

Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd November, 2007 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

560/07 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies
Cllr. D.A. Byrne (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; A. Lloyd-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; J.D. Mortimer;
R.D. Peacock; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow (see Min. 564(f); R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Member of the Press

561/07 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; J.E.H. Pitt;
B.C. Roberts;

562/07 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).

Cllr. J.A. MacLennan – see Min. 565/07(f)

563/07 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18th October 2007.

564/07 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

a) Min. 368/07(a) – New Lighting in Pentre Mawr Park

It was NOTED that the Clerk had contacted Peter Adderley, Head of Street Lighting, to query progress with this matter but that he had not been informed by the Parks Department of this Council's wishes to go ahead with the lighting improvements. He had now agreed to forward detailed plans and information on the proposed lighting improvements as soon as possible.

b) Min.434/07(c) and 494/07(c)– Renewable Energy Planning Policy

(i) Members received and NOTED a response from Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing to the request that Planning Policy be reviewed.

(ii) It was NOTED that no response has been received as yet to the letters sent to the Head of Planning, CCBC, and the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales requesting that they lobby the W.A.G. to review this policy.

It was RESOLVED to chase a response to these.

(iii) It was NOTED that NPower Renewables will be establishing a community fund in connection with the Rhyl Flats wind farm to support local community projects, but that details had not yet been confirmed.

c) Min. 435/07(f) – Proposed Stock Transfer

Members received and considered a response from Mr Ken Finch, Corporate Director –Resources, regarding the concerns of this Council.

It was NOTED that voting on the proposed transfer by tenants was currently underway and that this matter could not, therefore, be further pursued.

d) Min. 437/07 – Untidy / Overgrown land

(i) It was NOTED that the agreed clearing of the land adjacent to the garages in Peel Street had not yet been carried out.

It was RESOLVED to follow up this matter with Housing.

(ii) A response confirming the tidying of the land at the rear of 16 Dundonald Avenue was received and NOTED.

e) Min. 439/07 – Extra Care Housing at Awel y Mor

A response to the letter from this Council, forwarded by the Chief Executive to Mr Alan Smith, Corporate Modernisation Manager, CCBC, was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write back to request a definitive answer that only a lease for the life of the development would be considered.

f) Min. 497/07(c) - Changes to Licensees

A response from Licensing to the enquiry about notification of applications for changes to licensees was received and considered.

It was NOTED that the Clerk had queried the response, as it seemed to imply that changes to Licensees were listed on the Council's website when in fact they are not.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the Head of Licensing had been requested to look into this matter, to see if it was possible to include these in future.

- Cllr. K.J. Sudlow arrived at this juncture

565/07

Correspondence

a) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales

Members received and considered a request for observations on any suggested changes to the boundaries between communities.

It was RESOLVED to respond that no changes to the Abergele boundaries were required.

b) The Ramblers

A letter and poster from The Ramblers regarding the role of Town and Community Councils in safeguarding local paths was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to reply, requesting that the local Ramblers contact this Council if and when they become aware of any problems with local Rights of Way.

c) CCBC - Coastal Access Improvement Programme

Members received and considered a request for suggested projects.

It was RESOLVED to reply to state that the existing coastal cycle / pathway from Abergele to Kinmel Bay is not currently being adequately maintained and that it is frequently covered in sand, preventing use by wheelchairs and cycles. Weeds and grass are also not being cleared regularly. Any improvements that would prevent problems of this nature would be welcomed.

d) CCBC – Remodelling of Library and Information Services

An invitation for two representatives to attend a meeting at Bodlondeb on Monday 10th December at 6.00pm to discuss responses to five questions about the service was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs. C.A. Billington and J.D. Mortimer would attend the meeting, on behalf of this Council.

e) Advent Wreath Festival

Members considered an invitation to supply a wreath for the Advent Wreath Festival, to be held at St. Michael's Church from 6th to 9th December.

It was RESOLVED to leave this to the discretion of the Mayor, with any cost to be met from the Mayor's Allowance.

f) CHC Federation – Proposal for Further Consultation: Future of Breast Surgery Services, Llandudno Hospital

- Cllr. J.A MacLennan declared an interest under paragraph 12 of the Code of Conduct and took no part in any decision on the response to the consultation.

