

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 10th January, 2008, at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

626/07 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. G.P. Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; G.R.K. Brown; A. Lloyd-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; J.D. Mortimer; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters
Mrs C. J. Earley (Clerk)

627/07 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M. Bird; D.A. Byrne; R. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts;
K.J. Sudlow

Members wished Cllr. Byrne a speedy recovery.

It was NOTED with sadness that Cllr. Emrys Williams of Denbigh, Chairman of the North Wales Association of Town Council in 2004/05, had recently passed away.

It was RESOLVED to send a letter of condolence from this Council.

628/07 **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).
No interests were declared.

629/07 **Police Liaison**

Members received and considered the Police Liaison report from Tuesday 8th January 2008.

It was RESOLVED that the Council writes to SP Manweb to request that the sub-station at the entrance to the park be adequately fenced off.

It was NOTED that parking problems in several residential areas in the town had been reported and that the police would assist with resolving these, wherever possible.

630/07 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6th December 2007.

631/07 **Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

- a) Min. 300/07 – Additional Signage off Dundonald Avenue

A response from Highways stating that a sign for Llandudno could not be provided as it did not satisfy the requirements of the standards of directional signing applicable throughout the U.K. was NOTED with reluctance.

- b) Min. 416/07(e) – Abergele Carnival

It was NOTED that a copy of the report on this year's event has not been received by the two representatives from this Council.

It was RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda and await any further contact from the Carnival Committee.

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

It was NOTED that the report is now complete, but that Peter Harris needs to discuss this with his Line Manager before presenting it to this Council and going out for tender.

Members expressed concern about the lack of progress and delays to the commencement of this work, which had been expected to start "early in the New Year".

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

It was NOTED from the County Councillors that this matter had not yet gone to Cabinet.

- e) Min. 587/07(h) – Trees at Rear of Bryn Twr

A response from Highways to the request that action is taken regarding some problem trees by the public footpath was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to contact Highways (Alan Thomas and/or Rights of Way Officer) to query whether, if they are unable to contact the landowner, CCBC could prune the overhanging branches and deadwood from the trees along this footpath, for public safety reasons.

- f) Min. 587/07(j) – Request for A55 Tourist Signs for Abergele

(i) Members received and considered a reply to the letter sent to Highways on 10th December, with a copy of the Abergele Town Guide.

It was NOTED with disdain that the Officer had been "unable to identify from the Town Guide that you provide any tourist attractions that could be considered for vehicular white on brown direction signing, other than the bowling green", despite attractions such as the beach being clearly listed in the guide.

It was RESOLVED to write again to the Trunk Road Agency / Welsh Assembly to enquire whether any decision has been made regarding future requests for signage.

(ii) To receive a copy of a press release from Chris Ruane, M.P., regarding brown tourism signing on the A55 for towns in the Vale of Clwyd (CF1 Pages 4-5)

g) Min. 588/07(a) – Area Youth Liaison Forums

It was NOTED that the initial meeting had been re-arranged and is now scheduled to take place on Friday 11th January at 1-3 p.m. (Cllr. G.R.K. Brown to attend on behalf of this Council).

h) Min. 590/07(a) – Abergele Survey

The Clerk confirmed that the survey reply boxes had now been collected from various locations in the town and that 102 replies had been received. No replies had been received as yet from any youth groups.

It was NOTED that the Clerk would summarise the information received and present this to the Council at a future meeting.

i) Min. 469/07 – Water Street Junction

It was NOTED that no progress had been made as yet with adjusting the timing of the lights. Concern was also expressed that buses had been witnessed having difficulty in negotiating the turn into Water Street.

It was RESOLVED to suggest that C.C.B.C. considers moving the line for traffic exiting Water Street back lightly, as this could help to overcome both problems.

632/07 Correspondence

a) One Voice Wales

(i) Members received and considered an invitation to send representative(s) to the following training events:

1. Complaints Handling Seminar – Monday 18th February @ 7.00pm in Llanrwst.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would attend this session.

2. Land-use Planning – Thursday 28th February @ 6.30pm in Llanddulas

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. D.A. MacRae attend, at a cost of £25.00.

