

# Abergele Town Council

## DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 268/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock  
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)  
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow (see Min. 272/08(a)); R.G. Waters  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

### 269/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bird; D.A. MacRae

### 270/08 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).

### 271/08 Minutes

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

### 272/08 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

#### a) Claimed Footpath near Pump House – Min. 214/08(a)

- (i) It was NOTED that Cllr. T. Rowlands had recently met with Vicky Curry, CCBC, to discuss the request to include footpaths for the circular walk to Tower Hill on the Definitive Map.

A map of the walk was circulated to Members and it was NOTED that Vicky is now seeking to get three sections of pathway added to the Definitive Map. However, it was FURTHER NOTED that CCBC would not be able to fund any drainage improvements on the first section of this path, over the footbridge at the bottom of Siamber Wen.

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

- (ii) Footbridge Repairs

It was NOTED that urgent repairs were required to the footbridge referred to in (i) above, due to a hole in the metal plating. A quotation received from an approved contractor via the local Highways Inspector for repairs to the footbridge was RECEIVED and considered. It was NOTED that CCBC are unable to fund the repairs, as the path is not included on the Definitive Map.

**It was RESOLVED to instruct Highways to proceed with the necessary repairs, on the grounds of public health and safety, with the full cost (£604.34) being met by this Council.**

b) Paths to Gwrych Castle – Min. 080/08(b)

It was NOTED that, due to challenges being made by land owner(s), a form of Application for Modification Order is required to apply for the paths to Gwrych Castle to be added to the Definitive Map and a minimum of six witness statements from people who have used the paths over a period of time must accompany the request.

**It was RESOLVED to seek the assistance of the Ramblers in obtaining the necessary witness statements.**

c) Abergele Library – Min. 795/07(i)

(i) Members considered details of the proposed cycle rack for outside the library.

**It was RESOLVED to authorise the purchase of a five cycle floor mounted rack, at a cost of £301.15, plus installation costs.**

(ii) It was NOTED that a meeting would need to be arranged with the local Highways Engineer to agree a suitable location for the proposed Town Map.

d) Licence as an 'Approved Premise' for Civil Ceremonies – Min. 214/08(d)

(i) An acknowledgement from the Glasdir Centre, Llanwrst, to the letter sent to Mr Rafferty regarding the inequality of registrar's fees was RECEIVED.

(ii) Advice received from One Voice Wales regarding the Council's concerns about the inequality in Registrar fees was NOTED.

**It was RESOLVED to await a response from Phil Rafferty.**

e) CCBC Standards Committee – Min. 214/08(f)

A response to the query about the appointment process of a Community Member to the Standards Committee was RECEIVED and considered.

**Members were of the opinion that an election process should have been instigated if any nominations for alternative candidates were made and it was RESOLVED to write back to the Monitoring Officer to state these concerns.**

f) Conwy Youth Service - Area Youth Liaison Forum – Min. 214/08(i)

A report from Conwy Youth Service from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 was RECEIVED.

- g) Community First Responder Scheme – Min. 214/08(j)

It was NOTED that the presentation will now take place in the Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm and that members of the public will be invited to attend, possibly by way of a press release.

- h) CCTV Cameras – Min. 214/08(l)

It was NOTED that a visit to the CCTV Control Room had been arranged for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Members were asked to contact the Clerk as soon as possible to confirm their attendance, as a maximum of eight places were available.

273/08 **Correspondence**

- a) Meeting with Lyn Davies, Street Scene Manager, CCBC

A copy of the notes taken by the Clerk during an informal meeting with Lyn Davies to obtain an update on several matters of concern was RECEIVED.

- (i) Pensarn Public Conveniences

Concern was expressed that not much improvement can be seen from the £47,500 spent on the refurbishment.

**It was RESOLVED to ask the County Councillors to take this matter up with the relevant Scrutiny Committee.**

- (ii) New Cemetery

Some concern was expressed at the continuing delay with progress.

