

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Chairman

Cllr F Davies – The Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr I Turner

### 25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell – Vice Chairman

Cllr B Evans

Cllr S Hillman

Absent:

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr M J Pavey

### 26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

There were none.

### 27. TO WELCOME INSPECTOR K. ISAACS, NORTH WALES POLICE, AND TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed the District Inspector for West Conwy Police, Kelly Isaacs, to the meeting. The Inspector outlined her background as a detective and her love of Llandudno and updated members on general crime issues. Whilst statistics in Llandudno were up this year, to date, this was mainly due to changes in crime recording. The most common crime type in Conwy was commercial theft and much work was in progress with local businesses to reduce this. The Inspector raised the importance of pro-active and visible policing. Meetings with community groups and youth centres were also referenced and partnership working with bodies such as housing associations. The challenges faced by the Police regarding drug supplies and operations and their work with helping and safeguarding vulnerable people was also outlined.

Other areas of policing work touched upon included the ‘Shop Watch’ scheme, which North Wales Police was keen to roll out again in Llandudno, ‘Businesses against Crime’, working with hotels to reduce sneak thieves, schools liaison, safe neighbourhood teams, and hate crime; although the incidences relating to the latter in the area was low.

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An update was also received on the new Police Station and it was hoped to move in around mid-October. The new building retained some of the previous history and the front desk and vulnerable young person's suite was commended. It was noted that there would be a police staff presence 24 hours. The Mayor and Councillors would be invited to visit the new station in due course.

Members asked several questions including whether neighbourhood watch was still going, a rise in homeless people in Conwy, and any changes in the Police area and numbers due to financial constraints. The Inspector outlined the police's role in working with homeless people. This included working with support agencies, signposting people to services, and young person's drug initiatives. The police did not have powers to move people on, but could issue criminal behaviour orders. The balances of safeguarding and enforcing the law was emphasised, as was partnership working and communications with communities and organisations. The Inspector was not aware of any planned reduction to Police numbers but did report that, in general, policing numbers had declined since the 1980's and that it took six months to train new recruits. There may, however, be some redistribution of boundary lines for Police Inspectors due to the Denbigh coastal area having significant demand.

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for attending the meeting and invited her to attend next year.

### 28. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

### 29. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017, were received.

### 30. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING

#### 30.1 Town Centre Improvements Working Party.

The Chairman of the Working Party updated members on proposed projects, in partnership with Conwy CBC and other bodies. This included refurbishment of the Carlton Island clock, and proposed improvements at North Western Gardens, once the new public conveniences were completed.

#### 30.2 Fireworks Sub Committee.

The Chairman of the Sub Committee updated members on proposals to hold the display on North Shore beach, in partnership with Conwy CBC and Llandudno Pier, subject to the granting of the marine licence. The Clerk and Health and Safety Officer were also due to attend a meeting of the Conwy CBC Safety Advisory Group.

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

31.1 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

31.2 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 21<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that the recommendations of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, and Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 21<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, be approved and accepted.*

### 32. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

32.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. A report of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017, and Agenda for the meeting to be held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, was received.

32.2 Penrhyn Bay Community Library. A report of the AGM held 13th July 2017 was received.

32.3 No further reports were received from outside bodies.

### 33. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

33.1 Letter received from the Llandudno Rotary Club regarding making Llandudno a dementia friendly town was discussed. Members were in strong support of the project and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to refer to Council that a representative/s be appointed to attend the Rotary's proposed working group.* Cllr I Turner asked for his interest in being one of the representatives to be recorded.

33.2 A consultation from Conwy CBC regarding signage for controlling the feeding of ducks and other wildfowl was considered and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to recommend the sign showing the swans (it being an image more relevant to Llandudno) and to recommend that signage relating to feeding of seagulls also be looked at by Conwy CBC.*

33.3 Copy from Conwy CBC of the North Shore Byelaws 2017 was received.

33.4 Email from a charity called Sported regarding support for communities was received.

33.5 Information from North Wales Police regarding the launch of 'Keep Safe Cymru' scheme was received. Members commended the Scheme.

33.6 Information received from Sustrans on the development of the walking and cycling network in rural Wales. It was noted that this had been considered by the Llandudno Coastal Forum and looked at in the draft beach management plan.

### 34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November