

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 20th March 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

747/07 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies
Cllr. R.M. Medicott (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; A. Lloyd-Roberts; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts;
R.G. Waters (see Min. 750/07)
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Member of the Public

748/07 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; D.A. Byrne; J.A. MacLennan; R. MacRae; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow

749/07 Disclosure of Interest

Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

750/07 Visitor to the Council

It was NOTED that Darren Millar A.M. was unfortunately unable to attend this evening's meeting and he would like to arrange an alternative date.

A brief discussion took place around the issues it was felt should be brought to the attention of the A.M.

- Cllr. R.G. Waters arrived at this juncture.

It was RESOLVED to invite Darren Millar to attend a separate meeting on Friday 11th April at 6.30 p.m.

751/07 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 21st February 2008.

752/07 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

- a) Min. 434/07(a) & 700/07(a) – Eldon Drive Watercourse

Replies from Derek Barker, Chief Executive, and Cllr. M.A. Priestley, Cabinet Member for the Environment, to the recent letter from this Council were RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was FURTHER NOTED that Cllr. R.G. Waters had received a copy of an e-mail from the Environment Agency to C.C.B.C. indicating that they would be 'very unlikely' to provide consent for the culverting of this short stretch of watercourse, as it is not required for access purposes.

It was NOTED that this Council is unable to pursue this matter any further.

b) Min. 604/07(e) & 700/07(b) – Overhead Power Lines

Replies from the following M.Ps and A.M.s to the request for support in seeking a change of government policy were RECEIVED and considered:

- (i) David Jones M.P.
- (ii) Albert Owen M.P.
- (iii) Martyn Jones M.P.
- (iv) Chris Ruane M.P.
- (v) Betty Williams M.P.
- (vi) Ian Lucas M.P.
- (vii) David Hanson M.P.
- (viii) Darren Millar A.M.
- (ix) Brynle Williams A.M. (including details of a consultation on a 'Renewable Energy Route Map for Wales')
- (x) Sandy Mewies A.M.
- (xi) Mark Isherwood A.M.
- (xii) Janet Ryder A.M.
- (xiii) Carl Sargeant A.M.

It was RESOLVED to write to One Voice Wales and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales to seek their support in sending in comments on the Renewable Energy Route Map for Wales to seek an amendment to policy in favour of underground connections, wherever possible.

c) Min. 604/07 & 700/07(c) – Pentre Mawr Park – New Lighting

- (i) It was NOTED that the Clerk had met with Peter Adderley, C.C.B.C., on 4th March 2008 to draw up a draft planning application for the proposed flood lighting and request assistance with the required plans and design statement.

A copy of the plans and design statement was RECEIVED and NOTED.

- (ii) **It was RESOLVED to call a meeting with local residents, possibly at Awel y Mor, to discuss the proposals prior to submitting the planning application. This should include representatives from the Police, Leisure, Street Lighting and Parks Departments, along with Members of this Council.**

- (iii) It was NOTED that the bid submitted to the Conwy Community Safety Partnership for financial assistance towards this project was not successful.

It was RESOLVED, after consultation with the local community and when planning permission has been obtained, to look for other sources of possible funding.

d) Min. 654/07(g) – Neurosurgery Review

A response from Edwina Hart A.M. to the further concerns of this Council regarding the appointment of Mr Steers was RECEIVED and NOTED.

e) Min. 697/07 – Proposed Extension and Alterations at Awel y Mor

A brief report on the meeting with local residents, held on 10th March 2007, was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the meeting had gone very well and that the architect and Housing Association had agreed to reconsider their plans, to take into consideration the concerns of local residents.

f) Min. 701/07(b) – W.A.G. Wales Spatial Plan Update

It was NOTED that the Clerk attended the recent regional event in Wrexham and will report back to the Local Government Sub-Committee, which has been requested to review the plan update.

g) Min. 702/07(a) – Access to North Wales Business Park from Heol Awel

A response from Mr Brocklehurst to the suggestion made by this Council that parking restrictions be considered was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED not to pursue parking restrictions, but to monitor the situation and consider this again if parking problems do arise when the business park is more fully occupied.

h) Min. 702/07(b) – Partial demolition of wall at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan

A response from the Planning Enforcement Officer was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write back to query how the wall can be reinstated with the same materials if some of the bricks have been broken and how this has been allowed to happen in a Conservation Area.

753/07

Correspondence

a) Elections 2008

(i) Members received a copy of the timetable for the forthcoming elections.

(ii) Correspondence from One Voice Wales regarding encouraging more candidates to stand for the elections on 1st May was RECEIVED.

- (iii) It was NOTED that nomination papers are being distributed to existing Members by the Clerk and that an appointment has been arranged for the Clerk to take completed papers to Conwy on Wednesday 2nd April.

