

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday, 20th December, 2007 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

600/07 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies

Cllrs: C.A. Billington; M. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; D.A. Byrne; A. Lloyd-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; J.D. Mortimer (see Min. 604/07(e)); R. D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

601/07 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: R. MacRae and J.E.H. Pitt

602/07 **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).

603/07 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 22nd November 2007.

604/07 **Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

- a) Min. 259/07(b) – Claimed Footpath near Pump House

It was NOTED that the Clerk hopes to arrange a meeting with a Rights of Way Officer to confirm exactly what still needs to be done to ensure that this footpath is included on the definitive map.

- b) Min. 435/07(d) – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

A copy of the report considered at the County Council's meeting on 6 December 2007 was RECEIVED and NOTED.

- c) Min. 438/07 – Street Light Replacing Programme

A response from Cllr. Emlyn Thomas, Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Committee, to this Council's concerns about the lack of available funding for street light replacement was RECEIVED and considered.

Members were concerned about the severe lack of funding for vital County Council services, following a poor Revenue Support Grant settlement from

the National Assembly.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Local Government Officer in the National Assembly, with a copy to Darren Millar, A.M., and David Jones, M.P., regarding these concerns.

d) Min. 494/07(a) – Allotments

A response from Mike Pearce, C.C.B.C. to state that the Estates Officer and Planning Department have not yet identified a suitable area for additional allotments, but that this will be an ongoing process, was NOTED.

e) Min. 494/07(c) – Overhead Power Lines

(i) A response from Peter Detheridge, Head of Planning Services, C.C.B.C., supporting this Council's request for further guidance from WAG was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Minister for the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), with a copy to David Jones, M.P., to request that funding is made available for underground cabling for all new consented wind farms.

(ii) It was NOTED that a response is awaited from the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, who has requested a copy of the response from the Minister.

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

f) Min. 497/07 – Licensee Changes

It was NOTED that the Clerk received a telephone call from the Head of Licensing on 23rd November to confirm that a new on-line system is due to be launched in January, which will enable Town & Community Councils to view details of all Licensed Premises and all current applications for Licenses, which will include DPS applications (change of Licensee).

It was FURTHER NOTED that Mr Rafferty had offered to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss Licensing matters, if required.

g) Min. 564/07(a) – New Lighting in Pentre Mawr Park

Members RECEIVED and considered details of the proposals for improved lighting for Pentre Mawr Park, now received from Highways.

It was RESOLVED to accept the proposed lighting scheme, but to request that additional quotations are obtained for phases two and three (installation of skate park and MUGA lighting).

h) Min. 564/07(e) – Extra Care Housing at Awel y Mor

A response from Alan Smith to the request for further re-assurances was RECEIVED and NOTED.

i) Min. 565/07(c) – Coastal Access Improvement Programme

An acknowledgement to the suggestions made by this Council was RECEIVED.

j) Min. 565/07(d) – Remodelling of Library & Information Service

Cllrs. C.A. Billington and J.D. Mortimer gave a brief verbal report on the recent Task & Finish Group meeting.

It was NOTED that CCBC have no money for any improvements to the service and that cuts will be made.

It was FURTHER NOTED that Town and Community Councils may be approached for financial assistance for special projects at local libraries.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the Registrar would be relocating to the library in January 2008.

k) Min. 565/07(k) – N.W. Regional Waste Plan

Cllr. J. Stubbs gave a very brief verbal report on the recent consultation meeting. The County Councils are looking into the incineration of waste and further improvements to recycling, to cut landfill.

l) Min. 567/07(b) – Local Development Plan

A suggestion by Mr Stan Yates that Patti Fritton of the Community Strategy Team is also invited to attend the February Ordinary meeting, alongside Mr Yates, due to the close links between the Community Strategy Team and the Local Development Plan, was considered.

It was RESOLVED to invite Patti Fitton to attend, alongside Mr Yates.

It was NOTED that the recent refusal of a large building plot in Glan Conwy and the review of flood risk areas, affecting Towyn and Kinmel Bay, is likely to have a knock-on affect on proposals for new development in areas like Abergele and that this will require serious consideration by this Council.

It was RESOLVED to call a separate Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council to approve the Annual Estimates, instead of doing this at the February Ordinary Meeting.

605/07 **Correspondence**

a) Parc Gele

A letter of update about the new equipment for Parc Gele and copy of the relevant sections of the conveyance was RECEIVED from Mr Lyn Davies, Street Scene Manager, C.C.B.C, as requested by Cllr. R.D. Peacock.