(i) Members received and considered a synopsis of the report

(ii) It was NOTED that a copy of the full report is available from the Clerk

(iii) **It was RESOLVED to respond to the consultation questions as detailed on Schedule 'C' attached.**

g) Race Equality in North Wales

Information about meetings which took place on Tuesday 20th November to consider any issues in the delivery of services by public organisations in North Wales was received and NOTED.

h) Bus Services

A letter from a resident in Pensarn requesting a bus service into town was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the letter to Bob Saxby, CCBC, and ask whether the Town Bus Service could be extended to cover Maes Cybi.

i) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

A letter about the Autumn issue of 'Rural Wales', a copy of which is available from the Clerk, was received and NOTED.

j) Local Councils' Update

A copy of the publication for November 2007 was RECEIVED.

k) CCBC – North Wales Regional Waste Plan

Members received and considered an invitation for two representatives from this Council to attend a meeting on the consultation of the North Wales Regional Waste Plan First Review, to be held on Tuesday 11th December at 6-8pm at Conwy Business Centre.

It was NOTED that Cllr. M. Bird had offered to attend, if needed, and that Councillors J.A. MacLennan, J. Stubbs and R.G. Waters had already agreed to attend the meeting as Members of C.C.B.C,

l) Pentre Mawr Park – Use of Pavilion

A letter from the Head of Leisure Services regarding the proposed leasing of the Pavilion to Abergele Rugby Club was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to reply to state that this Council supports the proposal of a lease to the Rugby Club.

m) Request by Abergele Rotary Club to Visit Town Hall

It was NOTED that the Clerk had received a request from the President of the Rotary Club, Cllr. G.R.K. Brown, for a visit to the Town Hall on Tuesday 29th January 2008 for a tour and brief meeting.

There were no objections to this request.

- n) Proposed Visit to Abergele by a Delegation from Italy
- (i) Members received details of a proposed visit to Abergele next week by a delegation from Italy to look at Llandrillo College and to further the links between Italian educational establishments and Conlan International, which operates at Hesketh House in Abergele.
 - (ii) **It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the proposal to welcome the visitors to the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th November at 2.30pm to meet the Mayors of Abergele and Colwyn Bay and any County Councillors who are able to attend and it was NOTED that light refreshments would be served (tea, coffee and Welsh cakes / bara brith).**
 - (iii) **It was FURTHER RESOLVED to present the Mayor of Schio with a plaque and the delegates with slate coasters and copies of the Town Council's Guide to commemorate their visit to Abergele.**

566/07 **Travellers on Pensarn Promenade**

- a) It was NOTED that there have recently been further problems with travellers encamping on Pensarn Promenade Car Park.
- b) It was FURTHER NOTED that a request was made by this Council to CCBC in June 2005 for measures to be implemented to prevent travellers gaining access to the car park. The last correspondence on this matter was received in February 2006, stating that "the funding for the works has not been approved to date".

It was NOTED that both barriers and posts would be required to prevent access to the car park.

It was RESOLVED to write to Conwy County Borough Council to request that the provision of suitable barriers be reconsidered and to query the amount which has to be spent to clear the site each time the travellers leave.

567/07 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

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

Cllrs. R.D. Peacock, J. Stubbs and R.G. Waters took no part in the decision on application ref: 0/33894.
- b) **It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Stan Yates, Principal Planning Officer with CCBC, to attend a future Ordinary Meeting of the Council to give a brief update on progress with the Local Development Plan.**

- c) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between 22nd October and 4th November 2007, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- d) It was NOTED that two licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the last two weeks:
 - (i) A T.E.N. on behalf of this Council for the Event to Celebrate the Christmas Lights (now moved from Slaters forecourt to St. Paul's Schoolrooms).
 - (ii) The granting of a 24 hour license for the provision of late night refreshments at McDonalds, Abergele.

Members had no objections to these applications.

The Meeting Closed at 8.00 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning applications considered on Thursday 22 November 2007

0/33894
(Amended Plans) Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 7no. dwellings and alterations to means of access (outline planning) at land at Plas Isaf, Plas Isaf Drive, Abergele.

Applicant(s): Mrs V Garnett

Determination Level: Planning Committee

Conclusion(s): The Council objects to this application on the grounds that the proposed access road is unsuitable for the additional volume of traffic. Significant improvements, including the widening of the road and strengthening of the bridge to local authority adoption standards, should be required for a development of this scale.

0/34113 Alterations to dwelling and garage (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission 0/24818) at Plot 42 Lon y Berllan, Tan'r Allt, Abergele

Applicant(s): Anwyl Construction Co Ltd

Determination Level:

Conclusion(s): No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 22.10.07 – 4.11.07

0/33902 Change of use of from agricultural land to domestic use and the erection of double garage with storage area at Old Pump House, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
