

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee, was held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 6.30pm in the Main Chamber, Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

60/18. Attendance Register

The Mayor, M Bird;

Cllrs: P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; S Jones-Roberts; C McCoubrey; M. Richards; B C Roberts; A. Wood; S.Rowlands; Mr Tomos Jones (ITACA); Mrs Gill Jones AAT; Mrs Jeanette Dew AAT; Mr Shane Wetton CCBC; Chris Jones CJR;
Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

In Attendance: Mrs M Evans (Clerk) Cllrs G Frost; R M Medicott; RG Waters; Mr Adam Slater Jade Leaf, Mr Nick Williams Pantri Bach.

61/18. Apologies

Linda Tavernor ITACA; Haf Jones CCBC; James Harland CCBC;

62/18. Absence with no apologies

Cllr: Dr Mark Baker

63/18. 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 declared**

64/18. Election of Chairman

The Mayor Cllr Mike Bird opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman of the Committee for 2018/19.

It was **PROPOSED** that Cllr. Bird be elected as Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. Bird indicated his willingness to accept and was elected as Chairman of the Placeplan Committee 2018/19.

65/18. Visitor to the Committee

- a) Guest speakers from View Creative were unable to attend the meeting but an overview on the Town Branding project was presented by Cllr Andrew Wood. A 'logo' has been identified and work continues on colourways and functions such as interchangeable icons to play on letter shapes to convey a message. There is an agreed for the project which is fixed by contract with an aim to have an agreed brand by the next meeting (28th June). It was **RESOLVED** to have a working group meeting with VCA the day before the meeting for the final article.
- b) The guest speaker for the shop fronts project was unable to attend the meeting and the item was deferred to the next meeting.

66/18. Minutes

- The Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 26th April 2018 were **APPROVED** subject to two minor amendments.

67/18. Housekeeping

- a) A copy of the ratified Terms of Reference for the Committee was **NOTED**

68/18. Matters Arising from those Minutes

- a) Matters arising from the View Creative presentation were deferred to next meeting.
- b) Matters arising from the shop fronts were deferred to the next meeting.
- c) To receive an update from the Theme leads on any progress to date:

(i) **Business & Tourism**

Cllr Wood recapped the work done so far with branding and the installation of free WiFi and outlined projects which are under consideration for development and funding. The 'Walk Your Town' project has been implemented and a vote of thanks went to Tomos Jones and Cllr George Frost for their 'Walk your Town' video production. Signage on the A55 directing traffic to attractions in Abergele is also under discussion and a vote of thanks was proposed to Wil Roberts of CCBC for his assistance in dealing with Highways.

(ii) **Access and Infrastructure**

Cllr McCoubrey reported that he had spoken with Steve Teale CCBC regarding installation of public conveniences in PM Park. He has also met with the headmaster of Emrys ap Iwan who is willing to consider allowing the senior Abergele football teams to use one of the school pitches to help raise the standard of Snrs football. The WiFi project is delayed but is due to be signed off shortly; the traffic survey is still a work in progress; and an allotment provision is also being considered by the working group. It was also suggested that additional burial provision in Abergele should be included in the plan.

A suggestion to form a sub-committee specifically for toilets, football and allotments was considered, however, it was felt that an extra meeting may increase pressure on those members who also work full-time and it was suggested that the membership of the proposed sub-committee should comprise a wider section of the community than just members of the Placeplan Committee. Tomos Jones will take this to the next Community Forum at ITACA

(iii) **Housing**

No update was received. Cllr Hunter requested that the APP committee be consulted on housing proposals at the pre-planning stage. The current flats proposal for Pensarn has been postponed therefore the drop-in sessions have been cancelled.

(iv) **Health & Well Being**

No update was received. It was reported that the Old School housed some offices for the BCUHB and that there is a need to consult with them on any proposed development of the site/building.

(v) **Heritage, Culture & Information**

No update received

(vi) **Community**

No update received. It was suggested that members should attend a workshop to discuss the priorities of the Plan and to be clear what S106 can be used for. The current headings for the Thematic Work Groups are very broad and in some areas beyond the remit. It was agreed that the headings should be reviewed.

70/18. An update regarding funding for the branding project and the new role of Facilitator was RECEIVED. It was confirmed that funding for both is to be released in the very near future. Cllr Wood expressed doubt on the need for a facilitator and stated that the Placeplan Committee and the Thematic Working groups working in conjunction with Consultant Chris Jones Regeneration, should meet that need. Given the gap created between the end of CJR contract and the appointment of a facilitator it was RECOMMENDED that CJR be retained on a rolling contract until a facilitator is recruited.

Meeting closed: 20:15

Signed : Chair