- (iii) Pentre Mawr Park

**It was RESOLVED to contact Property Services to request any update on the proposed site visit to consider protection measures (height barriers) for Pentre Mawr Park.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to seek an estimate of the cost of extending the stone wall back across the entrance to the park and installing gates which could be locked at night, leaving only a pedestrian access.**

Concern was expressed regarding a large puddle of water which collects on the road by the gate at the bottom entrance to Pentre Mawr, resulting in pedestrians being unable to cross the road.

**It was RESOLVED to report this concern to the local Highways Engineer.**

- b) One Voice Wales

A brief verbal report from the recent AGM was given by Cllr. R.G. Waters.

It was NOTED that the motion put forward by this Council regarding Town and Community Councils needing a statutory voice on Licensing matters had been accepted and that this would now be followed up by One Voice Wales.

c) Royal British Legion Abergele Branch

An invitation to participate in the Remembrance Day parade and service, meeting at 09:30 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008, was RECEIVED.

d) Dyffryn Conwy Bridleways Group

An introductory e-mail from this new group was RECEIVED.

e) Cows in Tower Way / Bryn Twr / Highfield Park

A complaint from a local resident regarding an ongoing problem of cows escaping from a farmer's field was considered.

**It was RESOLVED to REFER this to the next Police Liaison meeting.**

f) Planning Portal e-Consultation Hub

Details of the new on-line consultation system were RECEIVED.

g) Consumer Focus Wales

An introductory letter about the new statutory consumer champion was RECEIVED.

h) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act

A copy of the guidance issued by W.A.G. for Town & Community Councils was given to each Member. The Clerk asked Members to consider the introduction and chapter one of the guidance, before discussing this further at the next meeting.

i) Local Councils Update

A copy of issue 107/108 – Sept/Oct 2008 – was RECEIVED.

j) Play for Wales – Autumn 2008

It was NOTED that a copy is available on request from the Clerk

k) Conwy Voluntary Services Council

Notice of AGM, to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008, was RECEIVED.

l) Geophysical Survey at The Mount

- Notice of the CADW consent for the work to be undertaken was RECEIVED.

m) C.V.S.C.

It was NOTED that a copy of e-mail circulation 75 – October 2008 – is available on request from the Clerk.

n) Road Closure Notice

It was NOTED that a road closure has been requested for the annual fireworks display, to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November from 17:00 to 21:30.

274/08 **Membership of Sub-Committees**

Members considered the vacancies on those sub-committees reporting to the General Purposes and Planning Committee.

**It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. D. Meredith to the Community Care Sub-Committee and Cllrs. K.J. Sudlow and T. Rowlands to the Twinning Sub-Committee, following an additional vacancy being created by the standing down of Cllr. J.E.H. Pitt from this sub-committee.**

275/08 **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members considered the vacancies for representatives on outside bodies.

**It was RESOLVED to appoint Members to fill those vacancies, as follows:  
Carnival Committee – S. Rowlands & R. Peacock  
Youth Area Liaison Forum – J. Stubbs**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to ask Cllr. D.A. MacRae if she would be interested in representing this Council on the governing body of Ysgol Glan Morfa.**

Vacancies on the Community Centre Focus Group and the Colwyn, Abergele and District Twinning Association remain unfilled.

276/08 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded, as recorded on that schedule.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, 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 Abergele area for the period 29<sup>th</sup> September to 10<sup>th</sup> October.

The Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

..... Chairman

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### Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

<b>Date Considered</b>	<b>Planning Ref No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	<b>Determination Level</b>	<b>Observations</b>
16.10.08	0/35390	Re-roofing rear single storey extension and change of use of dwelling to provide / improve additional facilities for existing dental practice at Elwy Dental Practice, 2 Chapel Street, Abergele	Elwy Dental Practice		No objections to change of use and extension. However, need to ensure disabled access is fully considered - the access statement does not show that access into the premises will be made any easier by the proposals
16.10.08	0/35403	Continued use of woodland for Adventure Games and Quad Bike use on land at Kinmel Park Wood, Primrose Hill, St George, Abergele.	Adventure Company		The Council objects to this application on the grounds of reports of noise disturbance to local residents from the quad bike operation. Evidence is requested to demonstrate that the noise could be brought down to an acceptable level, before permanent permission granted.