

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 24th January 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

650/07 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies
Cllr. R.M. Medicott (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bird (see Min.654/07(e)); G.R.K. Brown; A. Lloyd-Roberts; D.A. MacRae (see Min. 654/07(c)); J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; K.J. Sudlow (see Min. 654/07(e)); R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Members of the public

651/07 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: C.A. Billington; D.A. Byrne; R. MacRae; B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs

652/07 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. G.R.K. Brown declared an interest relating to a planning application (see Min. 656/07(a)).

653/07 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 20th December 2007.

654/07 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

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

It was NOTED that the Clerk has spoken with the Rights of Way Officer to confirm exactly what still needs to be done to claim this as a Public Footpath so it will be protected under Highways Law. Confirmation is awaited as to whether witness statements are still available.

b) Min. 437/07 – Untidy land at Peel Street

It was NOTED that the land should now have been cleared by the Parks Department and that the Housing Officer will continue to chase this.

c) Min. 604/07(c) – Local Government Revenue Settlement

Members received and considered responses from David Jones, M.P. and Darren Millar, A.M. to the letter sent to the Minister for Social Justice & Local

Government and copied to the MP and A.M.

It was NOTED that a slightly improved settlement of 2% has now been agreed by the Welsh Assembly Government, still leaving a shortfall of £500k.
- Cllr. D.A. MacRae arrived at this juncture

d) Min. 604/07(e) – Overhead Power Lines

(i) An acknowledgement was RECEIVED from David Jones M.P. to the letter sent to the Secretary of State for B.E.R.R.

(ii) A response from One Voice Wales to the concerns of this Council was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that a response from the Secretary of State for B.E.R.R. is awaited.

e) Min. 604/07(g) – New Lighting in Pentre Mawr Park

(i) A reply from Peter Adderley (CCBC) to confirm that he is in the process of producing a set of documents for phase one for contractors to submit a price was RECEIVED.

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

(ii) It was NOTED that Planning Permission may be required for the new lighting in the park and that this could delay the commencement of phase one.

- Cllr. M. Bird arrived at this juncture.

(iii) Members received and considered documentation for Conwy Community Safety Partnership Funding Opportunities for 2008/09.

It was RESOLVED to request the Clerk to submit an application to try to seek funding towards improving the lighting in the park.

f) Min. 604/07(l) – Local Development Plan

It was NOTED that Stan Yates and Patti Fitton of C.C.B.C. will be attending the March Ordinary Meeting to give an update on progress with the Local Development Plan.

g) Min. 605/07(d)(i) – Chair of Neurosciences Review

Members received and considered a reply from Edwina Hart, M.P., to the concerns of this Council about the appointment of the Chair of the review.

It was RESOLVED to reply to the Minister that this Council is still of the opinion that someone cannot take an objective view of the issue if they have already made a decision on the same issue in another area. An independent expert who had not already given a view on this matter should have been appointed and the Council is sceptical that the

appointment was made with a view to getting the desired outcome for the Minister.

h) Min. 565/07(d) – Remodelling of Library and Information Service

It was NOTED that work is underway on an application for a capital grant for improvements to Abergele library and that this Council is to be mentioned in three areas of the application:

- (i) That the Town Council could be a possible partner in future developments at the library.
- (ii) That the library worked in partnership with this Council in distributing and collecting responses to the Abergele survey.
- (iii) That two members of this Town Council attended a recent meeting of the Task & Finish group and were very supportive of plans to further develop services at the library.

i) Min. 566/07 – Pensarn Promenade Car Park

A response from Mark Smith, C.C.B.C., confirming that C.C.B.C. were still unable to fund the necessary engineering works to restrict access to the promenade car parks, was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that Cllr. R.G. Waters would take up with C.C.B.C. the issue of the ongoing legal and tidying up costs, each time travellers encamp at this site.

