

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

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

Held on Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Miss C Marubbi - Chairman

Cllr F Davies - Vice Chairman

Cllr Miss A C D J O'Grady, The Mayor

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr A W Bertola

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr H T M Saville

Cllr D J Hawkins

Cllr I Turner

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

One nomination was received and

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr Miss Carol Marrubi be elected Chairman 2019-20.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Two nominations were received and following a vote by a show of hands

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Francis Davies be elected Vice Chairman 2019-20.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Absent:

Cllr M J Pavey

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

There were none.

5. CAMBRIAN RALLY

The Chairman welcomed from the North Wales Car Club, Mr Alyn Edwards, Clerk to the Course, and Mrs Judith Phillips, Committee member. Also in attendance, was Mrs Rachael Gill, Corporate Events, Communications, Customer and Marketing Manager, Conwy CBC. Mrs Gill thanked the Committee for the opportunity for the Cambrian Rally organisers to discuss future events and logistics and seek feedback.

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Mr Edwards outlined the history of the Club and the Rally; the latter had been founded in 1955 by local businesses and individuals in the Town. It was a club run by unpaid volunteers and the rally had started as an event on public roads before moving to forests and private roads in 1977. The rally had acquired a good reputation and due to its successes been invited to participate in British Championships. A short clip of the 2019 rally was shown, followed by a power-point presentation illustrating various aspects of the 2019 event, including 140 entrants (bringing around 12 persons per entrant = bed space take up), economic benefits, and the challenges of putting such an event in the public eye. Statistics of media reach (total audience reach: 6,823,000 readers/viewers), Media value (£456, 350), and website activity (89,163 views) were also shown. Community involvement included work with local sports, community, and youth groups. For the 2020 date, 8th February, the event organisers were considering using the Great Orme as a stage before coming into the Town centre.

It was highlighted that the closure of Mostyn Street in 2019 had brought the rally and championship to a new audience, however, there had been concerns raised which the organisers had taken on board, particularly the impact of road closures on bus routes and taxi ranks. Maps of two options were shown for 2020: Option A was to have the service area in Mostyn Street and Trinity Church area, with alternative routes provided for buses around the centre and relocated taxi ranks. Option B was to use Madoc Street (part) and Trinity Square area, with alternative bus routes and taxi ranks. This option, however, would reduce capacity for the expected number of entrants and impact on the multi-story car park. Feedback was welcomed from the Town Council on any issues arising from 2019 and the options for 2020.

Members asked questions. It was noted that the Wales Rally GB was likely moving out of Wales after 2019 and commented that the Cambrian Rally was, therefore, important to retain. Members expressed general support for the event, and appreciated the positives for the hospitality sector, but further commented upon the impact on residents and questioned the benefits to the retail sector. There was discussion with the organisers about the impact on bus routes and members were pleased to see the proposed alternative provision. It was noted that Arriva Buses Wales was challenged to fit bus services around events and raised that early discussion between event organisers and bus operators was important. Conwy CBC was looking to meet with transport officers to discuss the provision of public transport during large events, but that the challenge was operational logistics and who would cover the costs. Conwy CBC was also looking at establishing an Events Group to co-ordinate and monitor large events in the town and to minimise impact on residents and local services. The Chairman thanked Mrs Gill, Mr Edwards, and Mrs Phillips for attending the meeting. Mrs Gill asked the Committee if it had a preference out of the two options presented for 2020 and

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council confirm with the organisers of the Cambrian rally its preference for option A and, IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to invite them to attend a future meeting, in around six months, to update members.

Cllr F. Bradfield, Cllr I. Turner, Mrs R Gill, Mr A. Edwards, and Mrs J. Phillips left the meeting.

6. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

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7. MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 9th April 2019, were received and signed.

8. TO CONFIRM COMMUNITY SERVICES & TOURISM SUB COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS

Members had been previously circulated with a list of Community Services & Tourism Sub Committees and Terms of Reference. It was noted that under the Council's Standing Orders, the Mayor would be a voting member of every Sub Committee, and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services & Tourism Committee would be members of every Sub Committee, unless they signified to the contrary. The following, and their terms of reference, we re-appointed for 2019/20:

8.1 Miss Alice Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the MISS ALICE SUB COMMITTEE 2019/20: Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr I Turner, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

8.2 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the LLANDUDNO IN BLOOM SUB COMMITTEE 2019/20: Cllr Mrs L Emery, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

Due to concerns about there only being four Councillors on the Bloom Sub Committee and the potential for meetings to be inquorate, **IT WAS RESOLVED** *to bring this to the attention of the Council, for discussion, in the hope of attracting further members.*

