

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

### Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi – Chairman

Cllr F Davies – The Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Miss A O’Grady

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr I Turner

### 45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell – Vice Chairman

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr M A Pearce

Absent:

Cllr M J Pavey

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

There were none.

### 47. PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Rachael Gill, Marketing Manager, Conwy CBC, and Alun Pritchard, Partnership Manager, Wales Rally GB, to the meeting. Ms Gill thanked the Council for its support for National Armed Forces Day (NAFD) 2018 and gave an update on the following events:

- NAFD. This was a massive undertaking, and whilst some arrangements had yet to be confirmed, veterans had already been registering to participate/parade. Fly pasts and a programme of events were under discussion. The economic benefits to the Town were touched upon and that accommodation bookings were also being taken up by organisations involved with providing the infrastructure.
- World Shore Angling. This would take place in October and do much to raise the profile of Llandudno. There were over 30 representatives, nationally and internationally. Conwy CBC was working closely with the Welsh Sea Angling Association on the event.
- The ‘Year of the Sea’ Conwy CBC event was in progress and an application had been submitted to the Welsh Government for funding. This was a large cultural event and would also show case the Winter tourism offer.

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- Wales Rally GB.

*Exempt Information EX 1/2018*

*Reason for the exemption: the consideration of confidential information.*

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded from this item under Standing Order 37, and they were instructed to withdraw.*

A presentation was given on the future of the Wales Rally GB and a public consultation would commence in April 2018. Members expressed support for the proposals.

*The public were invited to return.*

Ms Gill and Mr Pritchard were thanked for their excellent presentations and for the work undertaken on Conwy County events. It was noted that Ms Gill would attend the April meeting to update members again on National Armed Forces Day.

### 48. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

### 49. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017, were received.

### 50. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING

#### 50.1 Llandudno Fireworks 2018

The Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reported on the excellent event in 2017 at its new location on North Shore Beach. The proposed date for 2018 had been researched quite extensively in terms of tides and operational times and the most viable date was Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, with back up dates of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October, subject to permissions and the Marine Licence. It was reported that the event was now very tide dependant and that tide times the week prior to and after the 5<sup>th</sup> November were not conducive to an evening display.

### 51. CONSULTATION FROM CONWY CBC ON AMENDED PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Members had been previously circulated with comprehensive information and maps relating to the Order. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Dr M. Baker, Cabinet member for Community Development Services and Regulation, Conwy CBC. Cllr Dr M Baker outlined his background, that he was available to meet with Town & Community Councils regarding the PSPO's and that, whilst he was aware of ongoing concerns around the enforcement side, he was attending to answer questions about the Orders.

A member raised that it was appreciated that there was a need to make the public more aware of their responsibilities, but the concern was that the image would be one of a not-dog friendly county.

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Members listed the following amendments and suggestions to the Order:

- That the area of the Craig y Don Paddling pool where the toilets and shop are, be excluded from the Order to enable those with dogs to access the toilets and shop.
- That consideration be given to an area on The Oval, near to St Andrew's Avenue, for dog exercise.
- To support the Friends of West Shore with their request for the removal of the dogs on lead Order for the golf club sand dunes at West Shore. The proposed Order had caused much confusion amongst dog owners with signage being difficult to erect across this area. At present, the path could not be seen in places, therefore, people had no idea where the path ended and the dunes began. There was discussion over ownership of the dunes; Conwy CBC understood that the dunes were registered to the Golf Club.
- The need for better and more viewable Signage, including dates and times where dogs can/cannot be taken.

The Cabinet members outlined that only 3km's of dog restrictions on Conwy coast (70km) and that the enforcement contract was coming up for renewal in August. Strong concerns were expressed by some members about the current enforcement arrangement, that the public would not have confidence in the Order under current enforcement arrangements, that residents afraid to go out for walks with dogs, and why not terminate the contract now. The Cabinet member further outlined that Conwy CBC's current policy was for an educational approach and that uniforms and ID were now worn. The Chairman encouraged members to also respond individually to the Questionnaire received with the consultation.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council respond to the consultation on the Amended Public Spaces Protection Order that it agreed in principle to the Public Spaces Protection order but to include the above amendments and suggestions regarding Craig y Don paddling pool, The Oval, West Shore and signage.***

*Cllr Dr M Baker, Cllr Mrs L Emery and Cllr I Turner left the meeting.*

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

- 52.1 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 52.2 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 52.3 Town Twinning Committee, held 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- 52.4 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.
- 52.5 Town Twinning Committee, held 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.
- 52.6 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- 52.7 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 52.8 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendations of the above Sub Committees be approved and accepted.***

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### 53. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

53.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were received.

53.2 Town & Community Councils Forum: A verbal of the meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 was received.

53.3 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: A report of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 was received.

42.4 Llandudno Development Partnership: Minutes of a meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were received.

53.5 Healthy High Streets: A report from the Town Council's representative was received

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

### 54. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

54.1 The Royal British Legion 'Silent Soldiers' project to commemorate First World War Troops. The RBL had offered to attend a meeting and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to invite the RBL to give a presentation.*

54.2 Copy letter received from the Civic Council to NWFRS regarding ongoing concerns about the Aerial Ladder Platforms. The past history of the Town Council in raising concerns about this issue, and in meeting with the Assistant Chief Fire Officer in 2012 regarding the withdrawal of the Llandudno ALP, was recounted. Whilst members considered that there was probably little that the Council could do to reverse this decision, in view of funding cuts to the fire service, interest was expressing in supporting the Civic Council's letter.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** *to write again to the NWFRS regarding ongoing concerns around the withdrawal of the Llandudno ALP, especially in view of the number of accommodation spaces above three floors and the impact of the proposed roundabout changes on the A55 west of Llandudno. and that the fire service should re-consider the Llandudno ALP if only for the period of the A55 work.*

54.3 Copy letter received from the Civic Council to North Wales Tourism regarding the Welsh Government's plans for a tourist tax in Wales. It was discussed that such a tax would have a negative effect on a County that had a long history of tourism and had achieved much in raising the profile of the area and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to write to the Welsh Government that Llandudno Town Council strongly resents the imposition a tourist tax in Wales and that it would be counter productive to all the measures undertaken to encourage and support tourism.*

54.4 A press Statement from the Community Health Council regarding non-emergency patient transport across Wales was received.

### 55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018.