

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Chairman

Cllr F Davies – Vice Chairman

Cllr Miss A O’Grady, The Mayor

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr I Turner

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L Emery

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr Mrs J Jones

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

There were none.

24. TO WELCOME THE DISTRICT INSPECTOR, WEST CONWY COASTAL, NORTH WALES POLICE

(as resolved by the Committee 09.04.19)

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Inspector Julie Sheard, West Conwy Coastal, North Wales Police. Inspector Sheard thanked members for the opportunity to meet annually with members to discuss local issues, how the police were responding, and the challenges faced. The Inspector outlined that there had been an increase in local crime but that this was part of a national trend. In the town centre, the primary issue were incidents associated with the night-time economy, however, partnership working with and proactive approaches by businesses had improved the situation and reduced any disorder. Reports in the press and on social media regarding drugs and anti-social behaviour were discussed and, the challenges and initiatives to address anti-social behaviour, particularly amongst young people. The Inspector touched upon the importance of multi-agency working, and identification of local projects and services to engage young people, such as skate and bike parks. Whilst more traditional forms of crime had increased, the Police were also seeing newer, harder to address, issues such as organised ‘County lines’ crimes. Identifying what ‘County lines’ looks like and putting in place a plan to disrupt was referred to. There was further discussion on homeless provision in the town and working with agencies such as Mind and Housing to support and signpost. Enforcement was not necessarily a solution and support to the vulnerable was needed.

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Members commended the work of North Wales Police and expressed appreciation of the challenges faced. Questions were asked, including lack of visible policing, communication between the police and CCTV and street begging. The under resourcing of the police nationally, the number of officers and PCSO's on duty in the local area, and the need for the Police to prioritise was touched upon.

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for attending and she left the meeting.

It was moved to bring item 28.3, Fireworks Sub Committee, forward on the agenda and this was agreed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reminded members of the advice of Conwy Safety Advisory Group to implement a road closure along part of the promenade road on the night of the display for reasons of public safety and access of emergency vehicles. The time discussed and agreed at SAGS had been from 4pm, however, subsequent advice from the police had been for an earlier start time, 9am, to reduce the number of vehicles within the road closure area. Whilst advice from SAGS/NW Police was only advisory, the implications of not following advice was noted. An urgent meeting had been requested with Conwy CBC and NW Police to discuss the timings on site, but the views of the Committee were sought. Most members considered that whilst there needed to be regard to public safety and following the advice, that closing the road earlier would be very disruptive. Some members conversely, however, saw it as an opportunity to build expectation and grow the event. **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to leave with the Fireworks Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree the timings with Conwy CBC and NW Police at a site meeting.*

Cllr I Turner left the meeting.

25. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

26. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 16th July 2019, were received and signed.

27. COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME LLANDUDNO

(Item requested by Cllr B B Bertola)

Cllr B. B. Bertola brought to the attention of members that the Community Toilet Scheme had been operating in Llandudno (and Conwy County) since around 2009. It was originally a Welsh Government initiative to facilitate partnerships between Councils and businesses to open their premises to the public and so widen the provision of public conveniences within an area. The Scheme was administered by Conwy CBC, which pays £500 p.a to each participating business and Llandudno Town Council contributes £100 p.a. per business. The Town Council had also provided its own distinctive blue signage for participating premises to display on their frontages.

Cllr Bertola had, over many years, undertaken regular visits to participating premises with members and had previously raised ongoing concerns to Conwy CBC about the lack of visible signage, monitoring, and publicity/promotion of the scheme by Conwy CBC. A recent site visit with Cllr H.T.M. Saville, Cllr G.J.T. Robbins and Cllr Mrs C. Beard, raised ongoing concern

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about the lack of, or poor visibility of, signage and stickers on the front of some premises. It was also reported that some participating premises across the County also displayed little/no signage. The Scheme had great potential, but the lack of signage and advertising was of real concern. Members agreed that in view of funding being put into the scheme the points raised were of concern. In view of previous correspondence to/meetings held with Conwy CBC over these issues, it was discussed that a different approach to raising the Town Council's concerns might be beneficial. Members thanked Cllr Bertola for the report.

IT WAS RESOLVED to ask for the Community Toilet Scheme, administered by Conwy CBC, to be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee, Conwy CBC, in view of ongoing concerns over inadequate display of signage and lack of publicity and promotion of the Scheme.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to again invite a representative from Conwy CBC to undertake a walk about of the community Toilet Scheme in Llandudno with representatives of the Town Council.

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

28.1 Town Twinning Committee held 20th June 2019.

28.2 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 3rd July 2019.

28.3 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 11th July 2019 (*also included in a report to Council 26.07.19 on the 2019 display*)

IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Town Twinning Committee held 20th June 2019, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 3rd July 2019, and Fireworks Sub Committee held 11th July 2019, be approved and accepted.

29. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

29.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Report of the Meeting, held 19th July 2019, was received.

29.2 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: A report of the meeting held 25th June 2019 was received.

29.3 Town & Community Council Forum: A report of the meeting held 25th June 2019 was noted.

29.4 Any other reports from outside bodies. There were no further reports.

30. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

30.1 An email from Conwy CBC consulting on playgrounds (*previously circulated due to response date*) and a copy of the response received from Towyn & Kinnel Bay was received.

30.2 An invitation from the National Trust to a consultation event, Y Parc, Great Orme, was received.

30.3 A copy email regarding access to drinking water in the Town and the response from Conwy CBC Tourism was received.

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30.4 A copy letter regarding access to the Great Orme Tramway by coach and the proposed response by Conwy CBC, that it would review current accessibility issues within the limits of the heritage and space restraints, *was received*.

30.5 An email from Sustrans regarding the Conwy Estuary link *was received*.

31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 12th November 2019.