

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Parks, Street Scene & CCTV Sub-Committee was held on Thursday 12th December 6.30pm in the Room 4, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

487/19 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: J M Bird; G. Frost; A. Hunter; C. McCoubrey; B. C. Roberts; R.G. Waters  
In Attendance: Mr S Teale CCBC, Mr V Turner CCBC.  
Mrs L Whalley; (Deputy-Clerk)

488/19 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr: D M Armstrong; The Mayor, Cllr. S Jones-Roberts, A. Wood;

489/19 **Absence without Apology**

None

490/19 **Declaration of Interest**

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose). None Declared

491/19 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parks, Street Scene & CCTV Sub-Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to **RECEIVED** and **SIGNED** as a true record.

492/19 **Matters Arising**

*Standing Orders were suspended*

493/19 Mr Steve Teale, Facilities Manager CCBC was welcomed to the meeting.

a) **ALLOTMENTS**

Mr Teale provided an overview of CCBC's endeavours to identify suitable land within the LDP for the provision of allotments across the County. Very often there are a variety of reasons why land cannot be used but the County is open to suggested locations for this purpose. For the present there is no suitable land in the Abergele area but there are Abergele residents on the CCBC waiting list who are offered allotments in other areas should one become available. A revised allotment strategy by the CCBC is being prepared which will be scrutinised before putting out for public consultation. T&CC's will be notified when the consultation is launched.

b) **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The acquisition of public conveniences by the Town Council and their subsequent management and running costs was then discussed. ST provided a table of indicative costs for the management of public conveniences in Pensarn and Water Street. As part of the handover procedure CCBC will be required to upgrade the existing facilities including

modernisation, decoration and the consideration of solar power and rainwater harvesting.

In consideration of re-commissioning the old toilet block in Pentre Mawr Park ST reported that the shell of the building was in good enough condition to refurbish. The underground pipework has been found to be intact. ST then provided copies of a plan showing three different options for the reconfiguration of the space to accommodate unisex facilities for the disabled and baby changing. The plans included restoring the whole building to a usable state which incorporated substantial storage space. Some of the total funds allocated to upgrading existing conveniences could be diverted to the refurbishment of Pentre Mawr toilet block.

Brief reference was also made to the pros and cons of managing public facilities including cash handling, contract cleaning, vandalism and modern technology.

**ST is currently drawing up a detailed proposal for ATC** which will present members with financial information on the pros and cons of managing WC's and will include a number of options for the takeover of some or all the public conveniences being considered.

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

Members considered the relative feasibility of taking responsibility for the Public Conveniences. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Members consider the transfer of the management and running costs of the Water Street, Pensarn and Pentre Mawr Park Public Conveniences to the Town Council.

Mr Teale was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

*Standing Orders were suspended*

494/19 Mr Vic Turner CCBC, was welcomed to the meeting.

a) **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Mr Turner provided an overview into the conditions which trigger installation of speed radar signs and the best way for them to be acquired and managed. VT is currently dealing with several requests from other CC's regarding speed radar and is considering a co-ordinated approach to achieve economies of scale. VT advised that CCBC approved apparatus would be procured which potentially would have a higher cost implication for the Council. **VT will prepare a quote for the Town Council in the near future.** The preferred locations of the speed radar signs were discussed but **DEFERRED** to a later date when costs are confirmed.

VT then referred to the Active Travel Route scheme which aims to formulate safe pedestrian and cycle routes through community spaces to specific destinations incorporating safe crossing points where needed, possibly in conjunction with the traffic calming proposals.

*Cllr Sam Rowlands left at this juncture  
Cllr Charlie McCoubrey took the Chair.*

b) **ACQUISITION OF ABERGELE CARPARKS**

VT reported that solid valuations of the carparks were needed for outright purchase but emphasised that the CCBC preferred method of transfer of ownership would be on a long leasehold basis. It was acknowledged that the level of projected change planned for Abergele/Pensarn, whether the plans come to fruition or not, would have implications for the terms of a lease for both the Town Council and CCBC. It was felt that the current sponsorship arrangement was the 'best fit' for the present time and circumstances.

*Standing Orders were reinstated*

Members **RECOMMENDED** that a sum of £25k be budgeted for the installation of traffic calming measures at the gateways to Abergele.

It was further **AGREED** that the Town Council does not pursue the purchase of the carparks and to focus on delivering free carparking through sponsorship for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Turner was thanked for his time and left the meeting

495/19 A letter from a member of the public regarding free parking in Abergele (deferred from the Ordinary meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December Min No: 477/19 (m)) was **RECEIVED**. Members were sympathetic to the observations of the correspondent but also acknowledged that restricted waiting times would push the traffic to park in the residential areas again. It was **RESOLVED** to retain the current waiting times at a maximum of 10 hours and to keep the situation under review unless there is significant change in public opinion.

Meeting Closed at: 19:45

Signed .....  
(Chairman)