

## COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council  
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council  
 Held on Friday 13th December 2019, 7.00pm  
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr Miss A O' Grady – The Mayor

Cllr H T M Saville – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs C Marubbi

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Davies

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L Emery

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr I Turner

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr S Hillman

*Prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain, Father Augustine.*

### 49. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr M Hold JP

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

The following interests were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial:
Cllr Mrs C. Beard	56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F. Bradfield	56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr Mrs L. Emery	56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P. C. Evans JP	54: Grants Sub Committee: Chardon Trust and Llanrhos Churchyard fund. 54: Finance Minutes: Chardon Trust funding request. 56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Prejudicial: Trustee and Sub Warden of Mission Area, respectively. Prejudicial: Trustee Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr Mrs J. Jones	54: Grants Sub Committee: LEPWS	Prejudicial: Director
Cllr H. T. M. Saville	54: Grants Sub Committee: CAB Conwy 56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Prejudicial: Trustee Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr G. J. T. Robbins	56: Llandudno Play areas funding 57: Conwy CBC Services 'at risk'	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC

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Cllr I. Turner	54: Grants Sub Committee: CAB Conwy	Prejudicial: Trustee & Director
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**51. URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

**52. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The following minutes were approved and signed as a correct record:

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**53. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements. These included: dedicating the new war memorial plaque; participating in the Trafalgar Day Parade, Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade and the Llandudno Christmas Parade; attending Sports Awards evenings at Llandudno Cricket Club and Conwy County Borough Council; opening the Christmas Fayre; and attendance at numerous Christmas events and carol services. The Mayor would be visiting patients at Llandudno Hospital on Christmas Day, taking part in the Boxing Day Dip and, on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, unveiling a civic name plate in memory of former local businessman 'Billy Mac'. The Mayor further reported on the success of her Charity Night held at Llandudno Football Club.

**54. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES**

The minutes of the following committees were approved subject to any addenda appearing thereunder:

<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u>	
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<u>Planning and Transportation Committee</u>	
Held on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019.....	141 - 143

<u>Community Services &amp; Tourism Committee</u>	
Held on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019.....	144 - 158

Included:

- Town Twinning Committee held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (pages 147 - 149)
- Fireworks Sub Committee held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (pages 150 - 151)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (pages 152 - 155)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (pages 156 - 158)

The Chairman of the Twinning Committee reported on a visit to Llandudno by a delegation from the Swiss town of Champéry as part of a potential twinning arrangement with North Wales Tourism and local businesses. The Mayor had hosted a small civic reception to welcome them. Following this visit, a delegation from Llandudno, including Conwy County Borough Council, North Wales Tourism the Mayor and Twinning Chairman, would undertake a self-funded return visit in January, during the Welsh Alpine skiing championships. The visit would further discuss the tourism benefits of establishing a twinning arrangement between the two towns. The Twinning Chairman asked for the Town Council to support this initiative. Funding was not being sought.

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***IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council approve and support the tourism exchanges between Conwy County/Llandudno and the Swiss town of Champéry, and the potential development of a Town Twinning connection.***

### Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019..... 159 – 182

Included:

- Civic Sub Committee held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (pages 173 - 175)
- Grants Sub Committee, held 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (pages 176 – 182)

Concern was expressed by a member over some of the annual grant commitments. It was noted, however, that the Committee had previously resolved to hold a Special meeting in 2020 to review Grants and processes. Questions were raised over the grant to North Wales Parrot Rescue. In response, it was reported that the application had been for cages to transport parrots for promotional and fundraising purposes so that the charity could raise more of its own funds. The Finance Chairman reminded members that Grants 2020 had been resolved by the Finance Committee which had delegated powers. Cllr P C Evans, JP asked for it to be recorded that he did not vote in favour of the grants recommendations.

### Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019..... 183 – 189

Includes:

- Transport & Prow Sub Committee held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (pages 186 - 189)

## **55. UPDATE FROM THE LLANDUDNO IN BLOOM SUB COMMITTEE ON LLANDUDNO'S SUCCESSES IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2019**

The Chairman, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, reported on Llandudno's successes in the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Britain in Bloom 2019'. In addition to a Gold Award, Llandudno had also won its category: 'Coastal over 12,000'. The focus in 2020 would be on projects, including one with Ysgol John Bright. Mostyn Estates Ltd was also commended for its rainwater harvesting initiative at the Victoria Centre.

## **56. LLANDUDNO PLAY AREAS AND RELEASE OF ALLOCATED BUDGET 2019/20**

The Town Council had allocated £24,000 in its budget for 2019/20 towards the maintenance of play areas within the Llandudno community area by Conwy County Borough Council. The release of any funding was subject to consultation with, and agreement by, the Town Council.