8.3 Town Twinning Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE 2019/20: Cllr A Bertola, Cllr B Bertola, Cllr D J Hawkins, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr G J T Robbins, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

8.4 Christmas Parade: Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the CHRISTMAS PARADE SUB COMMITTEE 2019/20: Cllr A W Bertola, Cllr B Bertola, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr D J Hawkins, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr I Turner, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

8.5 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the DECORATIVE LIGHTING SUB COMMITTEE 2019/20: Cllr B B Bertola, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr D J Hawkins, Cllr S R Hillman, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr M Pavey, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr I Turner, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.*

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8.6 Fireworks Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, and Chairman of Finance, the following members be elected to the FIREWORKS SUB COMMITTEE 2019/20:*

Cllr Mrs C Beard, Cllr Mrs J Jones, Cllr GJT Robbins, Cllr I Turner, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.

8.7 Town Centre Improvements Sub Committee:

IT WAS RESOLVED *that in addition to the Mayor, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services, the following members be elected to the TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY 2019/20:*

Cllr A W Bertola, Cllr F Bradfield, Cllr Mrs M Lyon, Cllr M Pavvey, Cllr M A Pearce, Cllr G J T Robbins, Cllr Mrs M Wigzell.

8.8 Happy Valley Green Space Working Party.

In view of pending discussions regarding establishing an Events Committee, and the challenges faced by the Town Council to implement and monitor events in Happy Valley, **IT WAS RESOLVED** *that this Working Party be left in abeyance at present.*

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

- 9.1 Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 27th March 2019.
- 9.2 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 1st April 2019.
- 9.3 Fireworks Sub Committee, held 4th April 2019.
- 9.4 Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 18th April 2019.
- 9.5 Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 9th May 2019.

The Chairman of the Fireworks Sub Committee reported on ongoing discussions with Conwy CBC regarding establishing greater partnership working from 2019 to manage and implement this increasingly successful and well attended event, which attracted crowds of around 17,000 in 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the recommendations of the Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 27th March 2019, Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 1st April 2019, Fireworks Sub Committee, held 4th April 2019, Decorative Lighting Sub Committee, held 18th April 2019, and Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 9th May 2019, be approved and accepted.*

10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

10.1 North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. A report of the Meeting, held 12th April 2019, *was received*. The meeting included discussion on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales, future of local councils, homeless provision, business rates, and libraries. NAMWALC understand from HMRC that members allowances were not taxable as expenses but that all other allowances would be treated as income for tax purposes.

10.2 Conwy Fairtrade Coalition: There had been no recent meetings to report.

10.3 Town & Community Council Forum: the next meeting on 25th June 2019 *was noted*.

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

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11. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

11.1 An email from CVSC regarding the Grant funded Summer Playschemes in Llandudno was received. It was noted that sessions would run at Trinity Avenue 29th July and Queens Park 12th August 2019 and their success be monitored. These sessions were well received by members.

11.2 An update regarding a proposed plaque on the Orme to commemorate Cannon Martha Hughes (the first woman U.S. senator and born in Llandudno), was received. This project was previously supported by the Town Council.

11.3 A letter from the Post Office Ltd, 17 May 2019, informing of the temporary closure of the Craig y Don Post Office following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises was considered. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the notification of the closure after the event and that there were only three Post Offices left in Llandudno: Penrhyn Bay, West Shore, and Mostyn Street. This was considered unsatisfactory and a poor service for residents, some of whom might have difficulty travelling to these sites. It was questioned whether the PO was actively seeking to reinstate the service and suggested that the Town Council monitor the situation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Llandudno Town Council respond to the Post Office that it was disappointed over the closure of Craig y Don PO and the lack of forward planning by the Post Office and to stress the need for a replacement service as soon as possible.

11.4 Email received regarding the Christmas Parade 2018. A complaint from a member of the public that there was no Welsh included in the 'official gathering' outside of the Town Hall was considered. Members discussed that the event was predominantly a parade and that its popularity was a credit to the town. Much work went into this event which aimed to make people happy and engage young children. Concerns were expressed about the challenges of implementing such requests for parades and outdoor events and that it was outside of the Town Council's Welsh Language Policy, a copy of which had been previously lodged with the Welsh language Commissioner and which was understood to be still compliant. ***IT WAS RESOLVED to respond that this was a parade put on for the benefit of the public and not an official gathering and, therefore, was considered outside of the policy.***

11.5 An update from Conwy CBC notifying that the Mostyn Street pavement work would not now commence until September 2019 for logistic and Summer holiday reasons was received. Members considered the postponement understandable due to the logistical challenges of undertaking the work.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 16th July 2019.