

Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 7th February, 2008, at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

682/07 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; M. Bird (see Min. 687/07(b)); A. Lloyd-Roberts; D.A. MacRae;
M. Medicott; J.D. Mortimer (see Min.687/07(a)); R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts;
R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Member of the Public

683/07 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: G.R.K. Brown; D.A. Byrne; R. MacRae; K.J. Sudlow; J. Stubbs

684/07 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

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

Cllr. D.A. MacRae declared an interest in a planning application (see Min. 694/07)

685/07 **Police Liaison**

The Police Liaison report from Tuesday 5th February was RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was NOTED that the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th March and members were encouraged to attend, if possible.

686/07 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th January 2008 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting, held on 21st January 2008

687/07 **Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

- a) Min. 469/07 and 631/07(i) – Water Street Traffic Signals

Members received and considered the responses from a Highways Officer to the concerns of this Council.

- Cllr. J.D. Mortimer arrived

It was NOTED that the timing of the lights had now been adjusted, at the request of this Council, to give extra 'red' time between the two phases, but that this may increase queuing slightly at peak times.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the request to move the 'stop' line would require further investigation, due to the presence of a detector loop at the line and the need to comply with maximum distance requirements.

It was FURTHER NOTED that P.C. Hall had suggested that the moving of the central line further to the left would encourage drivers to keep over to the left hand side of Water Street, thus reducing problems for larger vehicles turning left into Water Street.

b) Min. 471/07(f) – Information Board at the Mount

(i) It was NOTED that the Planning Officer is not able to assist in financing the information board.

(ii) A copy of a letter from Cadw regarding the need to submit an application for Scheduled Monument Consent to carry out an exploratory dig and provide an information board at The Mount was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust would be submitting an application to Cadw before undertaking any work at the site and that the information board would not be progressed until the exploratory dig had taken place.

It was RESOLVED to request the Clerk to write to CPAT to formally set this process in motion.

- Cllr. M. Bird arrived

c) Min. 530/07(c) – Pensarn Public Conveniences

(i) A copy of the report detailing the engineer's recommendations for the refurbishment of the public conveniences, which is currently going out to tender, was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that Peter Harris is hopeful that work will be completed before Easter.

(iii) It was NOTED that several members of this Council had suggested the need for temporary facilities for the two to three week period that work is taking place and that details of the cost of this had now been received from Peter Harris.

It was FURTHER NOTED that any money spent on temporary facilities would have to come from CCBC's overall budget for the work and may mean that some refurbishment work could not be carried out.

A POPOSAL was made that CCBC be requested to provide two temporary portable toilets for the duration of the works, with the cost (£175) being met from the total budget.

An AMENDMENT to the PROPOSAL was put forward, that CCBC should use the full budget available for the refurbishment and not provide temporary facilities.

A vote was taken on the amendment and this was CARRIED by a majority of nine votes to one.

d) Min. 530/07(f) – Future Burial Provision

(i) It was NOTED that members of the Future Burial Committee, which has been meeting since 2004, have requested a meeting with Darren Millar, A.M., to discuss their concerns about funding for the new cemetery and this has provisionally been arranged for 12 noon on Monday 18th February 2008 at St. Michael's Church.

(ii) It was NOTED that a chasing letter had been sent to the Chairman of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2008 to ask when this matter is to be referred to Cabinet and that provision for cemeteries for Abergele and Llanwrst of £180,000 had been made in the Draft Estimates for 2008/09, which are due to be approved by C.C.B.C. on 1st March.

e) Min. 588/07(a) – Area Youth Liaison Forum

(i) Notes from Cllr. G.R.K. Brown from the first meeting, held on 11th January, were RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that Cllr. Brown had attended the meeting as the representative of this Council and that this position would need to be formally added to the list of Outside Bodies on which the Council is represented in May.

(ii) It was NOTED that a request had been received, via Abergele Youth Action, for two young people to introduce themselves to the Council and attend future meetings, as observers.

It was RESOLVED to request the Clerk to check that there wasn't any age limit restrictions on people attending Council meetings and to then reply with a list of future meeting dates.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to mention to them the recently formed Area Youth Liaison Forum, as this may also be of interest to them.

f) Min. 631/07(e) – Trees at Rear of Bryn Twr

Further responses from Alan Thomas and Ian Lord of the Highways Department were RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to notify C.C.B.C. that the land may possibly be under the ownership of M Garnett (Builders) or the individual property owners along Bryn Twr.

g) Min. 631/07(f) – Request for A55 Tourism Signs for Abergele

(i) It was NOTED that a further letter had been sent to the Welsh Assembly Government on 14 January and that a response is awaited.

(ii) A letter received from Revd Shirley Griffiths detailing the importance of St. Michael's Church as a visitor attraction, which would benefit from brown and white tourism signage.

It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of this letter to the Highways Officer concerned.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to Darren Millar, A.M., to request that he attends a future meeting of the Council to discuss ongoing matters of concern, including the request for tourism signage on the A55.

h) Min. 632/07(c) – Bryn y Neuadd Re-settlement

An acknowledgement from the Chief Executive and a response from the Statutory Head of Social Services, Joanna Griffiths, was RECEIVED and NOTED.

i) Min. 649/07 – Annual Estimates

A copy of the Annual Estimates and accompanying documents, as approved at the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 21st January, was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to thank the members of the Estimates Sub-Committee for their hard work in preparing the Estimates.

j) Min. 588/07(f) – Banner from Vicenza, Italy

It was NOTED that the banner received by The Mayor from a delegate from Vicenza had now been framed and would be put on display in Room 4, as agreed.

