

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held on Thursday 26th Medi/September 2019 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

319/19 Attendance Register

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

320/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; M. Bond; S Rowlands;
Mrs. Linda Tavernor

321/19 Absence with no apologies

Cllrs: P Heap-Williams;

322/19 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

323/19 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 25th Gorffennaf/July 2019.

- 324/19 (a) An update from CCBC with regard to ongoing projects was RECEIVED from Mr. Shane Wetton. Mr. Wetton informed members of the project request below:
- (b) A request from Menter Iaith had been received, requesting that the Committee consider funding for Welsh Language Activity from the S106 budget. Mr. Wetton provided an overview stating that there remains some S106 funding for Welsh language Activity in Abergele. A meeting was held with Menter Iaith regarding ideas for a project submission that would identify any gaps or need for Welsh language activity in the area and also meet the Legal Agreement for the S106 funding. Following Mr. Wetton's overview it was RECOMMENDED to clarify the actual amount required, as it was not clear if it was the full £11053.60 or 50% of the amount. It was NOTED that if approved the group should be encouraged to engage with the local schools and promoted.
It was RESOLVED, as there is sufficient funding in the S106 budget , that the project was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED.

325/19 Matters Arising from those and other Minutes

- a) An update from Chris Jones with regard to the Tourism Signage and to receive clarification on the amount that the Businesses are contributing to the scheme

(Deferred from last Ordinary meeting Min No: 262/19 (f) was RECEIVED. It was CONFIRMED that two local businesses have agreed to contribute towards the signage totalling £7k. £9k has been AGREED from CCBC Funding. The total for the order is approximately £55k.

It was RECOMMENDED and APPROVED that ATC contribute £9k of the £15k ring-fenced for the project. Mr. Jones was thanked for all his hard work. CCBC will issue an order to the Highways Authority to proceed.

- b) An update regarding the purchase of branding material for the Town was RECEIVED. The project is moving forward and translation has been completed, the names of the establishments and captions is to be included. Mr. Jones thanked Cllr Frost for providing the images and to ATC for the funding.
- c) A report from Chris Jones with regard to the Abergele Parks was RECEIVED, which included the delivery of three keynote projects including the Old School. A Community Wellbeing and Culture meeting will be arranged in the near future to agree the process, followed by an engagement day, and to agree the proposals and to work with ERF (CCBC) with funding from Welsh Government. It was NOTED that meetings of the Business Tourism & Jobs and the Access & Infrastructure groups would also be scheduled in the near future.
- d) **In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, it was RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw**

Standing orders were suspended

An update from Mr Chris Jones and Mr Chris Gentle with regard to the Pensarn Beach Vision Masterplan was RECEIVED.

Mr. Gentle provided a recap from the last meeting, stating that there was a number of layers to be considered as part of the work on the Masterplan.

- Option (a) Combine car park and road
- (b) Green space with parking at the rear
- (c) Car park and road in the front

Mr. Jones confirmed that option A was the preferred choice and Mr Gentle provided an overview of an upgrade to the area and the phased approach. Mr Jones further confirmed that they had a positive meeting with Transport for Wales today, regarding a project for the train station including Wi-Fi, a deep clean, CCTV, and lighting. Mr Jones will have a further meeting with Transport for Wales on the 10th October 2019.

The next step is to have respect for the current tenants on Pensarn and the various legal matters that relate to the businesses. Energy saving and environmental considerations will also form part of the scheme. The installation of a ramp to the beach was raised and the logistics of being able to install something of this nature would have to be discussed with the engineers. It is proposed that an open session with the tenants will take place on the 9th October 2019, followed by a Public Consultation in November.

Standing orders were reinstated

- e) An email from Chris Jones with regard to the Grimsby Review was RECEIVED.
- f) A copy of an email between Cllr Armstrong and Chris Jones was NOTED

Standing orders were suspended

- g) An update from Mr John Hutchinson with regard to the progress on the Website was RECEIVED. Mr Hutchinson stated that it will take time to spread the word in the Community with regard to the website but felt positive that it would be a

success in due course. Once the website is at a satisfactory position an official launch with the branding and social media can be launched.

Standing orders were reinstated

- (i) The translation of the website (in conjunction with the Town Council's Welsh Language scheme and the funding of the translation work was CONSIDERED. It was NOTED that the translator would need to have the skills to be able to upload the translated information directly on to the website.

It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the consideration of the extent of the website that should be translated, in line with Council's policies and to proof the correctness of content to the Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee for their RECOMMENDATIONS. It was CONSIDERED that only key headings initially should be translated.

It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to obtain costs for the translation work and RECOMMENDED to request a cost from Mentir Iait, and Ysgol Glan Clwyd.

It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to verify if the order issued to VCA included translation in the original contract.

- (ii) The ongoing updating of the website following the end of Mr Hutchinson's contract was CONSIDERED.

It was RECOMMENDED to request a scope of the work from Mr. Hutchinson in the first instance for consideration and members enquired why this had not formed part of the original brief.

It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to confirm if there is funding available to support the role and Mr. Shane Wetton CONFIRMED that he would enquire with CCBC S106. The Clerk CONFIRMED that she would confirm the ATC website budget for members information.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER item (g) to the next Committee meeting for members consideration.

- h) An update with regard to the Tote Bag distribution was RECEIVED.
i) The funding of Beach Clean boards (two in Pensarn and one in Pentre Mawr park) was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED from S106 funding. It was CONFIRMED that the wording for the Park board would need to be amended. The Clerk confirmed that she would chase up ERF for confirmation if they are able to donate some grippers and gloves to commence the project.

326/19

An update from the Theme leads on progress to date was RECEIVED as follows:

- a) Community Wellbeing and Culture
b) Access & Infrastructure
c) Business Tourism & Jobs
- The Abergele Traders held a meeting last night and have nominated a representative for the Place Plan Committee.
 - The Traders are running a competition for Halloween.
 - It was RECOMMENDED to write to Mr Tomos Jones, former representative from Itaca to thank him for all his work on the Committee and setting up the Community group.

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

Signed
(Chairman)