Members considered further information received from Conwy Council outlining proposed works and costs for the most used Llandudno play areas (as requested by Town Council 04.10.2019). The most used play areas had been identified by Conwy County Borough Council as: Westshore; Queens Park; Bodnant Road; Canol Creuddyn, Mostyn/Trinity Avenue; and Great Orme play area.

Conwy County Borough Council had already used a proportion of Conwy's capital budget (totalling £38,000) for the following works at these sites: Canol Creuddyn - replacement of missing and damaged equipment with a basket swing and Supanova; West Shore Play Area - replacement of Cone Climber and Basket swing frame; and Queens Park - replacement of equipment with new Supanova and surfacing.

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The Town Council was being asked to consider using its £24,000 budget allocation for further priority work at these sites: Mostyn Play Area - replacement of slide and surfacing (£9,000); West Shore Play Area - replacement of safety surfacing and gate (£5,500); West Shore outdoor gym replacement of cross trainer (£3,304). ; and the Great Orme play area (costs to be confirmed)

Members discussed that at a future date, there might be some need for rationalising of the number of play areas (over thirty in Llandudno) or the development of centres of excellence. It was noted that Cartrefi Conwy had confirmed that the only playground maintained by it was the toddler area, Tre Cwm. There was discussion on seeking a more detailed breakdown of the above costs and the procurement process, and whether Conwy was getting the best value for the works. Members noted the ongoing work of the Conwy Play Provision Task and Finish Group.

***IT WAS RESOLVED*** that the Town Council look to prioritise its £24,000 allocated funding for 2019/20 for the following proposed work by Conwy County Borough Council: Mostyn play area; West Shore play area; and Westshore Outdoor Gym, subject to more detailed information being received on details of the costings and the procurement process to achieve best value.

### 57. DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES IN CONWYS COMMUNITIES

Members had been previously circulated with the following information:

57.1 A letter and list received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the identification of community-based services that were likely to be 'at risk' in Llandudno due to ongoing budgetary pressures and the 'asks' of the Town Council, Appendix 1.

These Llandudno service 'asks' were:

- Play Areas, over thirty in Llandudno ('ask' = funding support/asset transfer);
- Craig y Don Paddling Pool ('ask' = revenue support, up to £38,000 or transfer);
- Young Creatives/TakepART, Venue Cymru ('ask' = funding support up to £10,000);
- Major Event Delivery ('ask' = funding support up to £10,000);
- Penrhyn Bay Community Library ('ask' = additional funding support of £3,000);
- Public Conveniences ('ask' = asset transfer of eight facilities to the Town Council);
- CCTV ('ask' = funding support, not stated).

57.2 A written report from the Clerk on the Conwy County Borough Council 'Surgery' session held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (attended by the Mayor, Chairmen of the Community and Finance Committees, the Town Council's Town and Community Council Forum representative, and Clerk and Deputy Clerk).

57.3 A Public Pack on the Conwy County Borough Council Play Provision Task & Finish Group.

57.4 Extracts from the Zurich Risk Management Advisory Document regarding insurance and risk assessments of assets.

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57.5 Further information received to date from Conwy County Borough Council on services outlined in 57.2 above.

57.6 Guidance received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding declarations of interest by County Members.

The Clerk summarised the report in 57.2 above and that a mixed bag of information/costs had been received from Conwy County Borough Council, to date, regarding the service funding or transfer 'asks' of Llandudno Town Council. Some information was fairly comprehensive (Paddling Pool, Community Library, Young Creatives/Take pART and Play Areas; although the latter was also subject to the outcome of the Play Task & Finish group), but others lacking (CCTV, Public Conveniences and Major Events).

There was discussion by members on the need to proceed carefully and to take time to weigh up all the costs and implications of funding services or taking on assets from Conwy County Borough Council. There was further discussion on weighing up the importance and benefits of services to residents/visitors, and whether services were income generating or not. The reference in the letter from Conwy County Borough Council (57.1 above) "that there were no statutory services at risk" was considered by members to be inaccurate and that the issue was more around either duty or powers of Councils to provide services. The 1989 change to the rating system, when NNDR ceased to be given to Town & Community Councils, was also referenced. A recommendation was made that a Working Party be established to look at the services 'at risk' and the 'asks' in more detail, but members discussed that there was only a limited timeframe before the budget had to be set by the Town Council by the end of January 2020.