It was RESOLVED to seek clarification of the charitable status and trustees of the King George V Playing Fields and to invite Lyn Davies to

attend a meeting of the Parks & Play Areas Sub-Committee to consider the future plans for the park.

b) Liaison Group

A brief verbal report from Cllr. R.M. Medicott and notes from a recent meeting of a group looking into the development of walks/trails in the town was RECEIVED.

c) Letter of Complaint to C.C.B.C.

A letter of complaint sent to C.C.B.C. and the response from Mr Lyn Davies was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to refer the complaint about Christmas Trees to the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee for further consideration.

d) Other correspondence:

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

- (i) A copy of the Terms of Reference agreed by the Minister for Health and Social Services for the review of neurological services in Wales, received from Janet Ryder, A.M.

It was RESOLVED to write to Edwina Hart AM to query the choice of Mr James Steers to undertake the review, given the recent press reports of his track record of causing problems for residents in Scotland.

- (ii) Notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation on Ffordd Tan-y-Gopa, Ty Mawr Road and Fox Hole Road from 21/1/08 to 15/02/08.

- (iii) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales – 2008 Programme

- (iv) North Wales Police – Invitation to attend a meeting of the Police Authority Community Forum for Conwy, to be held in Llanfairfechan on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7pm to discuss ‘Paying for the Police – the Precept’

- (v) Abergele Joint Burial Committee – Notice of the recent meeting, which was held on Wednesday 19th December 2007

- (vi) Abergele & District – A Pictorial Past
Details of a pictorial past of Abergele available in local shops.

- (vii) Safer Routes in Communities

It was NOTED that the bid for 2008/09 has been submitted and that notification of acceptance or otherwise is due in January / February), to include the following schemes in the Abergele area:

- Zebra crossing at Rhuddlan Road
- Shelters for Ysgol Glan Gele

(viii) Notice of Planning Appeal: six weeks from 6 December 2007

Ref: 0/33340

For the demolition of existing building and the erection of 4 dwellings at the rear of 13 Market Street, Abergele

(ix) CCBC's Walking Week 2-9 July 2008

An invitation to attend a meeting on 14th January in Llanwrst to receive feedback from last year's walking week and consider plans for 2008.

(x) Full Register of Electors

Members signed to receive a copy of the full register of electors for their respective wards.

606/07 **Flood Risk Areas**

It was NOTED that Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council intend to consider flood risk issues as a matter of priority next year and that they would like to involve this Council in any discussions which take place, as Belgrano and Pensarn may be similarly affected.

607/07 **Sub-Committees**

It was NOTED that the Twinning Sub-Committee meeting, due to take place on Tuesday 11th December, did not have a quorum and will therefore have to be reconvened in the New Year.

It was NOTED that, unless otherwise approved by the Council, the quorum for a sub-committee is a third of its members.

Members were asked to inform the Clerk as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a meeting of a sub-committee, to prevent others being inconvenienced.

608/07 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

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

- Cllr. J. Stubbs took no part in the discussion on these applications.

b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between 19th November and 2nd December 2007, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

c) It was NOTED that there were no licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between 3rd and 14th December 2007.

The Meeting Closed at 8.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning Applications considered on Thursday 20 December 2007

0/34195 Extension to dwelling at 5 Maen Gwyn, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr Jones

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/34219 Construction of vehicular access at Boderw, St George Road
Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr J Tiernan

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/34224 Extension to dwelling to provide hydrotherapy pool (renewal
of planning permission granted under Code Ref. 0/26522)
at Corsydd, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr D Goddard

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusions(s): No objections, but request a condition be added that this is
granted in a personal capacity, due to the disabled resident,
and that permission would lapse should ownership change hands.

0/34251 Extension to dwelling at 45 Heol Conwy, Abergele

Applicant(s): Miss D Molyneux

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections, provided there is no adverse affect on the
neighbouring property

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 3.12.07 – 16.12.07

0/33894 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 7no. dwellings and alteration to means of access (Outline Planning) at Plas Isaf Plas Isaf Drive, Abergele

Decision: Withdrawn

0/34028 Change of use of outbuilding into dwelling at Tan Dderwen Cottage St George Road, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/34038 Demolition of existing garage, extension to dwelling and erection of conservatory at 26 Kinmel Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
