

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi - Chairman

Cllr F Davies - Vice Chairman

Cllr D J Hawkins, The Mayor

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr I Turner

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Absent:

Cllr M J Pavey

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

There were none.

34. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 11th September 2018, were received.

36. PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Mr A. Wilkinson, Head of Neighbourhood Services, Conwy CBC, who gave a presentation on an initiative to replace pavements in Mostyn Street. Members had also been circulated with copies of Conwy CBC Finance and resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 6 November 2018, at which this item had been discussed.

Mr Wilkinson outlined that Conwy CBC had previously set aside £200,000 capital funding for phase 1: to replace pavements in Mostyn Street between Gloddaeth Street and St George's Place. In order to achieve a uniform and attractive street scene, ideally the entire width of pavement was sought to be replaced, however, the area under County Council responsibility

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was limited to the adopted public highway; the boundary of which was generally the paving between the road and the veranda line or projection of adjacent canopies. The remaining pavement area, approximately 40%, was in private ownership with private frontages responsible for the repair and maintenance of paving slabs within their curtilage. Options for funding the private pavement area included external grant funding or BIDs, and contributions from the private frontage leaseholder or freeholder. Both of these had been sought but had not been successful. It was noted that councils did not have the powers to fund the private frontage areas. The capital allocation set aside by Conwy CBC was, therefore, under pressure from other demands.

Conwy CBC was, therefore, looking at a reduced scope option of replacing slabs in the public areas only. Whilst not ideal, it was hoped that this would demonstrate a commitment to improve the street scene and generate interest in further support from frontages or funding bids. The risks of not undertaking an ongoing pavement replacement project included increasing complaints/claims and a deteriorating street scene. The views of the Town Council was sought regarding Conwy CBC going forward with the reduced scope option and the potential loss of the capital allocation.

Members expressed support for the reduced scope option but made suggestions as to materials that might be considered as alternatives to slabs and longer payment options for private frontages who may wish to support the work. It was discussed that tarmac did not wear as well as slabs and could look patchy if utility trenches/holes were dug and that finished concrete could be expensive. The slabs under consideration were of a thickness designed to be durable and to greater withstand vehicles mounting the pavements and water run-off from downpours. Drainage would also be looked at by Conwy CBC.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wilkinson for the excellent presentation and consultation and he left the meeting. Following this, members discussed the item and

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council thank Conwy CBC for its work on this issue and to write in support of the reduced scope initiative to replace paving under public ownership on the north side of Mostyn Street, between Gloddaeth St and St George's Place.

Cllr I Turner and Cllrs Mrs L Emery left the meeting.

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

37.1 Town Centre Improvements Sub Committee held 3rd October 2018.

Members noted the proposed refurbishment of Carlton Island clock tower. It was raised whether the clock would be best taken away for refurbishment rather than restored on site and the Clerk would enquire.

37.2 Christmas Parade Sub Committee held 10th October 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Town Centre Improvements Sub Committee, held 3rd October 2018, and Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 10th October 2018, be approved and accepted.

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38. PROVISION OF TOWN COUNCIL LITTER BINS

The Clerk reported that in the past the Town Council had been able to fund litter bins in its community area, subject to the agreement of Conwy CBC to site and empty. It was brought to the attention of members that requests had continued to be received for litter bins to be provided at various locations including Tudno ward, St David's Road, and Llanrhos Road. However, whilst the Town Council could provide bins, Conwy CBC had responded that it was not able to add any additional litter bins at present to existing stock due to financial restrictions and budget saving. Conwy CBC further highlighted its aims to reduce landfill and promote recycling. Members noted the report from the Clerk.

39. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

39.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Minutes of the meeting, held 26th October 2018, were received.

39.2 Town & Community Council Forum: Minutes of the meeting held 26th September 2018 were received. The meeting was attended by Cllr F. Davies and the Town Clerk and the key items were a presentation from Conwy CBC on its budget forecast for 2019/20, funding from/asset transfers to Town & Community Councils, provision and maintenance of play equipment, and a Shared Community Charter.

Members noted an email from Conwy CBC that accompanied the Forum minutes. The email asked Town & Community Councils if consideration could be given by them to Conwy CBC services that they might be interested in providing. This issue had also been discussed at the Forum meeting, with play areas, grass cutting, and public conveniences being mentioned by Conwy CBC as possible areas for funding or asset transfer. Councils attending the Forum had reminded Conwy CBC of the need for it to plan ahead for any funding requests from/asset transfers to Community Councils in view of budget and resource restraints. The Community Services Committee agreed to await further information from Conwy CBC and then to discuss again.

39.3 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: A copy of the minutes were received.

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

40. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

40.1 A report on 'Playing Out' Summer Holiday Play Provision 2018 was received.

40.2 A list of community defibrillators in Llandudno was welcomed and was received. An offer of free training for councillors in the use of defibrillators was accepted and would be arranged by the Clerk.

40.3 A letter from the Post Office regarding Llandudno Post Office and a change of management was received.

40.4 A letter from Conwy CBC in response to the Town Council's concerns over fly tipping and any connection with charges at Council household recycling centres was received. Members discussed incidents of fly tipping, particularly mattresses, at the play area, Cwm Road, but noted that this was being addressed by Conwy CBC.

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41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 8th January 2018.