

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6:30pm in the Abergele Community Centre, Market Street, Abergele.

591/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,  
Cllrs: G. Frost (non-member); A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; D A MacRae;  
C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medicott (non-member); M. Richards; B. C. Roberts;  
R.G. Waters (non-member);  
Mr T. Jones; Mrs L. Tavernor;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)  
Mr S. Wetton (CCBC)

592/18 **Apologies**

Cllrs: P Heap-Williams; A. Wood;  
Mrs Jeanette Dew;

593/18 **Absence with no apologies**

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; S Rowlands;

594/18 **Declaration of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal and/or prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).  
None were declared

595/18 **Minutes**

- **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 22nd November 2018**

596/18 **Matters Arising from those and other Minutes**

- a) An update from CCBC with regard to the recent Atkins Report and traffic Management of the Town Centre was RECEIVED. Mr Wetton informed members that the Atkins Report is headed by the Highways Department's, Mr Victor Turner. Mr Wetton stated that there were three options within the report and that Highways are to submit an application to Welsh Government for further funding to develop the 3 options. The ownership of the document is with CCBC.
- It was stated by a member that CCBC Planning have deferred the Llanfair Road planning application pending sight of the document, but the Committee will not be able to have sight of the document prior to a decision having to be taken. A County member stated that it should be possible to view the document with sensitive information redacted. It was NOTED that the site was a contingency site, to be allocated only once the initial sites are utilised and that there are still many sites available. It was considered that there is still no overall plan for Abergele.
- It was RESOLVED that a formal letter is forwarded to CCBC Planning to inform them that the Place Plan Committee object to the approval of the development without sight of the Atkins Report and that this undermines the role of the Committee.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request clarification on why the document is confidential as the it only has proposals in the report, and would it not be possible for the Committee to have sight of the report.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to copy the letter to Ken Skates AM, Darren Millar AM, Rt. Hon. David Jones MP, Mark Isherwood AM and CCBC Chief Executive.**

- b) It was CONSIDERED that the shop frontage scheme could not be considered until the Atkins Report is received as this will have an impact on the layout of the Town Centre.
- It was RESOLVED to request that Mr Peter Jones-Hughes is invited to attend a meeting at the Town Council to present the Shop Frontage scheme to the traders.**
- c) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the engagement of Chris Jones Regeneration differed from the previous meeting stating that CCBC will engage Mr Jones.
- d) (i) Confirmation that the Abergele branding has now been completed and the future use of the branding was CONSIDERED (deferred from Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee for consideration). The Clerk informed members that Mr Chris Jones had suggested that members view the Llandrindod website as a good example of a website and branding below. Members of the Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee confirmed that they would like approval that the branding can be used in the forthcoming issue of the Town Guide and Newsletter. Copyright was considered and it was RECOMMENDED to seek advice from VCA and to follow the Llandrindod model for the Newsletter, Town Guide and website.
- It was RESOLVED that the branding should be used by the Council.**
- (ii) An example of a Council with branding was RECEIVED.  
<https://llandrindod.co.uk>
- e) The points raised by the Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Min No: 440/18 (i) with regard to the website were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The cost of setting up the detail within the website and the running of the website once set up was discussed. It was NOTED that a local resident has undertaken some of the initial work pro bono. The collating of the information on the Town side of the website is required. Members present enquired as to why the initial cost was not included at the beginning of the project.
- It was PROPOSED that clarity is sought as to whether funding the cost of setting up the website meets the criteria of the Section 106 Legal Agreement and if so that a request was submitted for up to £10k to be set aside for this purpose.
- f) An update from Chris Jones Regeneration with regard to the A55 signage was RECEIVED. An email from Welsh Government confirmed that no decision has been made to date.
- g) An application for the Enabling Natural Resources & Wellbeing grant (approved by the Town Council at the last Ordinary meeting Min No: 548/18) was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to thank Chris Jones for all his hard work.**
- h) An update from Chris Jones Regeneration with regard to Pensarn Beach – coastal defence strategy, outline ideas was RECEIVED. A local member informed members that they were awaiting costs and confirmation on funding from Green Gele and Sea Scape. There was a request for £30k to be split between various parties and the item is DEFERRED to full Council for consideration.
- i) A flyer from Clubetter with regard to a community application for Clubs and Societies. The update from Chris Jones was DEFERRED and the item was NOTED
- j) An update from Theme leads with regard to the prioritisation of the projects from the project lists was DEFERRED to next meeting.

- 597/18 An update from the Theme leads on any progress to date was RECEIVED as follows:
- a) Community Wellbeing and Culture – Community forum group met last October and all the information from the Place plan was shared with the groups. The Forum is working to be able to decimate information to the wider community through the groups.
  - b) Business Tourism & Jobs – member was not present
  - c) Access & Infrastructure – current work has been around the website and Seascape.

598/18 **Future meeting dates and times**

A copy of the original meeting dates for the forthcoming year and to approve the dates and the times of forthcoming meetings was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that the future meetings should be held at 6:30pm for continuity.**

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed

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(Chairman)