

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council - Finance & General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 14th July 2017

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Frank Bradfield – Chairman

Cllr M A Pearce – Vice Chairman

Cllr F Davies – The Mayor

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr I Turner

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Billy Evans

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

The following interests were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr F Bradfield	23.1 Venue Cymru funding request: Young Story Tellers 2018	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P C Evans JP	23.1 Venue Cymru funding request: Young Story Tellers 2018 25.2 Conwy CBC report on beach works	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr G J T Robbins	23.1 Venue Cymru funding request: Young Story Tellers 2018	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
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19. MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Friday 9th June 2017 were received and signed by the Chairman.

20. URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

There were none.

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21. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CARTREFI CONWY ON THE TRE CWM ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

(presentation as resolved at Council 23.06.2017)

The Chairman welcomed Mr Owen Veldhuizen, Cartrefi Conwy, to the meeting. Mr Veldhuizen outlined that the Tre Cwm social housing estate was on the edge of the town and in many ways separate from the town, socially, economically, and physically. Cartrefi Conwy Housing Association had been working for two and a half years to develop an Environmental Regeneration project looking at physical changes and a holistic look at the whole neighbourhood. Various regeneration initiatives aimed to foster 'pride of place' in the area and enhance the area for the town and visitors and included community and intergenerational activities, local employment, and softening of hard surfaces and features. A similar £1.1m project in Llysfaen had been very successful and over 60% of residents had reported an increased level of pride in the area.

There would be improvements across the estate including landscaping, new pathways, play areas, parking and trees. One key aspect of this project was the 140 metre long rendered wall in front of the estate which had been subject to graffiti over the years and was a perceived separation between the estate and the town. The project aimed to reimagine the wall by covering with a simple mosaic capturing local history and attractions. Working with Ty Llywelyn, North Wales Housing and others, community workshops would collate history, work with a local artist and keep a video diary. Mr Veldhuizen outlined stakeholder meetings (including Conwy CBC, Mostyn Estates, and North Wales Police) held last year, and their support. £75,000 was sought for the project. Funding sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council Wales in November 2016 had not been successful, largely due to lack of written evidence of local support. Whilst these applications would be re-submitted, funding was sought from stakeholders and so far, totalled over £5,000.

Members asked many and detailed questions. These included type of mosaics, lifespan and graffiti proof, whether the money could be better spent elsewhere, whether alternative designs had been considered, such as breaks in the wall, and the effect of designs on passing traffic. Mr Veldhuizen responded that the mosaics would be large block tiles and would last a long time (depending on the condition of the wall), however, suggestions on alternative materials were welcomed. Members reported that mosaics used on other features, such as in Happy Valley, had not been subject to graffiti. Mr Veldhuizen reported that the wall was a boundary wall for back gardens and that breaks in it were not, therefore, feasible. The viability of planting was under consideration. In terms of money well spent the project would include such features as play areas which the estate did not already have. In terms of visual impact on road users, this was a main route into town and the wall was a stark feature that could be improved for the benefit of all. A member reported that the Llysfaen project had been beneficial to residents and reduced incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour. The incorporation of historical features and engaging young people and the community in the history of the town was commended.

It was noted that Cartrefi Conwy had submitted a grant application (and Cartrefi accounts) to the Town Council in 2016, however, this had not been considered appropriate to the grants process as it was a partnership with a public body on a large project. A member asked if the project would still proceed if the Town Council was unable to assist with funding. Cartrefi Conwy would still try and find a way forward, would continue to pursue Heritage Lottery and Arts Council funding, and that the outcome of these was critical to the success of the project.

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The project might, however, need to be scaled down. It was suggested that a design incorporating panels and planting might reduce project costs. Mr Veldhuizen was thanked by the Chairman for the excellent presentation and his work on the project commended.

Mr Veldhuizen and Cllr GJT Robbins left the meeting.

Members discussed whether they wished to support the scheme in principle and make any funding commitment. An amended proposal to support the project in principle with £2,000, but not make the funding available until completion of the project, was voted on and lost. An original proposal to support the project in principle with £2,000, but make the funding available to kick start the project, was also lost. Following further discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council support the Tre Cwm Environmental scheme in principle.

Cllr Miss C Marubbi and Cllr Miss A O'Grady left the meeting.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council ask Cartrefi Conwy if a Town Council representative can attend the Tre Cwm Environment project stakeholder meetings so that the Council could be kept informed of the progress and details of the project and that the representative would be the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

22. CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2017

The reports included an update on the Community and General Development Funds, the Ad Hoc grants budget and petty cash.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the financial reports for June 2017 be received.

The Clerk asked members if they wished to transfer £800 from earmarked reserves held from 2016/17 for HM The Queen's Birthday Commemorations working party and **IT WAS RESOLVED to transfer the £800 to the Ad Hoc Grants budget.**

23. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

23.1 Application from Venue Cymru for £2,000 towards the Young Story Teller of Wales 2018, to be held 11 November 2017. It was noted that the Town Council had supported this event in 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council support the prestigious Young Story Teller of Wales event at Venue Cymru, 11th November 2017, with £2,000 from the Ad Hoc Grants budget.

24. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY FINANCE SUB COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Civic Sub Committee, held 27th June 2017.

With reference to item 6.6 and Conwy CBC being congratulated on bringing Armed Forces Day to Llandudno, the Clerk reported that discussions had been held with Conwy CBC regarding a

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presentation to members and

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite Conwy CBC to give a presentation to Council on Armed Forces Day on the 6th October 2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Civic Sub Committee, held 27th June 2017, be accepted and approved.

25. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

25.1 Thank you letters from Ysgol Craig y Don, Ysgol Tudno and the Conwy Valley Group of WI's were received.

25.2 Email (*previously circulated*) from Conwy CBC reporting on Lower Beach (Children's corner) works (as previously contributed to by the Town Council).

The email reported on scheduled works to Lower Beach, largely completed, and beach re-profiling. The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for Conwy CBC to give a presentation to the Committee to discuss with members future work at Lower Beach, funding, and any requests for future contributions by the Town Council. One member expressed very strong concerns over Conwy CBC works to the beach including the impact on marine ecosystems. The Chairman stopped discussion as, whilst the depth of some members feelings regarding the beach were noted, the history of the beach and beach work was not a matter for debate at this meeting. It was noted that the Llandudno Coastal Forum was considering a draft Beach Management Plan and that this would be available to the Town Council at a future date.

26. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as **Friday 22nd September 2017 at 7.00pm.**