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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 7th December, 2006, at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9694. **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. C.J. MacRae
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; M. Bird; D.A. Byrne; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R. MacRae; M. Medicott; J. Mortimer (see Min. 9700(l)); R. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; K. Sudlow; R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

9695. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: G.R.K. Brown; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs

9696. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllrs. R.G. Waters and R. Peacock – see Min. 9704(a)

9697. **Police Liaison**

The Police Liaison report from the meeting held on 4th December was RECEIVED and NOTED.

Cllr. R. Peacock gave a brief verbal update on the Environmental Audit, undertaken with P.C. Duffy in Gele Ward on 5th December.

9698. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th November, 2006.**

9699. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 9640(a) – Fly Tipping in Bodtegwel and St. George

It was NOTED that no response had been received to the letter sent to the Head of Environmental Services in October regarding concerns about increasing incidents of fly tipping since the new household recycling centre opened at Gofer.

It was FURTHER NOTED that a recent incident involving a lorry load of fly tipping at Bodoryn had been reported to CCBC and cleared immediately.

b) Min. 9640(e) – Water Street Car Park

It was NOTED that verbal confirmation had been received on 10th November that there would be no enforcement of parking on Sunday 12th November until after 1 p.m., for those attending the Remembrance Day Service.

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It was RESOLVED to diarise this for next year to allow more time to inform those attending the service.

- c) Min. 9640(f) –Public Conveniences Review

It was NOTED that no response had yet been received to the letter sent to the Head of Environmental and Technical Services regarding the lack of improvements to Pensarn public conveniences.

- d) Min. 9640(m) - Communication with Town Councils

An invitation from Bay of Colwyn Town Council to attend a meeting to discuss communication and consultation between Town and Community Councils and Conwy County Borough Council was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk and possibly Cllr. B.C. Roberts would attend.

- e) Min. 9640(k) –Active Lifestyles – Community Capital Programme

It was NOTED that the bid for a perimeter pathway around Pentre Mawr Park was not successful, although other funding sources may be available.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Lyn Davies, Parks Manager, to discuss how this can be progressed.

- f) Min. 9640(l) – Safer Routes to School (The Mount)

(i) Confirmation that a Clwyd Powys approved archaeologist will be used was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that a site meeting would be taking place on Friday 8th December to discuss plans for the pathway and fence alongside The Mount and that members were welcome to attend.

- g) Min. 9640(n) - Police Funding and Protective Services

A copy of the presentation from the recent meeting was RECEIVED.

Cllr. Bird also submitted a detailed written report from this meeting and a discussion took place regarding funding arrangements for North Wales police.

It was RESOLVED to thank Cllr. Bird for attending and giving his report.

- h) Min. 9640(p) - Retail Premises in Abergele

A response to the letter sent to the Conservation Officer regarding the upper storeys of property on Chapel Street was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to write again to Mr Rigby, giving further details of this Council's concerns and requesting assistance is given to contact the owner(s) of the properties identified and serve repairs notices.

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i) Min. 9640(r) – Land Registry

- It was NOTED that further enquiries had not yet been progressed regarding the land at Tower Hill.

j) Min. 9640(s) – Pensarn Promenade

It was NOTED that a key has now been received for the new padlock for the car park height barriers.

k) Min. 9640(u) – Letter of concern about roads, footpaths and litter bins

(i) A response including details regarding the outstanding requests for litter / dog fouling bins and the frequency of emptying was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to write back to request a complete list of current locations of both types of bin, to assist with prioritising requests for new ones.

(ii) It was NOTED that Alan Thomas, Area Highways Engineer, had confirmed attendance at a future meeting of this Council to discuss concerns about local roads and footpaths.

l) Min. 9641(e) - Christmas Market at Hesketh House

A response from Derek Barker, Chief Executive, CCBC, to the concerns raised by this Council was RECEIVED and NOTED.

m) Min. 9643(a) – Christmas Lighting

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on issues with the Christmas lighting in the town, including problems with tree power and lights and the cross-road festoon.

It was NOTED that problems with the Christmas lighting had taken up a significant amount of the Clerk's time over the past couple of weeks and that a full review would be required early in the New Year.

n) Min. 9643(a)(ii) – Christmas Celebration Event

Members were reminded about the event planned for Friday 8th December.

9700. Correspondence

a) One Voice Wales

(i) Notice of an initial meeting of Larger Local Councils in Bulth Wells on Thursday 11th January was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. R.G. Waters would attend, if available.

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(ii) Notice of the next Conwy Denbigh Area Committee, to be held on Tuesday 9th January in Denbigh was RECEIVED and it was NOTED that a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting is available from the Clerk.

b) Scottish Power / Manweb

Members considered the 'Scoping Opinion Report for Proposed Alteration to Approved 132kV Overhead Electricity Line', circulated at the meeting held on 23rd November 2006.

Concerns were expressed about the intended use of overhead cables.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Clerks at Towyn and Kinmel Bay and Llanfair TH to discuss a joint approach to put pressure on NPower to consider underground cabling.

c) Street Trading

Members considered a letter from the Licensing Department of CCBC regarding street trading and consent streets.

It was RESOLVED to support all streets in the County Borough area being 'Consent Streets' and to invite Mr Rafferty to attend a future meeting of the Council.

d) Christmas and New Year Refuse Collection

Details of the refuse collection arrangements were NOTED.

e) Street Lighting – Asset Management

Members considered a request from CCBC for information on the approximate age of street lighting in the area.