It was NOTED that the Clerk will be on annual leave next week.

It was RESOLVED to arrange an informal meeting for Members to bring in their completed papers to the Clerk on Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm, prior to the commencement of the Local Government Sub-Committee meeting.

b) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

- (i) Members received and considered an invitation to renew the annual subscription to CPRW, at a cost of £20.

- Cllr. R.G. Waters declared an interest and took no part in this discussion, as Secretary to the local branch.

It was RESOLVED to renew Membership.

- (ii) A copy of the Chairman's report from Conwy Branch for 2007 was RECEIVED.

c) The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

- (i) Local Councils Update March 2008

- (ii) East Promenade Consultative Group

- Notification of next meeting (copied to Cllr. D.A. Byrne)
- copy of Minutes of last meeting available from the Clerk.

- (iii) Tree Preservation Order

- Notice of a T.P.O. at Brynhyfryd, Bryn Hyfryd Grove, Abergele

- (iv) CCBC Notice of Holiday Arrangements and emergency contact details

- (v) Community Health Council Federation

- Notice of a meeting which took place on 18th March
- A copy of the minutes of the last meeting, held on 6th November, is available from the Clerk

d) The following urgent item of correspondence was then RECEIVED and considered:

A copy of a letter of concern from a resident of Bryn Twr regarding cattle escaping from a farmer's field onto a public highway and into private gardens.

It was NOTED that the police had been called out on several occasions earlier this week and that a message had been left for the farmer to request/instruct that he repairs his fence.

It was FURTHER NOTED that, following a call from the resident, the Clerk has spoken with the Highways department and arranged a visit to the farm by the local footpaths inspector. As a result of this, enforcement action will be taken by CCBC, if necessary, to ensure that adequate repairs to the fence and gate are carried out as soon as possible.

754/07 **Cycle Racks**

Members considered a request made by a resident to Cllr. R.M. Medicott for a cycle rack in the town centre, possibly to be sited near the library.

It was NOTED that this had been discussed by the Council approximately 5 years ago, but not progressed.

It was RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to discuss this matter with the relevant Highways and Leisure Services (Libraries) Officers, to seek to obtain advice regarding the necessary permissions and an idea of the cost involved.

755/07 **Sub-Committees**

The Draft Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The Twinning Sub-Committee, held on 3rd March 2008

756/07 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes**

- a) Min. 726/07 – Amendment to the Twinning Agreement

- (i) It was NOTED that the Association have not yet been able to get a Welsh translation of the document.

- It was RESOLVED to forward the document to the Council's translator, to assist the Association with this.**

- (ii) The open invitation to Members to join the next trip to Roissy, planned to take place from 30th April to 4th May, was NOTED.

- b) Min. 727/07 – Recommendations

It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee:

- (i) **That the Council formally approves and adopts the amended constitution and accepts the gifts received from Roissy-en-Brie and that a letter of thanks is sent to Roissy.**

- (ii) **To add the Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Committee to the list of outside bodies to which this Council appoints a representative each year.**

(iii) **To enrol as a member of the Twinning Association as a group / organisation, at a cost of £12 per annum.**

(iv) It was NOTED that Cllr. Brown will be unable to attend the forthcoming twinning event in Roissy, as the cost of travel on a Bank Holiday weekend is prohibitive.

(v) **It was RESOLVED to ask the Twinning Association to explain what benefits the Twinning arrangement currently brings to the town, before considering the need for a small annual budget for Twinning Activities.**

c) Min. 728/07 – Terms of Reference

The Draft Terms of Reference of the Twinning Sub-Committee (see Schedule 'A' to those Minutes) were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

757/07 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

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

b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between 25th February and 9th March 2008, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

c) Notice of the following licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area were RECEIVED:

Temporary Event Notice at Slaters Car Show Room, Market Street, on 3rd April 2008 from 19:00 to 22:30, for the sale of alcohol.

The Meeting Closed at 7.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations	Decision	Decision Date
20.3.08	0/34583	To remove 3 x Ash trees for reasons of safety at 8 Lllys y Gopa, Abergele	Mr P Peake	Delegated	Abergele Tree Warden recommends the 3 Ash trees have height reduction of between 40-50% and all branches overhanging the property be removed. Or trees could be pollarded		
20.3.08	0/34600	Remove 1no. Sycamore tree and reduce by 50% 1no. Sycamore tree at 49 Bryn Castell, Abergele	Mr A Spillane		To endorse the recommendations of the Abergele Tree Warden, Tree Warden recommends removal of Sycamore tree which is leaning towards property and 50% crown reduction of the 2nd tree		
20.3.08	0/34601	Extension to dwelling at 6 Compton Way, Abergele	Mr C Jones		No objections		

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 25.2.08 to 9.3.08

0/34359 Erection of dwelling (Outline Application) at Tegan Gardd, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions
