

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Billy Evans - Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell – Vice Chairman

Cllr Miss C Marubbi, The Mayor

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs J Audus-Williams

Cllr Ms P Hebron

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr F Davies

Cllr G O Robbins

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr D Sutcliffe

Cllr T Dewar

In attendance:

Mrs S Ecob, Venue Cymru

Mr A La Trobe, Venue Cymru

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Bullock, JP

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth

Cllr G Davies

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr Gl Davies

Cllr Mr Williams

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Absent;

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr J Ridler

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

There were none

27. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

28. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 13th September 2016, were received.

29. PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF VENUE CYMRU

(as resolved by Committee)

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The Chairman welcomed Sarah Ecob, General Manager, and Adrian La Trobe, Conference and Events Manager, Venue Cymru to the meeting. Ms Ecob thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to outline the work of the facility and its economic impact on the community, amounting to over £20 million per annum or 71,000 bed nights.

The facilities at Venue Cymru were outlined as people may not be aware of the extent of the space and options available. This included the capacity of the theatre, arena, and hall, and the number of meeting rooms as well as the restaurant. Venue Cymru received at least 300,000 visitors per annum. As well as its importance to the economy of the Town, the facility also contributed to other objectives such as community cohesion, Healthy Wales and the Welsh language. It also had excellent volunteering and young person's opportunities and had been shortlisted for a 'most sustainable venue award. Some facts about Venue Cymru were recounted, such as in the past year there had only been 15 days when there was nothing on, 798 meetings, 307 performances, 38,000 repeat bookings and 6,500 restaurant covers. It was hoped that the restaurant would become a destination in its own right. 76% of total bookings came from across Wales, and people were encouraged to stay longer in the area.

Forthcoming shows such were outlined, and Mr LaTrobe outlined the conference and events programme. This included Young Creatives and over 50's workshops, Young Story Teller of the Year and Take Part (which were part funded by the Town Council), outside Arts events and corporate support for Conwy CBC events such as Access all Eirias and Wales Rally GB. There was much partnership working and the venue had its own in house photographer to record the range of activities.

Members thanked Ms Ecob, Mr La Trobe and staff for the excellent facility and for bringing important shows and performers to Llandudno. Appreciation was expressed that it had taken a lot of hard work and dedication to put Venue Cymru where it was now.

The Chairman thanked Ms Ecob and Mr La Trobe for the excellent presentation and invited them to attend again in a year's time.

Cllr F Bradfield, Ms Ecob, and Mr La Trobe left the meeting.

30. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

30.1 Fireworks display 2017 onwards.

The Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reported that options and sites for future displays were currently under consideration, including the holding of an event on New Year's Eve in an earlier time slot. Meetings with stakeholders, the Fireworks Sub Committee, and site assessments would shortly take place. It was asked whether New Year's Eve would be acceptable to the Police and the Chairman responded that it was.

30.2 Town Centre Improvements Working Party.

The Chairman of the Town Centre Improvements Working Party updated members on ongoing projects including additional Welsh oak benches, and improving the ground around the Rabbit statue at North Western Gardens. Hanging basket trees were also being looked at. All projects were subject to consultation and approval of Conwy County Borough Council.

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31. WEST SHORE SHELTER

(Item requested by Cllr B Bertola and the Town Clerk)

The Clerk reported on options to improve the security of the shelter's windows following discussion with Conwy CBC. Information from Conwy CBC's Conservation Officer had been previously circulated and a suggestion that additional glazing bars could be fabricated and secured across the windows. Listed building consent might be required but was likely to be approved.

Members discussed the information received and that improved security should be considered as a priority measure on safety grounds.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that Llandudno Town Council discuss with Conwy CBC the option, cost, and consents needed to add horizontal bars across the windows of the West Shore Shelter, on a middle split basis, and to refer information and quotes to a future meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.*

Cllr B Bertola raised ongoing concerns about the challenges of keeping the shelter secure and in good condition. He asked if there was merit in council considering further a business use of the facility or handing it back to Conwy CBC. Members, however, noted that the building had limited use and had no electricity. The request was not considered further.

32. ZEBRA CROSSINGS - NORTH WESTERN GARDENS

(Item requested by Cllr B Bertola)

Cllr B Bertola asked members to consider asking Conwy CBC to change the zebra crossings around North Western Gardens to pelican crossings to avoid the high build-up of traffic. The Chairman of the Planning & Transport Committee reported that he was aware that Conwy CBC was looking at a traffic scheme.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to refer the item on Zebra crossings at North Western Gardens to a future meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee and that the Chairman would seek an update on the Conwy CBC traffic scheme.*

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

33.1 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 27th September 2016.

33.2 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 28th September 2016.

33.3 Town Twinning Committee, held 4th October 2016.

The Committee Chairman reported that he and Cllr M Pearce were attending a twinning event in Wormhout at the weekend.

33.4 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 18th October 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the recommendations of the Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 27th September 2016, Fireworks Sub Committee, held 28th September 2016, Town Twinning Committee, held 4th October 2016, and Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 18th October 2016, be approved and accepted.*

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34. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

34.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils: to receive a verbal update on the meeting held 21st October 2016. The Town Council's representative reported on an interesting meeting. There had been a presentation by North Wales Police on how they were approaching anti-social behaviour. Wales Local Government reform was also discussed.

34.2 A Town & Community Council Forum: notification of a meeting to be held 26th January 2016 was received.

34.3 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: to receive a report of the meeting held 13th September 2016 was received.

34.4 Llandudno Promenade Consultative Group: notification of the meeting to be held 13th October 2016 and report of the meeting held 9th May 2016 was received.

34.5 Penrhyn Bay Community Library update was received.

34.6 To receive any further reports from outside bodies.

A report was received on a recent meeting of the Llandudno Development Partnership. A traffic management update had been received from Conwy CBC. This included the issues of enforcement around junctions, and rationalisation of the road, improved pedestrian access, and signage, at the Hospital. The meeting had also received an update on Destination Conwy (developing the tourism and evening economy in Conwy) and the Christmas Fayre.

35. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

35.1 A North Wales PCC consultation on policing priorities - delivering a policing service for North Wales was received.

35.2 A letter from the Post Office regarding Penrhyn Bay Post Office refurbishment delay (*previously circulated to ward members*) was received.

35.3 An email from Conwy CBC regarding a temporary closure of the West Shore boating lake seating area (*previously circulated*) was discussed. It was reported that Conwy CBC was working in partnership with the Friends of West Shore to restore the shelter and this was welcomed.

35.4 A letter received from Conwy CBC regarding temporary facilities at Craig y Don Paddling pool was received.

35.5 An email from Conwy CBC confirming a new byelaw for the regulation of tattooing and related procedures. (*copy available at office*) was received.

35.6 A request from Cllr Ms Hebron: to invite Conwy CBC to give a presentation on Youth facilities was considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite Conwy CBC to give a presentation about facilities available to young people and plans for youth services.

35.7 An email from the CHC regarding a presentation to Community Services & Tourism Committee was received.

35.8 An email from Age Connects North Wales Central regarding Hubbub Forums was received.

35.9 Notification from Conwy CBC of the Conwy Half Marathon was received.

36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 3rd January 2017.