

## COUNCIL MEETING

Llandudno Town Council  
 Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Council  
 Held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018, 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 A W Bertola

Cllr Mrs M Lyon

Cllr B B Bertola

Cllr Miss C A Marubbi

Cllr F Bradfield

Cllr M J Pavey

Cllr F Davies

Cllr M A Pearce

Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr G J T Robbins

Cllr P C Evans, JP

Cllr H Saville

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr I Turner

Mr David Jewell, Elder, Gloddaeth Church offered prayers prior to the meeting.

### 9. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Mrs C Beard

Cllr M Hold, JP

Cllr S R Hillman

Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

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

| Name:              | Item:                             | Personal or Prejudicial:                      |
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| Cllr F. Bradfield  | 17.2 Conwy CBC: Playground update | Personal: Member of Conwy CBC                 |
| Cllr Mrs L Emery   | 17.2 Conwy CBC: Playground update | Personal: Member/ Cabinet Member of Conwy CBC |
| Cllr P C Evans, JP | 17.2 Conwy CBC: Playground update | Personal: Member of Conwy CBC                 |
| Cllr G J T Robbins | 17.2 Conwy CBC: Playground update | Personal: Member of Conwy CBC                 |
| Cllr H Saville     | 17.2 Conwy CBC: Playground update | Personal: Member of Conwy CBC                 |

### 11. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

### 12. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The following minutes were approved and signed as a correct record:

Council – Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 .....

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### 13. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended numerous engagements since the Annual General Meeting in May. These included: welcoming the new Miss Alice, Carys Lambe, following the Miss Alice competition on 2nd June; attending a church service and wreath laying for the Oddfellows Llandudno conference; meeting Chelsea Pensioners at Blind Veterans UK; the induction of Reverend Andrew Sully as the new Vicar of Llandudno and the Venerable Reverend Mary Stallard as Associate Vicar of Llandudno; judging the Llandudno in Bloom schools art competition; and various Fairs, Coffee Mornings and a 'Pilgrim Walk'. The Mayor had also enjoyed the unveiling of the recently restored Chardon portrait at Llandudno Museum and supporting members of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors North Wales on their "Surveyors Overnight Sleepout" in aid of the homeless. The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for presenting the awards at the Town Twinning Football Awards evening on his behalf.

### 14. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committees were approved subject to any addenda appearing thereunder:

Community Services & Tourism Committee

Held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 ..... 6 - 17

Includes:

- Town Twinning Committee, held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (pages 11 - 12)
- Llandudno in Bloom Sub Committee, held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (pages 13 - 15)
- Christmas Parade Sub Committee, held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (pages 16-17)

Planning and Transportation Committee

Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018..... 18 - 28

- Transport & PROW Sub Committee, held 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (pages 24 - 28)

With reference to Transport & PROW Sub Committee, item 25, Rail Issues, members were updated that the closure of the booking office at Llandudno Railway Station due to the shattering of one of the glass panels in the frontage, had been discussed with the Maintenance Officer for Network Rail. It was hoped that the booking office could be reopened prior to Armed Forces Day, on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, subject to a risk assessment. It was envisaged that the work to install steelwork as a long term solution to protect the glass frontage would take 6-8 weeks.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018..... 29 - 44

- Civic Sub Committee, held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (pages 43 - 44)

With reference to item No. 14 of the Finance and General Purposes Minutes, Cllr Mrs M Lyon asked if she could join the Town Hall Working Party and this was resolved by Council.

### 15. TO APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2017/18 AND ANNUAL RETURN

Members had been previously circulated with paperwork for the end of year accounts, including:

- Notice of the annual audit from BDO External Auditors.
- Draft Annual Return, Accounting Statements and Governance Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

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- Internal Audit Report 2017/18.

All accounts had been thoroughly internally audited and a copy of the Internal Audit Report had also been circulated and was received.

***IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual Return, Accounting Statements and Governance Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, as attached to the Minutes as appendix 1, be approved and submitted to the External Auditors.***

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to record a Vote of Thanks and support to the Town Clerk and staff for the work on the Town Council's finances and audits.***

### 16. WELLBEING & FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

16.1 The Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2018-2023 was noted and received.

16.2 An email from Conwy County Borough Council regarding a meeting following publication of the Plan was received.

16.3 A request from the Clerk to attend a workshop in Llandrindod Wells to assist Town and Community Councils to meet the objectives of the Local Well-being Plan was approved.

