

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, was held at 7:40pm on Thursday 22nd January 2015 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

444/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond (Chairman); B. Kinsey; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters;
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
 Members of the public

445/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
 Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood;

446/14 **Chairman**

As the current Chairman had declared an interest in Min No: 449/14 (b)(i) below it was RESOLVED that the Vice Chairman would act as Chairman for this meeting as Cllr MacRae is a member of the Planning Committee and could be deemed as predetermination if she is to take part in the item to be discussed under Section 51 of the Local Government 2000.

447/14 **Disclosure of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
 Cllr. Delyth Mac Rae Min No:449/14(b)(i)

448/14 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18th December 2014.

449/14 **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

- (a) (i) An update from CCBC Legal with regard to the Pensarn Car Park was DEFERRED to the next meeting.
- (ii) An update from the Clerk with regard to the request to forward the matter to OVW was DEFERRED to the next meeting.
- (b) (i) An update following the Public Meeting in St George on the 9th January 2014 and the subsequent meeting arranged by Darren Millar AM on the 15th January 2015 to form an Action Group was provided by Cllr Tim Rowlands. Cllr Rowlands informed members that a study had been carried out by Bangor University and questioned if it was available in the Library or on the CCBC website with regard to the Priority of sites and should have the scoring. Policy HOU4/9 is the Gypsy Travelers Policy and there are 8-9 points that are to be adhered to. Cllr MacRae abstained from the item. The Mythbuster document was discussed and members commented that crime from travellers is not recorded as a group. Members discussed the

lack of CCBC Officers at the meeting. **It was RESOLVED to write to the Chief Executive of CCBC to clarify why officers did not attend. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council assist with the paperwork for Saturday 31st January.**

- (ii) A pre consultation letter and document with regard to the Gypsy Traveller Site Provision in St George and for a response to be agreed at the meeting for submission by the deadline
 - (iii) A letter of support from Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council was RECEIVED
 - (iv) A letter from the Rt Hon David Jones MP with regard to the Travellers site was RECEIVED
- (b) An update report from the Clerk following the recent Action Group meeting was RECEIVED and Cllr T Rowlands informed members that the Group had been working hard with the circulation of the leaflets for the march on Saturday 31st January commencing at 10am from Smithy Lane to St George Village Hall. **It was RESOLVED by the Town Council to support the group and it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED to allocate an amount of £1000 to the group should this be required in accordance with its powers under Section 137 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to incur the following expenditure, which in its opinion is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.**

It was NOTED that the next meeting of the group will take place on Friday 30th January at the Kinmel Arms, St George.

- (c) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Modification Order for the Ty Crwn path was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that Caroline Turner was attending a meeting to update members with the current situation at the Council meeting to be held on the 5th March 2015
- (d) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Change of use within Town and neighbourhood centres supplementary Planning Guidance (Deferred from the Ordinary meeting of the 8th January for observations at the meeting) was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward the following comments on behalf of the Town Council by the closing date:**
The figure of 40% for minimum amount of premises in the Town Centre area is too low and it could be detrimental to the overall astatic look of the main Town Centre of Abergele. It is recommended by members that all of the shopping area of the Town remains together as Abergele has a predominantly elderly population and it would not be advisable to have a large separation of retailers with domestic properties in between.

450/14 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- (a) CVSC emailed to members from 3rd January to 14th January 2015
- (b) OVW emailed to members from 3rd January to 14th January 2015
- (c) A letter from CPRW with regard to Spring Programme
- (d) A request from Radio Glan Clwyd for a venue to put a stall. **It was RESOLVED to inform the group that the Town Council are not able to provide any accommodation but would RECOMMEND that they contact CCBC to investigate some of the vacant shops in the Town as an option.**
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on St George Road was RECEIVED. Cllr MacRae informed members that she had attended the recent event held by the gas utility company and had been informed that the residents of High Street had all been informed. Local Members who live on High Street

confirmed that this is not the case. Cllr MacRae further informed members that no provision had been made to redirect the traffic to the hospital. It was RECOMMENDED that queries should be directed to Wales and West Utilities.

- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on Glanrafon was NOTED
- (g) An email from Conwy Access regarding Disabled Assess Day was NOTED
- (h) An email from Darren Millar AM with regard to a letter received from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport was NOTED
- (i) An email from RWE with regard to Gwynt y Mor offshore Wind Farm
- (j) An email from CCBC with a request for information regarding the Key Centre on Market Street was RECEIVED. Cllr Waters stated that he would forward a note to the Clerk with the information requested for CCBC.

451/14 **Planning Matters**

- (a) Planning Applications: The applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' were considered and concluded as detailed thereon.
It was NOTED that there had been amendments to the Solar Panel Planning Application beyond its original application. **It was RESOLVED to request the amendments to the Scheme and to query why the Town Council had not received amendments of a material significance.**
- (b) Planning Decisions – The planning decisions as detailed on Schedule 'B' – as issued by CCBC for the Abergele area were NOTED.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Abergele Town Council Schedule 'A'

Planning Applications -Considered 22nd January 2015

Date Considered	Planning Ref No.	Description	Location	Applicant(s)	objections
22/01/2015	0/41347	Construction of rear two-storey flat roof extension (Retrospective Application)	4 Highfield Park, Abergele LL22 7AU	Mr Haydn Evans	NO objections
22/01/2015	0/41387	Construction of Access Ramp for Disabled use	17 Ger y Mor, Pensarn,Abergele LL22 7SX	Housing Assistance	NO objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council between 7.12.14 - 4.1.15

0/41036 Land Adj to Bryn Derw St George Road – Construction of new dwelling

Decision Refused

0/41323 Ty Ucha Tan-y-Fron Road – Non-material amendment for planning app. 0/40912. (Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storeypitched roof extension to side of dwelling and erection of conservatory to front of dwelling), to allow for repositioning and change of style of proposed windows to extension.

Decision Approved with Conditions