Members further debated that the Town Council already contributed to some of the Conwy Council 'asks', including a £24,000 budget towards play area maintenance, a £6,000 annual commitment to Penrhyn Bay Community Library, and a £5,000 annual commitment to 'Take pArt'. Members commented on the pros and cons of supporting individual services, in particular the Paddling Pool and any risk of its loss. Strong comments were also made against further funding any Conwy Council provided services or the Town Council taking them on; that Town Council did not have the budget or staff resources, and that the services were the responsibility of the Local Authority. The Mayor reported that she had been informed that a third party had expressed interest in taking on public conveniences but been declined by the County Council.

Members considered going through each service and making a decision on each, but the general consensus was that, in order to progress and make informed decisions, Conwy County Borough Council needed to provide more detailed information on some of the services. In the case of the CCTV funding request, there was no information received at all. The paddling pool in particular was debated, and whether, if it were to be transferred to the Town Council, the kiosk could come with it to generate income. A proposal that the Town Council express no further interest in the paddling pool or accept a transfer of the facility was voted on and lost.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council respond to Conwy County Borough Council that there was insufficient information about some of the services and 'asks' in order for it to make informed decisions about whether to provide support. The Town Council, therefore, requests further***

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*information (particularly regarding the 'asks' around CCTV, Public Conveniences, Major Events, and the Paddling Pool kiosk) ahead of its budget meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

### 58. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE CONSULTATIONS OR ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

58.1 A letter of Best Wishes to the Council received from retiring MP Mr Bebb was received.

58.2 A letter received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding Place Plans was received.

58.3 An email received from Betsi Cadwaldr University Health Board regarding a presentation to Council was approved.

58.4 A consultation received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding British Telecom public payphone removals was considered. **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to respond that the Town Council had no objections to the proposals.*

58.5 A Community Health Council News release on Vascular Services was received.

### 59. OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS OVER CHRISTMAS

It was approved that the Town Council office be closed from the 25<sup>th</sup> December until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

### 60. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 12 PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CLERK.

There were none received.

### 61. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Members considered a change of date to the scheduled meeting of the Council, 17 January 2020, in view of:

- 1) an email from Conwy County Borough Council giving Town & Community Councils a longer time frame this year in which to return their Precept requests (07.02.20 instead of late January).
- 2) and the resolution of the Finance Committee (22.11.19) to hold a Special Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 6pm, to discuss the 2020/21 budget.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *to reschedule the Council meeting from the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, 7pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall.*

Delivering Sustainable Services in Conwy's Communities

At risk service/asset	List of T&CCs being asked for support	Nature of Support Requested	Current annual cost of service/Asset (specific to each relevant T&CC)	Financial ask of T&CC in 2020/21 (specific to each relevant T&CC)	Existing, increased or new ask?	CCBC contact officer and details
Playgrounds Venue Cymru Young Creatives	Llandudno Llandudno Town Council	Transfer of assets take pART and associated Young Creatives Projects	See Note 1 £5,000	£126,587 £10,000	New ask Existing	Owen Conry
Padding Pools	Llandudno	Funding to support running costs of the asset	36,824	36,824	New ask	Sarah Ecob, Head of Service, TACC Malcolm Tidswell mally.tidswell@eirias.org.uk
Major Event delivery	Llandudno Town Council, Colwyn Bay and potential all across the Conwy area as we would expect support if we went to Betws or Llanrwst etc	Sponsorship to support event delivery	Approximately £750k including staffing costs	Prom Xtra £10k, Eirias Concert £20k, WRGB £15k - Colwyn Bay Town Council, North Wales Choral Festival £1k, Llandudno Town Council	We will be asking for support from Llandudno Town Council for Winter Light - £10k, possibly on top of the list below. £20k from Colwyn Bay Town Council for new events in discussion.	Rachael Gill rachael.gill@conwy.gov.uk
Community Libraries	Llandudno	Support towards the staffing costs of Conwy's community libraries for 1 day a week	Staffing costs per 3 hour session at each community library = £3,000 p.a.	£3,000 p.a.	New ask	Ann Lloyd Williams ann.lloyd.williams@conwy.gov.uk 01492 575571
Public Conveniences	Llandudno	Financially support current operations or manage the asset. PC operations locally with support from Conwy	George Street - £33667 North Western Gardens - £6544 Great Orme - £13297 Craig y Don - £23016 West Shore - £44443 Happy Valley - £20205 Heulfre Gardens - £7666 St Tudno Road - £12025	George Street - £12737.67 North Western Gardens - £4977.94 Great Orme - £5124.35 Craig y Don - £7613.32 West Shore - £3074.61 Happy Valley - £6734.86 Heulfre Gardens - £2196.15 St Tudno Road - £3074.61	New	Steven Teale steven.teale@conwy.gov.uk Telephone: 01492 574104

