

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Development and Regeneration Committee held in King's Hall Community Centre, Kings Avenue, Prestatyn Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 6.30pm – 8.10pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Sampson (Chair) G. Frobisher, M. German, S. Frobisher, P. Penlington, R. Flynn, G. Davies, L. Muraca, A. Tomlin, B. Murray, K Jones, T Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N Acott – Town Clerk/Financial Officer, Mrs C. Evans – Deputy Town Clerk, Mr T. Brown – Internal Auditor, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant, Tara Dumas – DCC Waste Recycling Manager

APOLOGIES

Councillors: M. Poller, J. Thompson-Hill, G. Sandilands

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings.

65 WASTE RECYCLING PM48

Deputy Town Clerk welcomed Ms Tara Dumas, Denbighshire County Council's (DCC) Waste Recycling Manager to the meeting and invited her to address Committee.

Ms Dumas has been employed by DCC for 12 months but she has 20 years experience of waste management with other local authorities. Climate Change is a big driver for change and DCC will be introducing a new regime of waste management in approx 2 years time. The model will be circular which will drive the current markets in the UK to deal with waste which in turn will be more sustainable and create jobs.

Following are the main bullet points of the new model to be rolled out

- Recycling targets set by WG for 2019/20 is 64%. DCC has been achieving this for the past 4 years
- In 2024/25 this target will increase to 70%
- Welsh Government have provided funding to DCC of £7.9m which will be used to obtain the infrastructure required to support the new collection scheme. An additional £1.2m has been applied for
- Currently all waste which is not recycled is sent to a new energy recovery plant in Deeside which is incinerated and the energy produced is fed to the National Grid.
- A visitor centre is set to open in 2020. None of Denbighshire's waste now goes to landfill

- Food waste is turned into bio-fertiliser at a plant in St Asaph
- Proposals are being considered to produce heat from bio methane at this plant
- In 2017/18 28,000 tons of waste was recycled through DCC and a website (www.myrecyclingwales.org.uk) provides information of each County's destination of waste produced
- The new household waste collection regime will look at ways to firstly educate then penalise those who consistently fail to deal with their waste responsibly
- TD brought a prototype to demonstrate how the new regime would work, however at this time this is not the final design

Tara Dumas then took questions:-

Cllr PP – Where is the methane currently produced going

TD – To generate power via bio methane at Deeside

Cllr GD – It may be possible to achieve 70% recycling targets under the current system. Conwy and Llandudno struggle with their current system with waste littering the streets

Cllr MG – Businesses should also be encouraged to recycle better, however that is outside DCC's remit

TD – Public engagement will be key and there will be areas in the County which are and will continue to be problematic. DCC may have to collect from these areas more frequently. Flats with communal bins are a big problem and I am keen to develop a better communal system

Cllr MG – Your expertise is required when faced with the current climate change issues

TD – I am very keen on education in schools

Cllr RF – Has the current workforce been consulted on the new model and are they happy with it

TD – Time and motion study has been undertaken with other authorities and the current workforce have been engaged at every point in this journey. We have suggestion boxes and the team have all seen the new vehicles which will be needed and they have visited other areas such as Las (Anglesey).

There will be no redundancies made through the adoption of this scheme, in fact there will be job creation (18 jobs) as we are moving away from employing agency staff to have a core team of workers. We can provide Councillors with training to become their champion

We are investigating the possibility of microchipping sacks in order to identify residents who consistently do not comply

Cllr LM – I hope the containers will be substantial to avoid them blowing away on windy days

Deputy TC – Is there a possibility of on street recycling bins being installed

TD – Whilst deposit return schemes are being considered this will not be happening at the moment. The Whales Tails scheme needs to be promoted as a structure to help the planet and not as a receptacle for waste. I would like to see educational information on them

RESOLVED That Tara Dumas be thanked for her attendance and excellent presentation

(Cllr T Flynn left the meeting at 7.30pm)

66 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN PM 48

Deputy Town Clerk presented the Climate Change Action Plan (copy circulated with agenda) which sets out a number of objectives to help achieve a reduction in greenhouse gases. Cllr GF proposed adoption of the Action Plan seconded by Cllr TJ.

RESOLVED That the Climate Action Plan is adopted by Prestatyn Town Council and updates on progress are submitted to future CDRC meetings. A notice in the press is to be implemented to highlight the decision.

(Cllrs P Penlington/S Frobisher/ A Frobisher requested electronic copies of agenda and minutes as a first step. All Councillors who wished to have electronic copies only to advise the Town Clerk/Financial Officer)

67 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Details of financial assistance applications had been circulated with agenda:-

RESOLVED That following grants be awarded subject to provision of receipts:

Festival of Trees £325

Prestatyn Carnival £1,650

(Cllrs G Frobisher and A Sampson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Prestatyn Carnival and left the Chamber)

Financial/ Legal Implications: 2019/20 Costs within budget provision for Existing Organisations and Prestatyn Carnival. Local Government Act 1972 Section 144/5
(Cllr A Frobisher left meeting at 8.00pm)

68 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2020/21

Deputy Town Clerk (DTC) advised Committee that in order to prepare budgets for 2020/21 any projects identified as requiring expenditure or change of service provision will need consideration by Committee in preparation of financial estimates. DTC requested that any ideas Councillors wanted to put forward for consideration were sent to her by 30th September 2019

One such proposal was to purchase a BT telephone box to be planted as a floral display received consideration (example circulated) at an estimated cost of £2,500 plus installation and would also require a licence to install from DCC.

Cllr BM – I would like the "Welcome to Prestatyn" sign on the approach from the coast road re-instated

Cllr RF – tree planting and tree preservation orders.

Cllr PP – If there was a secondary use of former telephone box, as a defibrillator for example I would be more inclined to support the proposal. Committee proceeded to vote on the proposal:-

RESOLVED

- 1) That Committee accept proposal of former BT Telephone Box for floral display and/or other suitable use recognising that it should form a High Street attraction. Financial provision to be included in budget proposals 2020/21.
- 2) That all Councillors be invited to send ideas for consideration during preparation of financial estimates 2020/21 by 30th September 2019.

Chairman