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Correspondence

a) The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

- (i) Notice that C.C.B.C. will be publishing its Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan shortly.
- (ii) An e-mail to advise that Louise Edwards is assisting the Conwy Fairtrade Coalition and is looking into the possibility of Abergele becoming one of the first Fairtrade Towns in the area.
- (iii) Notice of the Conwy District CAB Annual General Meeting, to be held on Friday 25th January at 2.30pm in Colwyn Bay.
- (iv) A copy of the Agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the North Wales Association of Town Councils, to be held in Llandudno on Friday 25th January.

It was NOTED that Cllr. B.C. Roberts and the Clerk will be attending.

- (v) A copy of a letter sent by Darren Millar, A.M., to Edwina Hart A.M., regarding ongoing delays with the Abergele Surgery Relocation was NOTED with concern.

Cllr. Peacock reported that the latest news indicated approval would be given by the end of this month and a discussion ensued regarding the problems with the service currently being provided to residents.

(vi) Local Works – Notice that the Sustainable Communities Bill has now become law

(vii) Information regarding Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2008

(viii) North Wales Technology Park

- An invitation to all members to attend a meeting at the Business Park on Monday 17th March (either daytime or evening) to see and hear about proposed developments at the site.

b) Tree Planting Projects

It was NOTED that the Clerk had received a telephone call from Mark Earp of the Parks Department, giving brief details of new tree planting regimes being introduced by C.C.B.C. in the Abergele area.

It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Earp to attend a future meeting of this Committee to discuss these proposals further and to remind him of previous planting projects arranged by this Council in Pentre Mawr Park, which required ongoing maintenance.

656/07 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

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

- Cllr. G.R.K. Brown declared a personal interest under paragraph 11 of the Code of Conduct, as the applicant was known to him, and took no part in the discussion on application 0/34349.

- A letter from local residents was presented to the Chairman and read out to the Council regarding application 0/34349.

b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area between 17th December 2007 and 13th January 2008, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

c) Notice of one licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed below, was RECEIVED and considered:

Variation to Licence Ref: PL0531 for alcohol and entertainment at the Castle Hotel, Water Street

Hours:	Mon-Thurs	10.00 – 01.00
	Fri & Sat	10.00 – 03.00
	Sun	10.00 – 01.00

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Licensing, with a copy to the Police, detailing the concerns of this Council to the proposed extended opening hours.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

.....Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning Applications considered on Thursday 24 January 2008

0/34349 Demolition of part of wall to make safe and construction of 'Cock & Hen' coping stones (Listed Building Consent) (Retrospective application) at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr R Arrowsmith

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): **OBJECTIONS:**
The Listing Protection should be upheld and the wall reinstated to its full height, otherwise this may set a precedent for other sections of this prominent feature wall to be reduced. A letter is also enclosed expressing the concerns of a number of local residents to the lowering of this section of the wall (see attached) The application should also be referred to the Area Conservation Committee.

0/34359 Erection of dwelling (outline application) at Tegan Gardd Tan y Fron Road, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr & Mrs P & J Hood

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections to outline planning permission

0/0/34363 Extension to dwelling at 37 Wenfro, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr & Mrs P W Dutton

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): The Council has concerns about the close proximity of this property to properties on Maes y Dre, which may be overlooked by the proposed extension

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 17.12.07 – 13.1.08

0/33828
(Llanfair TH CC) Demolition of garage and pavilion building, erection of new Child and Adolescent Residential Mental Unit with associated education facilities, installation of CCTV cameras and new railings to existing bridge and alteration to access road at Abergele Hospital, Llanfair Road, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/33911 Removal of two front pews and install low stage in front of large semi-circular pew (Deacon's Pew) (Listed Building consent) at Mynydd Seion, Ffordd Llanfair, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/33983 Erection of conservatory at Tan Dderwen, St George Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/33995 Alterations to shop front and change of use to incorporate coffee shop within existing travel agents at 9 Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34160 Installation of solar panels at 82 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 17.12.07 – 13.1.08(contd)

0/34175 Demolition of existing garage and porch and erection of pitched roof extensions to front side and rear of dwelling at 14 Mor Awel, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
