into Madoc Street could be lowered as it was too high to be visible to motorists.

A request from Llandudno Civic Council to reverse the one-way system on the Promenade end of Church Walks was raised. Members were advised that additional signage would be installed but Conwy CBC did not consider that reversing the one-way system would prevent motorists travelling in the wrong direction and might increase problems, with motorists confused by the change. Sgt Prytherch considered that the existing signage was clear and additional signage was not necessary. North Wales Police had also not received evidence of problems in this area, which would allow the police to take enforcement action.

Members expressed their support of the recent introduction of 20 mph speed limits outside primary schools in Llandudno but queried why a 20 mph limit had not been introduced outside Ysgol John Bright. This had been considered by Conwy CBC but it was felt that traffic would not adhere to a 20 mph limit on Maesdu Road and it would give children a false sense of security. An additional pedestrian crossing was, therefore, considered to be more beneficial. It was suggested that the 20 mph zones be in force during school hours only but this would require the installation of electronic signage at a cost of £100,000, in comparison to £2,500 for permanent signage. The installation of a central refuge was also suggested but this would require Welsh Government funding.

Concerns were also raised about motorists, particularly blue badge holders parking up to the corners of road junctions. Conwy CBC had tried to issue enforcement notices for those parking within 10 metres of a junction but a legal judgement had ruled that the local authority had been exceeding its authority and enforcement came under the jurisdiction of the police. North Wales Police did not consider it a priority unless a motorist was parked in a dangerous position. Conwy CBC's Parking Services Manager had raised the issue at a national level.

The Chairman thanked Mr Turner, Sgt Prytherch and PC Smith for attending the meeting

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

The following declarations of interest were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr F Bradfield	18. Planning Application 0/44117, Change of use from shop (A1) to micro pub (A3) at 35 Madoc Street, Llandudno	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Licensing Committee

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Cllr H T M Saville	18. Planning Application 0/44117, Change of use from shop (A1) to micro pub (A3) at 35 Madoc Street, Llandudno	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Licensing Committee
Cllr G J T Robbins	18. Planning Application 0/44117, Change of use from shop (A1) to micro pub (A3) at 35 Madoc Street, Llandudno	Personal: Applicant is known by the member

16. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee held on Wednesday 7th June 2017 were approved and signed.

17. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications submitted by Conwy County Borough Council were considered and in exercise of plenary powers, recommendations made thereon (Appendix A).

Cllr F Bradfield and Cllr H T M Saville asked that their abstention on Planning application 0/44117 be recorded.

19. NOTIFICATION FROM CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Notifications were received from Conwy CBC of applications determined between 05.06.17 and 02.07.17.

20. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

20.1 Correspondence received from Llandudno Civic Council requesting a reversal of the one-way system at the Promenade end of Church Walks, Llandudno. Please refer to minute item 14.

20.2 Consultation by the Welsh Government on the draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the National Development Framework was discussed.

One member considered that the National Development Framework was not necessary as the proposals were covered in other planning legislation and also raised a concern that the document could be used to allow additional housing to be built. Other members considered that the Framework was an excellent document and very wide-ranging but bureaucratic. It was also raised that although the document made reference in Section 2.2.1 of the document to Welsh Ministers having due regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, there was no specific reference to Article 9 of the Convention: Children have the right to leave with their parent(s) unless it is bad for them. Children whose parents do not live together have the right to stay in contact with both parents unless this might hurt their child, or Article 30 of the Convention: Minority or indigenous children have the right to learn about and practice their own, culture, language and religion.

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IT WAS RESOLVED to respond to the Welsh Government consultation on the draft Integrated Appraisal Scoping Report for the National Development Framework that the Town Council was in support of the proposed Framework and considered the document to be wide-ranging but requested that a reference to Article 9 and Article 30 of the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child be included in the document.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd August at 6.00 pm.

APPENDIX A
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANS COMMITTEE OF LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL

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Number:	Proposal & Applicant/Agent:	Town Council Recommendation:
0/44025 Amended Plans	Amended Plans/Reports for the Display of 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non illuminated projecting sign at 85 Mostyn Street, Llandudno.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
0/44083	Notice of Application for Planning Permission for demolition of existing extension and construction of rear extension and detached garage at St Ives, Bryn Pydew Road, Bryn Pydew, Llandudno Junction.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
0/44104	Notice of Application for Planning Permission for Proposed Removal of Existing Canopy together with Elevational/Shopfront Improvements to Unit E1 (Pets at Home) and Unit E2 (Staples), and the provision of anti-ram raid bollards, at Mostyn Champneys Shopping park, Charlotte Road, Llandudno.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
0/44108 & 0/44109 Listed Building Consent	Notice of Application for Planning Permission to enlarge an existing parking area to the front of the property requiring alterations to land levels and demolition and alterations to an existing wall at Bron Dinas, 32 Ty Gwyn Road, Great Orme, Llandudno.	RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds: 1) that there is a disparity between the existing layout and the drawings, which indicate a dropped kerb but photographs show there is no dropped kerb at the site. 2) There is insufficient space for a parking space without encroachment into the public pavement area. 3) Work has already

		commenced and an enforcement notice should be issued to stop work on site until a decision is taken on the planning application
0/44117	Notice of Application for Planning Permission for Change of use from shop (A1) to micro pub (A3) at 35 Madoc Street, Llandudno.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL but clarification of the public toilet facilities indicated on the drawings is required
0/44126	Notice of Application for Planning Permission for the installation of a new auto-door and shop-front windows and cycle racks at The Co-operative Food Supermarket, 31-33 Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL but urge caution regarding potential blockage of the walkway by the positioning of the cycle racks and suggest an alternative design may be more appropriate
0/44135	Notice of Application for Planning Permission for the refurbishment of the existing dwelling, Wynnstay, 85 Great Ormes Road, Llandudno	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
0/44137	Notice of application for Planning Permission for a single storey rear extension, Chericot, 20 Gwydyr Road, Llandudno	RECOMMEND APPROVAL
0/44145	Notice of application for Planning Permission for demolition of existing Class A3 restaurant/drive-thru and erection of two Class A3 restaurants together with associated parking, servicing and landscaping, Mostyn Champneys Shopping Park, Charlotte Road, Llandudno	RECOMMEND APPROVAL but ask to consider access to the proposed McDonalds from the service entrance on Charlotte Road rather than the one proposed
0/44149	Notice of application for Planning Permission for the replacement of 2 no. bay windows and 1 no. sash existing windows with white profile 22 upvc windows, Flat 1, Guildford House, 27 Lloyd Street, Llandudno	RECOMMEND APPROVAL