688/07 **Correspondence**

a) Safer Routes to School

Revised drawings for the new footbridge across the River Gele, near The Mount, were RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to accept the revised plans, which had gone some way towards meeting the requests of this Council, and to ask whether the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust could be requested to undertake

an exploratory dig in that area before work commences.

- b) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
 - (i) A copy of 'Twinning Tales', the association's newsletter, was RECEIVED.
 - (ii) **It was RESOLVED to authorise The Mayor to sign a copy of the official document to amend the Twinning Agreement, which will also to be signed by The Mayors of Colwyn Bay and Roissy-en-Brie and officials of the Twinning Committee.**

c) Play Wales

- (i) It was NOTED that a copy of Play for Wales – Winter 2007 is available from the Clerk.
- (ii) Members considered an invitation to join Play Wales for 2008, but it was noted that membership was only necessary if be-spoke advice was required and non-members will continue to receive regular newsletters.

d) Other Correspondence

Copies of the following correspondence were RECEIVED:

- (i) Bus Service Changes
Details of the changes proposed to be implemented with the summer timetable.
- (ii) North Wales Association of Town Councils
Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2008, along with a copy of the handouts from Post Office Ltd and Postwatch

Cllr. B.C. Roberts gave a brief report on the presentations about Post Office closures and it was NOTED that consultation would be taking place in the summer about proposed closures in this area, but that the number of closures would not be negotiable.

- (iii) Forthcoming Meetings - Details of the forthcoming meetings for February.
- (iv) Mayor's Diary - Details of the Mayor's engagements this month.

e) Room Hire Request

It was NOTED that the Clerk had received an enquiry from the Abergele Surgery Action Group about the availability of the Town Hall for a public meeting to discuss the problems of building / funding the new medical centre.

It was RESOLVED to permit the meeting to be held at the Town Hall, but with normal charges applying, due to the need for the caretaker to be present.

689/07 **Minutes of Committees and Sub-Committees**

The draft Minutes of the following Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 24th January 2008
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 24th January 2008

690/07 **Registrar's Office**

- a) A brief note from the Head of Licensing to a request for information about the recent relocation of the Registrar's office to the library was RECEIVED.
- b) It was NOTED that the Clerk has contacted the Head of Licensing to query whether the Licence for the Town Hall is to be renewed, as, following a recent enquiry, it has become apparent that there is no longer a Registrar for Marriages based in Abergele. All enquiries are now re-directed to Llandudno and bookings for weddings at the Town Hall are down on last year.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of the Licensing and Registration Service to ask that this service continues to be provided in Abergele, as had been promised by him at a visit to the Council prior to re-organisation.

691/07 **Information Technology Policy**

It was RESOLVED to DEFER consideration of the need to update the Council's I.T. Policy to the end of the next meeting, to allow Cllr. G.R.K. Brown to put forward his proposal and to request the Clerk to obtain copy of the policy of Conwy County Borough Council, for information.

692/07 **Elections**

It was NOTED that the date of the elections has been confirmed as 1st May 2008.

It was RESOLVED that an Ordinary meeting be held on Thursday 8th May (to confirm signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and discuss nominations etc.), followed by the Annual Meeting on Thursday 15th May and the Committees on Thursday 22nd May.

693/07 **Planning / Licensing**

- a) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded, as detailed on that Schedule.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., from 14th to 27th January 2008, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) It was NOTED that no licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the period 21st January to 1st February.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning Applications considered on Thursday 7 February 2008

0/34376 Demolition of chimney stack and erection of stainless steel flue at St George School, St George, Abergele

Applicant(s): Head of Education Services

Determination Level:

Conclusion(s): No objections, but request that this application be referred to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee

0/34377 Display of 5no. illuminated advertisement signs consisting of 2no. fascia signs, 1no. wall mounted roundel sign, 1no. entrance panel sign and 1no. pylon sign at Slaters Garage, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Applicant(s): Slaters

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/34383 Removal of condition No.3 of planning permission granted under Code Ref. 0/28149 to allow for retention of 2no. additional windows, alterations to decking and staircase and alterations to conservatory roof at Kinmel Arms Hotel, The Village, St George, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr T S Watson & Mrs L Cunnah-Watson, The Kinmel Arms

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): Request that this application be referred to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and also to the Planning Committee, as the application is more complicated than it initially seems, due to a land ownership dispute

0/34384 Variation of condition no.3 of planning permission granted under Code Ref: 0/28149 to allow for retention of 2no. additional windows, alterations to decking and staircase and alterations to Conservatory roof (Listed Building Consent) at Kinmel Arms, St George, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr T S Watson and Mr L Cunnah-Watson – The Kinmel Arms

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): Request that this application be referred to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and also to the Planning Committee, as the application is more complicated than it initially seems, due to a land ownership dispute

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 14.1.08 to 27.1.08

0/34051 Erection of three storey extension to incorporate additional classrooms at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions
