

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Chairman

Cllr F Davies – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L Emery

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr I Turner

Cllr M Hold, JP

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss A O’Grady, The Mayor

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Cllr S R Hillman

Absent: Cllr M J Pavey

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

The following interests were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial:
Cllr Mrs C. Beard	52. Presentation on Plas Penrhyn.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC. and live on Plas Penrhyn.
	55. Conwy CBC Garden Waste Scheme.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC.
	58.2 Email re Ysgol y Gogarth.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC.
Cllr F Bradfield	55. Conwy CBC Garden Waste Scheme.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC.
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52. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM HWYLUSYDD TAI GWLEDIG – RURAL HOUSING ENABLER ON PLAS PENRHYN

A presentation was received by representatives from Hwylusydd Tai Gwledig, Conwy CBC, and North Wales, Clwyd Alyn and Adra Housing Associations on the potential development site at Plas Penrhyn. A proposed scheme was under consideration by a partnership of local Housing Associations and Conwy CBC, subject to confirmation of local housing need. The need for local

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housing was being investigated by an independent Rural Housing Enabler, who would undertake housing needs surveys and open days in the local community.

The consultation process, the proposed housing split, and the project proposals and development processes were outlined. The consultation process was being co-ordinated by the Housing Enabler and included letters to residents from mid-February, an open event on the 28th February, and an online survey. The initially proposed housing split was 33% social housing, 20% intermediate (for households with an income £16,000 - £45,000), and 40% low cost, however, this would be reviewed following the consultation processes. It was important to collect information to make informed decisions on the proposed needs of the area and the housing split.

Reference was also made to the Housing Register and the Affordable Homes Register and the difference was explained. The construction design and methodology of build were outlined. Whilst Housing Associations were working together at present on outline proposals, as good practice and use of resources, they would submit their own individual proposals on how they would deliver the project in terms of design, costings, funding, and deliverability as part of the tender process. The aspiration had been for 30 units, but 22-23 units seemed the most viable option. It was noted that the build would use modern methods of construction, and high quality, local materials.

There was lengthy discussion and questions from members with the representatives on: construction and design; the proposed split of housing (initial estimates would be reviewed as the consultation; whether the scheme was just for Penrhyn Ward ('local' had not yet been decided, but the priority was the needs of Penrhyn Ward residents and that this area had no social housing); identification of local need from the housing register; and the impact on neighbouring infrastructure, particularly schools, parking and doctors. The latter was particularly discussed as it was of concern to members. It was responded that many people going into the scheme would be local and likely already registered with schools and doctors, that whilst highways and education had no immediate concerns, this was subject to final plans, and that HA's would be looking much further at infrastructure issues as part of the planning application process. What classed as affordable housing to different people was also discussed. It was responded that this would be worked up as plans progressed, as would be the costs of the units. Several members expressed support for local affordable homes in this area, but others had some reservations whether more housing was needed.

The representatives asked if they would be able to attend the April meeting of the Committee to present the findings from the consultations, open days, and surveys and **IT WAS RESOLVED that this be agreed.**

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending and they left the meeting.

53. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

54. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 7th January 2020, were received and signed.

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55. CONWY CBC GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SCHEME

(item requested by Cllr B B Bertola)

Cllr B. Bertola brought to the attention of members concerns being received from residents unhappy with the introduction of garden waste collection charges by Conwy CBC. Residents dissatisfaction was largely around that charging extra for one of the most basic services that people expected to be covered by their council tax was an additional burden and a further financial squeeze, especially in view of the anticipated rise in this year's council tax. Further comments included that many householders did previously use their allowance of six green bags and that, at a cost of £35 p.a. for a bin (of around 2-2 ½ bag capacity) this was an increase to a household of up to £75 p.a. Also, under the old scheme the bags occupied little space and many households were struggling to accommodate green bins in addition to the black bin and recycling bins. Some members reported that they had also received concerns and, also expressed their own points about fly tipping, whether green bags could still be taken to the HWRC for free, and difficulties of vehicle access to collect bins in some areas. Opportunities for, and the merits of, composting at home were touched upon, but noted that many residents did not have the space.

Whilst noting that that the local authority had no legal obligation to provide a free garden waste service, members wished to bring the concerns received from residents to the attention of Conwy CBC and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to send an appropriate letter.*

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

56.1 Christmas Parade Sub Committee held 15th January 2020.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the recommendations of the Christmas Parade Sub Committee held 15th January 2020, be approved and accepted.*

57. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

57.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils: Minutes of the Meeting held 17th January 2020. The Town Council's representative reported on discussions, including Homeless issues, Council Tax, and Public Conveniences.

57.2 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: AGM Minutes, 7th January 2020. A report was received on Fairtrade Fortnight 2020, 24th February – 8th March.

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

58. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

58.1 An email from Conwy CBC in respect of an annual re-assessment of the Community Toilet Scheme, Llandudno *was received*. It was noted that representatives from the Town Council would undertake a town walkabout with a representative from Conwy CBC, to visit participating premises.

58.2 An email received from Conwy CBC notifying of the decision to increase the capacity of Ysgol y Gogarth *was received*.

59. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th April 2020.