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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday, 18th May, 2006 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9347. **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. B.C. Roberts

Cllr. J.D. Mortimer (Chairman)

Cllrs: C.A. Billington; M. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; D.A.Byrne; G P. Davies; C.J. MacRae;
D.A. MacRae; R. MacRae; M. Medicott; R.D. Peacock; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters

9348. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. J.A. MacLennan

9349. **Disclosure of Interest**

None recorded.

9350. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the GENERAL PURPOSES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, held on 20th April, 2006**

9351. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes :**

a) Min. 9304(a) -Town Council Website

It was NOTED that the current rules for government domain names (.gov) applied by the Naming and Approvals Committee state that town councils must use either the full title 'towncouncil' or a suffix '-tc' and the Council cannot, therefore, have the domain 'abergele.gov.uk'.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the full name 'abergeletowncouncil.gov.uk'

b) Min. 9304(b) - Proposed Removal of Brazier at Pensarn Beach

It was NOTED that no further update had been received on the proposed date for the works.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk follow up this matter.

c) Min. 9304(e) – Eyesore at Glanrafon

It was NOTED that CCBC have contacted the owners and that work was now in progress to clear the eyesore.

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d) Min. 9304(f) – Litter

A response from Environmental Services confirming ongoing regular collection of litter along the A547, Rhuddlan Road, was NOTED and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

e) Min. 9304(h) - Abergele Bus Services

(i) It was NOTED that a new timetable, including a map of the routes, was currently being printed and that copies would be sent to the Council.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER any further discussion on the town centre routes until this was received and considered.

(ii) A request for an additional bus stop by Smithy Cross, near St. George, was considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to Bob Saxby to request that the old bus stops be re-instated.

f) Min. 9304(i) – Abergele Hospital

(i) It was NOTED that an acknowledgement has been received to the response of this Council to the consultation document and that Conwy County Borough Council have held recent meetings to discuss the document and have also initially submitted a brief hostile response.

(ii) A grateful response from the Abergele Hospital League of Friends confirming they would keep the Council informed of any developments and /or meetings was NOTED.

(iii) North Wales Assoc. of Town Councils – Special Meeting

It was NOTED that a special meeting has been arranged on 9th June for Mr Andrew Butters, Project Director for NHS in Wales, to address members of the NWATC on future proposals for the hospitals in North Wales and that the representatives of this Council would attend.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Alun Pugh, A.M. (with a copy to David Jones M.P.) to enquire about the existence of any clause in the deeds of Abergele Hospital (held by the W.A.G.) stating that the ownership would revert to the people of Abergele or the Manchester City Council if it ceased to be a hospital.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Local Government Sub-Committee to place an advertisement / notice in the local press, as a matter of urgency, requesting the views of residents on the proposed changes.

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- g) Min. 9304(j) – Complaint regarding horses on the cycle / footpath

A response from Highways confirming that the cycle path at Pensarn is not a public highway and not subject to highways legislation was NOTED.

- h) Min. 9304(k) – Claimed Footpath near Tower Hill

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this item in the absence of Cllr. Pitt.

- i) Min. 9304(n) – Traffic Calming

It was NOTED that no response had yet been received from Highways Department regarding the four routes identified.

- j) Min. 9305(d) – Temporary Traffic Regulations (Water Mains works)

A written report from the meeting arranged by Highways and Laing O'Rourke on Tuesday 9th May to discuss any issues or concerns regarding the proposed restrictions and road closures was NOTED.

A discussion took place regarding a proposal to lobby the commissioner of the work, the Water Standards Agency, to request an extension to the deadline for the works. The proposal was not carried. Members also raised concerns about traffic management issues and queried what arrangements had been made for diversions.

It was NOTED that a follow up meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 24th May at 6.30pm and it was RESOLVED that councillors with concerns regarding the works and related traffic management issues should attend this meeting, if possible.

- k) Min. 9305(h) – Mayor's Charity Concert

It was NOTED that a total of £685 was raised for St. Kentigern's Hospice at the recent Charity Concert. The Mayor thanked everyone who had bought tickets or made a donation.

- l) Min. 9306 – Casual Vacancy

It was NOTED that requests for an election had been received and that notices would be issued by C.C.B.C. by the end of this month to seek nominees. If an election was required, it would take place on 13th July.

- m) Min. 9308 – Planning Applications

It was NOTED that no response had been received to the letter sent to the Head of Planning, C.C.B.C., regarding concerns that a decision had already been made on planning application 0/31652 before expiry of the consultation period.

It was RESOLVED to send a chasing letter to the Chief Executive.

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9352. Correspondence

- a) Conwy Community Health Council

A brief written report from the AGM of the Conwy East CHC, held on Tuesday 16th May, was NOTED.

- b) North Wales Society for the Blind

It was NOTED that a meeting of the Executive Committee took place in Bangor on Tuesday 9th May

- c) Health Challenge Wales – Newspaper – Issue Two ‘Being Part of it’

It was NOTED that copies of the newsletter are available from the Clerk

- d) Childline – Open Day

An invitation to an Open Day to celebrate the 20th Birthday of Childline on Tuesday 30th May in the Childline Office, Royal Alexandra Hospital was RECEIVED.

- e) Prioritisation of Public Rights of Way

A response from Highways confirming that the suggestions sent in by this Council had been taken into consideration and the prioritisation amended accordingly was NOTED.

- f) The Mount

An update regarding the landscaping of the parcel of land to be transferred to the ownership of this council by Stepnell Ltd. was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllrs. D.A. Byrne and B.C. Roberts would meet with the project manager to discuss the landscaping works.

9353. Community Beat Manager

It was NOTED that P.C. Neale Duffy has recently signed a new three year contract to remain as the CBM for Abergele and that a letter of thanks has been sent to Neale by the Mayor.

9354. Annual Meeting

Members noted the arrangements for the Annual Meeting, to be held on Thursday 25th May.

- a) Annual Leave

It was NOTED that the Clerk will be on Annual Leave from Monday 29th May for one week and that the next Ordinary meeting is on Thursday 8th June.

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9355. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE the Draft Minutes of the Newsletter Sub-Committee, held on Thursday 11th May 2006.**

9356. **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) Members considered and concluded the planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.

The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between the 24th April and 7th May, 2006, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

- b) Members considered one licensing application registered by C.C.B.C. for the period 1st to 5th May for the Abergele area, for a Temporary Events Notice on 29.5.06 at Kinmel Park, St. George.

It was NOTED that there were no objections to this application.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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