

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY, ON
MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs M Edwards (Chairman)
Cllrs: W Bagnall; B Cossey; Mrs L V Danson MBE; J Davies;
Mrs E Edwards; Mrs J Geddes; G Jones; A Khan; Mrs L Lyon;
Mrs H Meredith; Mrs V Perry; D Porter; P Richards;
Mrs A Robinson BEM; Mrs S Roy; Mrs V Smith

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs C J Earley (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Ian Verburg, District Inspector, North Wales Police
Members of the public and press

344/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

*Resolved to receive apologies for absence from Cllrs: P Edwards; Mrs J Griffiths;
C Hughes; C Perry*

345/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. The following interests were declared:

- Cllr B Cossey declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 7(b)(ii) and (iii), in relation to small grants and a room hire enquiry.
- Cllr W Bagnall declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8, as a small shareholder of Colwyn Bay FC.

346/11 VISITOR TO THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor welcomed Ian Verburg, District Inspector for Conwy Coastal District, North Wales Police, to the meeting to update members on the recent restructuring and what the future potentially holds for local policing.

Inspector Verburg thanked members for the invitation to attend and began with a brief personal introduction. He then reflected on the impact of the recent restructuring, which had been enforced on the police due to the need to save £24.6m over 4 years. Colwyn Bay response hub was introduced in May and covers a wide area, including Abergele, Llandudno, Llanwrst and Betws y Coed. This has resulted in lots more officers being based in Colwyn Bay, which has also increased police visibility. Half of the District Investigation Team (8 officers) are also based in Colwyn Bay. Neighbourhood policing teams have not been affected greatly, however, one CBM has been lost and the role of the CBMs has changed, resulting in them having to attend appointments outside of their areas. PCSOs are still 75% grant funded and approximately 100 new officers are to be recruited across the Force area, with approximately 5 expected at the Colwyn Bay end of the District. These officers

usually stay within their wards. However, the long term strategy for funding of PCSOs is currently under review.

Insp. Verburg gave information on response times and crime statistics, comparing the current 12 months to the previous 12 month period. The response times for 999 calls have remained static, but there are ongoing issues with 101 response times which are being addressed by the Control Room. Every ward has seen a decrease in overall crime figures during the current 12 month period, as follows: Llandrillo yn Rhos -4%, Rhiw -21%, Glyn -26%, Eirias -15%, Old Colwyn -14%. The dispersal zone is Colwyn Bay is working well in combatting anti-social behaviour and 6 arrests were made (4 imprisoned) after a spate of burglaries in Rhos-on-Sea.

Members were informed that the Police cannot continue to use PCSOs to undertake traffic management duties for road closures for events. If issues are expected with specific events, then the Police will still attend but the Council may be advised to bring in a Traffic Management company to assist.

Finally, Insp. Verburg commented on the Estates Review which is currently underway. It is expected that the police (including the Response team and Neighbourhood policing team) will move from their premises on Rhiw Road, possibly to HQ in Colwyn Bay. More information on this will be available in the New Year.

A brief question and answer session followed the presentation, with questions/comments regarding: a request for illegal parking enforcement at a busy junction in Rhos-on-Sea (details to be passed to CBM); concerns about the impact of the moving of the Hub on police visibility in the town centre; the need for joint working with CCBC for traffic management for parades and potential costs to event organisers; a request that PCSOs be given Special Constable's powers, which would then enable them to assist with traffic management.

Insp. Verburg was thanked for attending and retired from the meeting.

347/11 MINUTES:

Resolved to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 17th October 2011.

348/11 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES:

The Clerk submitted a copy of the minutes of the following meetings, for information:

- a. The General Purposes & Planning Committee, held on 1.11.11
- b. The Policy & Finance Committee, held on 9.11.11
- c. The General Purpose & Planning Committee, held on 22.11.11

Resolved to receive the Minutes of the Committees.

349/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

- a. General Purposes & Planning Committee 1.11:
Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committee, as detailed in the Minutes.

b. Policy & Finance Committee 9.11:

- i. *Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committee, as detailed in the Minutes.***
- ii. *Resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Committee, as detailed in Minutes 310/11, 313/11 and 317/11.***
- iii. Min. 319(b): Use of Town Hall at Weekends**

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update regarding a request that had been received from Colwyn Choral Society for use of the Town Hall on two Saturdays each year. It was noted that bookings are not regularly taken at the weekends, due to the additional heating, lighting and cleaning this would require. However, it may be possible to accept this particular booking at minimal extra cost, providing sufficient notice of the dates is given and the cleaner is able to change her working hours to come in at the weekend.

A discussion ensued regarding the Council's policy of offering the facilities free of charge for community use and the extra costs that may be incurred for weekend use. It was suggested that an additional clause be added to the Conditions of Use to state that the Council may levy an additional charge to cover heating/lighting/cleaning costs for weekend use. It was noted that the conditions already require the tidying up of rooms and the washing of any cutlery/crockery and that the doors are kept shut at all times.

Resolved to accept a provisional booking from Colwyn Choral Society for use of the Town Hall on two Saturdays each year, subject to the existing conditions of use, and to consider each and every future request for weekend use of the building on its own merits.

c. General Purpose & Planning Committee 22.11:

Resolved to note the resolutions of the Committee, as detailed in the Minutes.

350/11 COLWYN BAY FC:

Members were asked to consider a request for on-going annual financial support, via perimeter board advertising, at a cost of £300.

Resolved to offer continued sponsorship, by way of a perimeter advertisement board at a cost of £300.

351/11 ADDITIONAL URGENT CORRESPONDENCE: The following item of additional correspondence, considered to be urgent, was tabled by the Clerk with the permission of the Chairman:

a. RWE NPower Renewables:

A letter of invitation to open day(s) was tabled and it was noted that copies of the latest newsletter are available on request from the Clerk.

The Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

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