

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 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 G Burchett

Cllr F Davies

Cllr G I Davies

Cllr T R Davies

Cllr T Dewar

Cllr Mrs D Good

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr Mrs C Marubbi

Cllr Miss A O'Grady

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs A M Yates

Best wishes were extended to Cllr Billy Evans for a speedy recovery following his operation.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Billy Evans – Chairman

Cllr Mrs P Burchett

Cllr G Davies

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr Mrs J E Haworth, AM

Cllr J D Hold

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr G O Roberts

Cllr D N Sutcliffe

Cllr M Williams

Absent:

Cllr J E Ridler

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

There were none.

34. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reported that the Town Council had received a high volume of emails from residents regarding dog walkers, at the weekend, being fined for not having dogs on leads on the Little Orme. The Clerk had contacted Mostyn Estates and Conwy CBC, and a response was received as follows: 'There was no Dog Control Order in relation to Dogs on Leads on the Little Orme. There had been some confusion following discussions between Mostyn Estates and Kingdom in relation to the current dog fouling issue on the Little Orme and an enforcement error was made, which was very much regretted, but which had now been rectified. Any Fixed Penalty Notices issued incorrectly would be rescinded as soon as possible and the position in relation to Mostyn Estates Land and any enforcement activity clarified.' In view of the high volume of enquiries to both County and Town Councils, the

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Clerk had assisted Regulatory Services with responding to residents and thanked Regulatory Services for their prompt assistance with resolving this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED to thank the Town Clerk for her assistance to Regulatory Services with handling a number of emails received from residents regarding recent dog control enforcement on the Little Orme.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015, were received.

36. PRESENTATION ON CONWY COUNTY/LLANDUDNO EVENTS BY CONWY CBC MARKETING.

A presentation was received from Rachael Gill, Corporate Communications and Marketing Manger, Conwy CBC, on forth coming events to Conwy County and Llandudno. Ms Gill outlined the importance of the annual presentation to the Town Council and that past feedback from members had aided improvements to local events, and greater public consultation and engagement with residents.

Ms Gill outlined her team's role in promoting 'Destination Conwy' as an attractive and dynamic location for events and visitors, and in supporting Conwy CBC's 'Destination Management Strategy'. The annual programme of around 800 events, helped to attract visitors, increase bed take up and local spend, and made the best use of local assets. High profile 2016 events would include the Cambrian Rally, Lionel Richie, and the North Wales Choral Festival.

Major events in Conwy County over recent years had brought in significant income and raised the profile of the area, for example the World Mountain Championships resulted in £70,000 on accommodation, 5,000 spectators, and generated £600,000 for Conwy CBC. For every £1 invested by Conwy CBC, there was an average return of £32. Whilst the choice of location was decided by the event organiser, effort was made to avoid overuse of specific areas, such as the Great Orme.

Looking forward, Conwy CBC would continue to promote the Conwy area for major events, work closely with organisers, the Welsh Government Major Events team, and key partners, and develop an Events Strategy with stakeholders.

Members were circulated with a list of major events for 2016 and also received a report on the 2017/18 World Sea and World Fly Fishing championships. Members congratulated Ms Gill and the staff for the events brought to the area.

Ms Gill was thanked by the Chairman and members for the excellent presentation and for the annual visit to the Council to update members on events to come.

37. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

37.1 Town Twinning 2016. This item was deferred as the Chairman was not able to attend the meeting.

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37.2 White Rabbit Statue and Alice pool, West Shore.

The Clerk reported that the proposed safety glass panel fencing for the Rabbit statue was in progress, however, the Alice pool was currently full of sand. Regrettably, the proposed Conwy CBC 'Walrus statue' for the Alice pool site, previously approved by members, was no longer able to proceed with Conwy CBC due to unavailability of funding. Members were asked, therefore, to give consideration to ideas for the future of the site, including the Town Council exploring the feasibility of the Walrus statue, refurbishing the pool with water, or filling in the pool. The views of the Friends were also sought.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to investigate the feasibility and cost of the wood 'Walrus statue', as originally envisaged by Conwy CBC, for the Alice pool, West Shore.*

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED *that Cllr Mrs M. Lyon be delegated to discuss with Conwy CBC more immediate options and costs for the Alice pool at West Shore.*

37.3 Town Centre Improvements Working Party. The Chairman reported on projects of the Working Party, in partnership with Conwy CBC. Four cycle racks had been erected at North Western Gardens, and work was shortly to commence on refurbishing benches near Lloyds Bank, Mostyn Street.

37.4 Kendrick's Cave Project. The Clerk reported that following the successful completion of this project, the grant payment to the Town Council had been confirmed by Cadw.

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

38.1 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 5th January 2016

38.2 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 12th January 2016

38.3 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 20th January 2016.

38.4 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 26th January 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the recommendations of the Fireworks Sub Committee, held 5th January 2016, Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 20th January 2016, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 20th January 2016, and Christmas Parade Sub- Committee, held 26th January 2016, be approved and accepted.*

39. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

39.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. The Town Council's representative reported on a meeting held 22nd January 2016. Main topics discussed were the Welsh Government Bills, along with public toilets, day centres and Tourist Information Centres being taken over by Town & Community Councils.

39.2 Town and Community Council Forum, held 13th January 2016. The Town Council's representative reported on the key topics of the meeting, but that it was sparsely attended. Conwy CBC was to consult Town & Community Councils on how to improve attendance.

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39.3 To receive a report from the Great Orme Country Park. Cllr Mrs D Good was thanked for her written report.

39.4 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: report of the meeting held 24th November 2015. A report was received on Fairtrade Fortnight 29/02/16– 13/03/16, and members had been circulated with an invitation to a Fairtrade breakfast at Ysgol John Bright on 11th March 2016.

39.5 Llandudno Development Partnership: No reports received.

39.6 To receive any further reports from outside bodies.

39.6.1 Llandudno Swimming Pool Focus Group Meeting. Cllr TR Davies attended the meeting on behalf of the Mayor. A general overview of the financial performance of the centre had been received at the meeting and that priorities for the future included to improve the rookies and lifesaving sessions. There had been a restructuring of staff resources and several events held, such as the North Wales Championships, which had brought visitors and spends into the Town. It was noted that the Town Council's five year grant was due to be reviewed in 2016/17.

40. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

40.1 An email from Conwy CBC regarding the introduction of new recycling bins, Mostyn Street *was received*.

40.2 A letter from the Post Office regarding Penrhyn Bay Post Office *was received*. There was discussion on whether the opening hours should be longer, but members would make their own representations.

40.3 An email from Conwy CBC regarding the Conwy Business Awards 2016 *was received*.

40.4 An email from Conwy CBC regarding the launch of the Conwy Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2016 *was received*.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Miss A O'Grady would represent the Town Council at the Play Sufficiency Action Plan launch event on the 21st March 2016.

40.5 A letter from Scope regarding house to house collection dates 2016 *was received*.

40.6 A letter was received from a member of the public regarding a need for a cinema in Llandudno. This would be referred onto Conwy CBC.

41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 5th April 2016**.