3. Delivering a Successful Youth Council – Saturday 5th April in Ammanford

It was NOTED that developments are already underway for Youth Forums in Conwy (see Min. 631/07(g) above) and it was therefore RESOLVED not to send a delegate to this session.

- (ii) Report from Meeting of Larger Local Councils, held in Newtown on 27th November 2007 (Cllr R.G. Waters and The Clerk attended)

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the content of the day, which included approval of the constitution for the Larger Local Councils Committee and presentations on Community Engagement, Community Development and a local Case Study in Talgarth.

It was NOTED that Cllr. J.A. MacLennan was in the process of producing an action plan for Abergele and that he would present his report to the Town Council in due course.

- (iii) Notice of the next meeting of the Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee, to be held on Wednesday 23rd January in Llanwrst, was RECEIVED.

b) Play Wales – safety, health and play, time to rethink?

Members received and considered a report and recommendations from Play Wales calling for a common sense approach that supports children's play and play providers in requesting new legislation be created, so that when judging activities and environments for children the likelihood of harm is judged against the likelihood of benefit to the child.

It was RESOLVED to support this campaign by Play Wales and to e-mail to add the name of this Council to the list of supporters.

c) Bryn y Neuadd Re-settlement

Members received and considered a complaint raised by a resident about the alleged lack of consultation regarding the Pennaf Special Needs housing development at Maes Canol.

It was NOTED that the County Councillors for Pentre Mawr ward had been sent this complaint from an Officer in the Learning Disabilities team. It had been written following an article on the front page of The Visitor on 19th December, which had also incorrectly claimed that this Council had "registered their objection too late", thus allowing the scheme to go ahead.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the article had brought unwanted attention on the new residents, who have carers 24 hours a day.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council to state concern that it was not the responsibility of this Council to consult with local residents regarding a planning application

for a project initiated by the Social Services Department and that thorough consultation should have been carried out with local residents by CCBC.

It was FURTHER NOTED that this Council had responded in the proper manner to the planning application, stating reservations about the location of the development within a housing estate, before any decision on it was issued and that Cllr. J.A. MacLennan had also had a meeting with the Project Officer, who was made fully aware of these concerns.

d) Other Correspondence:

Copies of the following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

- (i) North Wales Police
 - Notice of neighbourhood meetings to take place in January
- (ii) Gwrych Castle Development
 - Details regarding postponement of visit to the Council by Geoff Stewart and a very brief summary of current activity at the site from Jason Sanderson, Land and Acquisition Manager of Clayton Homes.

It was RESOLVED to reply, requesting that the Council receives the same presentation as has already been given to out neighbouring community council.

- (iii) W.A.G. A Shared Community Consultation
 - Acknowledgement of the response from this Council
- (iv) Health Commission Wales – Consultation on transfer of CAMHS unit
 - Acknowledgement of response and feedback on specific issues
- (v) Forthcoming Meetings
 - Details of the forthcoming meetings for January
- (vi) Mayor's Diary
 - Details of the Mayor's engagements this month

633/07 **Minutes of Sub-Committees**

The draft Minutes of the following Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 20th December 2007
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 20th December 2007

634/07 **Matters Arising**

It was NOTED that the Estimates Sub-Committee had met on 7th January to draft the Annual Estimates and that an Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 21st January at 6.45pm to consider and approve these.

Planning / Licensing

- a) Members considered and agreed observations on the planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., from 3rd to 16th December 2007, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) It was NOTED that there were no licensing applications listed by CCBC for this area from 17 December 2007 to 4 January 2008.

The Meeting Closed at 8 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Planning Applications to be considered on Thursday 10 January 2008

0/34276 Display of 2no. non-illuminated, wall mounted
advertisement signs at Commodore House, Cae Eithin
Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr Stephen Jones

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/34299 Extension to dwelling to provide double garage and storage
at Arfryn, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr T Morgan

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

0/34310 Erection of offices (Approval of matters reserved for
subsequent approval under Code Ref: 0/23158) at land
to rear of Troon Way, between the A55 trunk road and the
A547 Abergele Road, Abergele Business Park, Abergele

Applicant(s): Mr J Bowles (Perpetual Legacy)

Determination Level: Delegated

Conclusion(s): No objections

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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
