

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell – Vice Chairman

Cllr F Bradfield, The Mayor

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr F Davies

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr G J T Robbins

### 14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Billy Evans – Chairman

Cllr G Burchett

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr G Davies

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM

Cllr J D Hold

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs C Marubbi

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Cllr M Williams

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Absent:

Cllr J E Ridler

Cllr G O Roberts

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

There were none.

### 16. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

### 17. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, were received.

### 18. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

**18.1 Town Centre Improvements Working Party.** The Chairman of the Working Party reported that, following refurbishment of the benches at the front of the Town Hall, cycle racks were now in progress for the Town Hall and North Western Gardens, in partnership

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with Conwy CBC. The next project under consideration was refurbishment of the benches on Mostyn Street, near Lloyds Bank; possibly with combined flower boxes.

**18.2 Wales and Britain in Bloom.** The Llandudno in Bloom Chairman reported on successful judging days for Wales and Britain in Bloom and expressed appreciation to all involved. The results would not be known until the respective Award ceremonies held on 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**18.3 Kendrick's Cave Project.** The Clerk reported that grilles had been successfully installed, cleaning of the cave interior completed, and that laser scanning was about to commence. The £33,000 grant from Cadw was to be reclaimed after all work had been completed.

**18.4 White Rabbit Statue.** The Chairman of the West Shore Shelter Working Party reported on a meeting at which protection of the statue was also discussed. A popular suggestion had been a 1.2m height toughened glass panel fence, with an Alice theme engraved sign, and to the same dimensions as the current barriers. Adjacent flower beds were also suggested. Members' views were sought.

***IT WAS RESOLVED to investigate further the suggested glass panel fence around the White Rabbit Statue, subject to consultation with Conwy CBC.***

**18.5 Community Toilet Scheme** *(Item requested by Cllr B B Bertola)*

Cllr Bertola reported that the Town Council had been instrumental in bringing the Community Toilet Scheme to Llandudno and Conwy as a whole, and that it made a small annual £100 contribution to participating businesses. He expressed disappointment, however, that the administration and promotion of the scheme by Conwy CBC, whose remit it came under, was not progressing as well as it could be, with poor advertising and monitoring of the scheme. He added that he and the Town Clerk undertook regular visits to premises but often only the Town Council signage was displayed. He speculated how the scheme was faring in the rest of the County. He had brought his concerns to the attention of Conwy CBC and asked for it to be an agenda item on the next meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum. There had been some subsequent progress, with new Conwy CBC signage now being displayed, but it was of a smaller size than originally discussed. He questioned whether the Town Council should continue to pay £100. Cllr Bertola concluded with that he had also taken up with Conwy CBC requests made previously by the Town Council for maintenance/refurbishment work at North Western Gardens, which was owned by Conwy CBC. Members were informed that a Conwy CBC report on North Western Gardens was in progress and would be reported to a future meeting of the Finance Committee. The Mayor had also contacted Conwy CBC regarding this issue.

There was discussion around the importance of the scheme and the provision of toilets as a whole. It was agreed that Conwy CBC be asked to consider plaques for tourist signs indicating premises in the Community Toilet Scheme, and the provision of maps and lists for premises to display.

Members thanked Cllr Bertola for taking up toilet issues with Conwy CBC.

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

19.1 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

19.2 Miss Alice Sub Committee, held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

19.3 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

19.4 Town Twinning Committee, held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

The Chairman reported on a Sky Channel documentary on Mr Alfie Davies.

19.5 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that the recommendations of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Miss Alice Sub- Committee, held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, Town Twinning Committee, held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015, and Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015, be approved and accepted.*

*Cllr Ms A. O'Grady left the meeting. Cllr M. A. Pearce joined the meeting.*

### 20. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

**20.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils:** To receive a verbal report on a meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015, and agenda for the meeting to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. The Town Council's representative reported on two main issues: Council Tax and Local Government Reform.

**20.2 Town and Community Council Forum:** To receive a report from the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and a copy of the Shared Charter Action Plan. The Town Council's representative reported on an interesting meeting, including parking charges and the Charter Plan. There had been no increase in parking charges since 2008, but that as Conwy CBC needed to maintain a realistic parking charge, increases were being looked at; the level depending on the area and previous increases. It was understood that there was no intention of increasing fees in major towns such as Llandudno. It was noted that a study might be undertaken into the feasibility of introducing a controlled parking zone on Colwyn Bay promenade and concern was raised whether this might extend to Craig y Don. The representative reported that this was, however, under review. The Charter between the Town and Community Councils and Conwy CBC was received, and members commented briefly on paragraph 1.1 and the 'potential for the sharing of the responsibility for the provision of certain services, subject to agreement'. It was commented that Town & Community Councils would increasingly find themselves responsible for services. Camper van parking on the Promenade was raised and that it might be an item for a future Plans agenda.

**20.3 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition:** It was reported that the focus had been on schools and that Ysgol John Bright was to become one of the first fairtrade schools in Wales.

**20.4 Great Orme Country Park:** minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 *were received.*

20.5 There were no further reports from outside bodies.

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### 21. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

21.1 Consultation on temporary changes to Women's and Maternity Services 2015 (*response date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015*). The Chairman went through the four options identified in the consultation. There was considerable discussion, including on the running of the Health Board, the difficulties of recruiting and retaining staff, and the use of consultants. The excellence of the hospital staff was commented upon. It was commented that if changes were accepted, then services would continue to slowly erode. Members and the public were encouraged to attend the public meetings. A proposal for Option 4 was lost.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that Llandudno Town Council respond to the BCUHB Consultation on Women's and Maternity Services that it was in favour of 'option 1 - Services stay as now and we continue to manage current risks and issues with medical staffing and team working'.*

21.2 An email from Conwy CBC regarding windblown sand clearance, West Shore, Llandudno, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 was received. .

21.3 An email from Conwy CBC regarding the revision of Conwy CBC Locality plans and their co ordination with Town & Community Council Plans was received.

21.4 An email from Conwy CBC on the 'Recycle More Survey' was received. Members welcomed the survey.

21.5 A letter from the Post Office regarding the temporary closure of Llanrhos Post Office was received.

21.6 An invitation for members to attend the Llawn03 launch event, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was received. Whilst the event was warmly welcomed, concern was expressed about the advertising image of a person with a seagull. Whilst this seemed a good seaside picture, it was hoped that this wouldn't encourage feeding of the gulls.

21.7 A flyer from Age Cymru regarding a 'Celebration of Age' event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at the Assembly Hall, Llandudno was received.

### 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.**