

COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council
 Held on Friday 22nd March 2019, 7.00pm
 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr D J Hawkins –The Mayor

Cllr Miss A O’Grady – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Miss C Marubbi

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Davies

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr I Turner

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

The Mayor’s Chaplain, the Reverend Neil Kirkham, offered prayers prior to the meeting.

67. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr H T M Saville

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

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr Mrs C. Beard	76.3: Consultation on Conwy CBC Revised Statement of Gambling Principles. 76.5: Consultation on Conwy CBC Garden Waste Collection Charges.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr F. Bradfield	76.3: Consultation on Conwy CBC Revised Statement of Gambling Principles. 76.5: Consultation on Conwy CBC Garden Waste Collection Charges.	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr Mrs L. E. Emery	76.3: Consultation on Conwy CBC Revised Statement of Gambling Principles. 76.5: Consultation on Conwy CBC Garden Waste Collection Charges.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr P. C. Evans, JP	76.3: Consultation on Conwy CBC Revised Statement of Gambling Principles. 76.5: Consultation on Conwy CBC Garden Waste Collection Charges.	Personal. Member of Conwy CBC Personal. Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr G. J. T. Robbins	76.3: Consultation on Conwy CBC Revised Statement of Gambling Principles. 76.5: Consultation on Conwy CBC Garden Waste Collection Charges.	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Prejudicial. Member of Conwy CBC

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69. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

70. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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In regard to the annual budget attached to the minutes, a concern was raised by a member in respect of the Town Council allocating a budget contributing towards Conwy County Borough Council maintenance work at Children's Corner, North Shore Beach. There was brief discussion on this and councillors suggested that it be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Finance Committee. A suggestion was also made to invite the Llandudno Coastal Forum to a meeting to update Council.

71. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the last meeting of the Council. These included: starting off The Cambrian Rally, Holocaust Memorial Day Services, and an unveiling of a commemorative plaque at The Cocoa House with Llandudno Soroptomist's. The Mayor would also be welcoming a visit from Llandudno's Twin Town of Wormhout in April.

72. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

72.1 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES:

To approve and adopt the minutes of the following Committees:

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 6th February 2019..... 227 - 244

Includes:

- Transport & Public Rights of Way Sub Committee, held 21st January 2019 (pages 241 - 244)

Community Services & Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 19th February 2019..... 245 - 273

Includes:

- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 24th October 2018 (pages 248-250)
- Town Twinning Committee held 1st November 2018 (pages 251 - 253)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 28th November 2018 (pages 254 - 256)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 8th January 2019 (pages 257 - 259)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee held 23rd January 2019 (pages 260 - 270)
- Town Twinning Committee held 23rd January 2019 (pages 271 - 273)

With reference to the Minutes of the Committee, item 48, Cllr Mrs L Emery updated that meetings had been held with Conwy County Borough Council to progress better promotion and awareness of the Community Toilet Scheme in Llandudno. The Mayor thanked Cllr Emery for leading on this.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 1st March 2019..... 274 - 284

Includes:

- Civic Sub Committee held 15th January 2019 (pages 282 - 284)

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Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 6th March 2019..... 285 - 288

73. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE STRATEGY AND WELL BEING ACT WORKING PARTY

73.1 Reports of the Well-being and Future Generations Act & Strategy Working Party held 11th October 2018 and 27th February 2019 *were received and approved.*

73.2 The Working Party's Draft Town Council Strategy 2020-2025, which updated the previous 2014-19 Strategy, had been previously circulated and was discussed.