### 17. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE CONSULTATIONS OR ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

17.1 Correspondence received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding a Section 106 Open Spaces Fund project proposal and protocol was discussed.

The proposed expenditure of Section 106 Open Space Funding (a financial payment from developers of new residential developments for provision of new or investment in existing public open space), of £17,975 was for: the refurbishment of the floral Alice Clock, Llandudno Promenade and the installation of a protective glass balustrade around the perimeter of the clock and the extension to the Laburnum Arch in Happy Valley.

The two projects had previously been identified by Conwy County Borough Council as meeting the eligibility for this fund, which could only be spent on amenity open space, both being major and popular amenities to residents and visitors to Llandudno and important visual features in the town. The projects could also be delivered by the deadline of December 2018, for the funding to be spent. A spending protocol had however, recently been introduced which now required Conwy County Borough Council to consult directly with local members on Section 106 Open Space Funds. Members were, therefore asked to consider whether they were in agreement with the proposed expenditure.

Some members expressed concern about the proposed expenditure, particularly as funding was being sought from the Town Council for play area maintenance. Members considered that the 106 funding might be better used for play area maintenance which

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would also fit with the priorities of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The lack of clarity on Section 106 Open Spaces Funding, and whether there were any restrictions on what it could be spent on, including play areas was also raised.

The value of the proposed projects and the high costs involved were queried but it was noted that the funding for the projects did not come from public funds and that if it was not spent on the above identified projects, which could be completed quickly, it would likely go back to the developer and not be spent in Llandudno. It was also noted that the protocol meant that the Town Council would be consulted at an earlier stage in future.

It was proposed that the Town Council approve the proposal as expenditure on the above projects had already been agreed prior to the introduction of the spending protocol.

A proposal to reject the proposals for the expenditure and ask Conwy County Borough Council to provide further information on whether the Section 106 funding could be transferred to the play equipment maintenance budget was not seconded.

***IT WAS RESOLVED*** that Llandudno Town Council respond to Conwy County Borough Council that it approved the proposal for expenditure of Section 106 Open Spaces funding on refurbishment of the floral Alice clock, and the installation of a protective glass barrier around the clock and the extension of the Laburnum arch, Happy Valley.

17.2 Correspondence received from Conwy County Borough Council regarding Playground maintenance and funding.

**Exempt Information EX8/2018**

**Reason for the exemption: the consideration of confidential finance/contract information regarding Conwy CBC play areas**

***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.

*Cllr Miss C Marubbi, Cllr M Pavey and Cllr I Turner asked for their vote against the exemption to be recorded.*

Members considered a request from Conwy County Borough Council to reassign Capital funding, previously allocated by the Town Council to Conwy County Borough Council for Llandudno Play areas 2018/19. It was reported that the proposed Great Orme slide to be funded from the capital budget in 2018 was no longer able to proceed and the Town Council was asked instead if would consider supporting repairs to the West Shore play area jungle gym.

The Town Council had also been asked whether it would be interested in exploring the possible hand over of the maintenance and inspection liability of play areas within Llandudno to the Town Council.

Members discussed that it was the County's responsibility to maintain play areas, but noted that County Council budgets were limited and that there were increasing and

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many demands on those budgets. The importance of play areas was conversed but also that the Town Council did not have the resources or expertise at present to take on this role.

It was suggested that a working party be established to look at funding for play areas and that further information be sought from Conwy County Borough Council on whether other Town and Community Councils were being approached to take on play area maintenance and what would be involved. Members also considered that a condition survey would be useful.

It was noted that a number of play areas were installed as part of specific housing schemes or by community centres and that perhaps there were opportunities for partnership work and funding other bodies such as local Housing Associations.

Members were minded to support the request, but would welcome reassurance on the suitability and durability of equipment for West Shore.

***IT WAS RESOLVED*** that £8,076.86 of the £10,000 capital funding, previously allocated for replacement of the Great Orme slide, be used to pay for the revenue cost of repairs to the West Shore play area jungle gym

***IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Town Council enter into a dialogue with Conwy County Borough Council to look at future funding for play areas within Llandudno.

### **18. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 12 PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CLERK.**

There were none received.

### **19. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.