It was RESOLVED to reply that this Council has no details of the age of street lighting in the area and that it would have expected this information to be available from archive records.

f) Abergele Regeneration Team

It was NOTED that the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 14th December.

g) Conwy Voluntary Services Council

It was NOTED that voluntary sector representatives are required for the Conwy East and Conwy West Community Health Councils and that any interested Members should contact the Clerk.

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h) Traffic Problems on Faenol Avenue

Members considered concerns about traffic flow and safety for residents and pedestrians in the vicinity of the Community College on Faenol Avenue, due to parked cars.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of the College to state these concerns and to query whether any action can be taken to ensure on-site parking is maximised.

i) Volume of Traffic on Lon Ffawydd

Members received a copy of a letter sent to Cllr. Waters detailing the concerns of residents of Lon Ffawydd regarding the increased volume of traffic using the estate roads.

It was RESOLVED to support Cllr. Waters in writing to the Head of Highways to draw attention to these concerns.

j) Library Car Park

Members received and considered a letter from a resident regarding concerns about all-day parking at the car park by the library.

It was RESOLVED to await the report and recommendations of the task and finish group set up by CCBC to look at all car parks in the County.

k) Mayor's Diary

Members received details of forthcoming engagements of the Mayor. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for the way in which she handled a recent apology to the Old People's Club, on behalf of the Mayor.

l) Forthcoming Meetings

Members received details of the meetings scheduled to take place during December.

- Cllr. J. D. Mortimer arrived at this juncture.

m) P.C.C.G

Notice of the next meeting, to be held on 16th January at 7pm in Trefriw, and a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 14th September, were RECEIVED.

n) C.V.S.C. – E-mail information

The e-mail information service update for December was RECEIVED.

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o) Land at the Mount

It was NOTED that the tannery contractor had requested a site meeting to agree any further works and a timetable for handover of the land.

It was RESOLVED to meet with the site manager at 10am on Wednesday 13th December.

p) Carol Singers

A member of the Abergele Association of Traders had contacted the Clerk to ask whether this Council has any objections to a group of carol singers being in the town centre in the week up until Christmas, possibly at the junction of Water Street and Bridge Street.

It was RESOLVED to support the traders in their efforts to attract shoppers to the town, providing the group wasn't too large and the footpath was kept clear.

It was NOTED that the Clerk had advised the Traders to contact P.C. Duffy to seek his advice on a suitable location.

q) **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

It was NOTED that a letter had been received about an alleged accident at the Town Hall in April 2006 and that this had been forwarded on to the Council's insurers for investigation.

9701. **Minute Numbers**

It was RESOLVED that a new system of Minute numbering is adopted from January 2007, beginning 001/07, which would help to give an indication regarding the approximate date of the meeting.

9702. **The Draft Minutes of the following Sub-Committees were RECEIVED:**

(i) The Twinning Sub-Committee, held on 27th November 2006

(ii) The Newsletter Sub-Committee, held on 4th December 2006

9703. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

(i) Twinning Sub-Committee

Members considered the Minutes from the recent meeting, which had been held to discuss the current twinning links and possible informal links with other countries.

A copy of brief notes made by Cllr. G.R.K. Brown at a recent meeting of the Colwyn Twinning Association were also RECEIVED and NOTED.

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It was NOTED that Members were generally in favour of supporting the participation of local groups in the existing twinning arrangement and also continuing with and further developing 'informal' links with other areas.

It was RESOLVED that, before any decisions are taken, the Council should consider the total cost of any links, including involvement in the existing twinning arrangement and any possible informal links with other areas, and to consider this against the benefits these links may bring to Abergele.

b) Newsletter Sub-Committee (Town Guide)

It was NOTED that a two week extension to the deadline for editorial and photographs had been agreed, but that any further delay would result in the printing slot being missed.

It was RESOLVED to separate the Town Guide element from the Newsletter Sub-Committee to establish a separate Town Guide Sub-Committee, with membership the same as the current sub-committee.

9704. Planning / Licencing

- a) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.

- Cllrs: R. Peacock and R.G. Waters took no part in the decision on these applications.

- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. from 6th to 19th November 2006, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) It was NOTED that the following licensing applications had been made in the period 13-30 November 2006:
- (i) Temporary Events Notice – Land Behind Abergele Community Centre
Tuesday 12th December 2006 (provision of entertainment only)
 - (ii) Temporary Events Notice – Hesketh House, Abergele
8th to 22nd December 2006 (alcohol, entertainment and refreshments)
 - (iii) Temporary Events Notice – The Yacht Inn, Pensarn
31st December 2006 (alcohol, entertainment and refreshments)

The Meeting Closed at 9.05 p.m.

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning applications considered on Thursday 7 December 2006:

0/32618 First floor extension to dwelling at 9 Eldon Drive, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr & Mrs Walford

Conclusion(s): No objections, but suggest a pitched roof may be more sympathetic

0/32623 Change of use of land to form Burial Ground and construction of new means of access and parking area at land off St. George Road Abergele

Applicant(s): Conwy County Borough Council

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/32635 Extensions and alterations to dwelling at 64 Bryn Twr, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr & Mrs Gilman

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/32649 Lean-to extension to dwelling and erection of conservatory (part retrospective) at 39 Turnberry Drive, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr Watts

Conclusion(s): This application should be refused, and the lean-to already under construction should be demolished. Ideally, extensions of this type should be at the rear of the property. The lean-to is flat roofed and totally out of character with the bungalow. A new application should be made for a conservatory only, ideally at the rear, so as not to impose on neighbours light and privacy.

0/32669 Erection of dwelling at 1a Turnberry drive, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr C G Jones

Conclusion(s): No objections, however the property is almost built – should this be a retrospective application.