Members considered that there had been a lot of good work undertaken on the new draft strategy and noted that it was a starting point for further discussion, especially in view of increasing changes and demands on the Town & Community Council sector. There was discussion on whether to increase the number of Standing Committees to include a Strategy Committee (looking at areas such as culture, heritage, arts, and social assets in the Town and to develop an accompanying Cultural Strategy), and an Events Committee (which would supersede existing event sub committees and co-ordinate the health and safety and management of all events with professional co-optees). Members expressed support, in principle, for both, whilst noting the impact of any additional Committees on staff resources. There was also discussion about reviewing the existing work and structure of the council, budget lines, opportunities and risks, and what the council would like to do in the future. It was discussed that members would need to take responsibility for, and progress, any review and to not leave to staff, and that time was needed to do this correctly. There was discussion on holding a separate meeting to further discuss the draft strategy and direction of the Council and ***IT WAS RESOLVED to hold a strategic meeting.*** Councillors proposing further Committees were asked to draft proposals and Committee Terms of Reference in writing, for members consideration.

73.3 Text for the Draft Town Council Well-being Annual Report 2018/19, as required by the W&FGA Act 2015 *was approved and adopted.* The report would now be finalised with photographs and a design to make it user friendly and be re-circulated to Council prior to publication.

74. DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019-20

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Draft Calendar of Meetings for 2018/19 (as attached Appendix one) be approved and accepted.

75. STANDING ORDERS REVIEW 2019

A report had been previously circulated from the Clerk that whilst the Town Council had last updated its Standing Orders in 2017, the National Association of Local Councils had issued a new Model Standing Orders to reflect new legislation over the past couple of years, including Data Protection and Management of Information. Members were asked if they wished to call a meeting of the Standing Orders Working Party or to delegate to the Clerk to update and present to Council. Members discussed the importance of keeping Standing Orders up to date and compliant and ***IT WAS RESOLVED to delegate to The Mayor and The Clerk to review and bring back to the Council meeting in May.***

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Cllr Mrs L Emery left the meeting.

76. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE CONSULTATIONS OR ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

76.1 A letter from Welsh Government regarding 2019-20 funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements between Town and Community Councils was received. Whilst there was some interest expressed in this, members considered that Council was not in a position at present to identify a mutually agreeable project with another Town Council. It was noted that this funding had been offered in 2018/19 by the Welsh Government and may well be offered again, and that ideas might be formulated for the future.

76.2 A letter from the Welsh Government in respect of the Community & Town Council review and responding to the Town Council's concerns over the desirability and possibility of appointing Clerks from an approved national list was received. It was noted that the Welsh Government's review was ongoing and that the concerns raised would be taken into consideration in due course.

76.3 A Conwy County Borough Council consultation on 'Revised statement of Gambling principles', was received. Members had no observations but found the document interesting and informative.

76.4 A letter regarding a Llandudno charity event 'Prom Ally' was received.

76.5 Email from Conwy County Borough Council consulting on Garden waste collection charges.

Cllr Mrs C Beard and Cllr GJT Robbins declared prejudicial interests and left the Chamber for this item. Cllr Mrs L. Emery had left the meeting prior to this item.

The consultation outlined that the collection service was considered no longer affordable and that the Local Authority was considering stopping the service or charging to cover some of the costs.

The consultation was discussed at length. Members questioned charging residents more when council tax was about to increase and that this came at a 'bad time' for Conwy residents. It was discussed that the collection scheme was a good and popular scheme and that whilst councils can charge for discretionary services, bringing in any charge or discontinuation of the service would be detrimental to residents, reduce recycling rates, and likely increase fly tipping. The height of season for this type of waste was April – October and perhaps, as an alternative, charging might be excluded during this period. It was considered that people could ill afford more costs and that the scheme needed a rethink. The cost to residents of purchasing green bags at £1.50 each was also raised, and that Local Authorities could reuse garden waste. Concern was also raised that the consultation gave no option to oppose charging and that the email set out what the authority was intending to do, not a consultation.

It was noted that the 2019/20 budget approved by the Local Authority reflected a saving on this issue, therefore, if charging was not introduced the authority would need to make savings elsewhere.

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IT WAS RESOLVED to respond to the consultation and to send a letter of concern to Conwy County Borough Council and that the Town Council was strongly opposed to the introduction of garden waste collection charging for communities.

Cllr Mrs C Beard and Cllr GJT Robbins returned to the meeting.

77. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 12 PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CLERK.

There were none received.

78. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 10th May 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.