

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

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

### 624/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock  
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)  
Cllrs: M. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott;  
P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

### 625/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: B.C. Roberts; R.G. Waters

### 626/08 Disclosure of Interest

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

Cllr. D.A. MacRae declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 0/35872 – see Min. 632/08(a)

### 627/08 Minutes

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

### 628/08 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a) Footpaths near Tower Hill – Min. 584/08(a)
  - (i) A copy of the report submitted to the Licensing Committee, recommending that authority was not given for a Creation Order to be made, was RECEIVED and NOTED.
  - (ii) It was NOTED that advice is awaited from One Voice Wales, who are taking the request to NALC.

**It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to inform them that the Council is looking into the possibility making an appeal against the decision of the Licensing Committee.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to contact the archives office in Ruthin to see if the path is included on any footpath maps for the Abergele Urban District Council.**
  - (iii) Cllr. M. Medicott gave a brief verbal report on a meeting held with an Officer from the Countryside section to discuss an alternative route for the proposed Abergele Walks leaflet.

- b) Floodlighting at Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 584/08(b)  
It was NOTED that the electrical connection for the lights has not yet been completed by SP Energy Networks and could take a further six to eight weeks.
- c) Footprint Trust Adopt-a-Garden Scheme – Min. 344/08(d)
- (i) Members received and considered a report on the pilot scheme operated on the Isle of Wight. It was NOTED that the scheme has proven to be very time consuming to operate and that it has enjoyed limited success to date, with only five matches successfully in operation at the time the report was written.
  - (ii) It was NOTED that Hawarden Community Council have had no take-up of the scheme since advertising it several months ago, almost certainly due to the fact that land has now been provided for allotments.  
**It was RESOLVED not to proceed with trying to run a similar scheme at the present time, due to concern about the possible drain on the Council's limited resources, but to provide information and support to any local voluntary group who may be interested in operating a similar scheme.**  
**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to continue to put pressure on the County Council to find suitable land for allotment provision in this area.**
- d) Footpath from Towyn Road to Lon Glanfor – Min. 345/08(j)  
An update from CCBC on work to be undertaken to widen the footpath was RECEIVED.
- e) Kerbside Recycling Scheme – Min. 523/08(f)  
A response to the concerns submitted to CCBC regarding the operation of the current kerbside recycling scheme was RECEIVED and NOTED. Some concerns were expressed regarding the problem of disposing of shredded paper and excess packaging.
- f) Respite Care for Elderly Mentally Infirm Patients – Min. 524/08(g)  
A response from the LHB to the concern expressed about respite beds was RECEIVED.  
**It was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter pending receipt of information from Cllr. J.A. MacLennan regarding bed occupancy figures.**

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### **Correspondence**

- a) Litter in the Gele
- (i) It was NOTED that a concern has been raised by a resident in Tannery Court about the amount of litter in the river.
  - (ii) It was NOTED that the Environment Agency are not responsible for removing litter, unless it poses a flood risk, but that they do work in partnership with some authorities to carry out litter picks.
  - (iii) Members considered a suggestion by a Cleansing Officer that the Council approaches the local scout pack to see if they could help with a litter pick twice a year, with equipment supplied and litter bags collected by CCBC (as happens in other parts of the County).

Members expressed concern about asking young people to go into the river to retrieve litter when the probation service had previously not allowed offenders to do this, on health and safety grounds.

It was NOTED that CCBC operatives work alongside the EA at Tir Prince to collect litter and that PCSO Alex Jones has agreed to speak to the Probation Service again about the possibility of a litter pick in the river, with assistance from CCBC operatives.

**It was RESOLVED to contact PCSO Jones to see if any progress has been made.**

- b) Photograph Archives
  - (i) Members considered a request received from the Reverend Shirley Griffiths regarding accepting a framed photograph for the Council's archives.  
**It was RESOLVED to accept the framed photograph with thanks.**
  - (ii) It was NOTED that Mrs Byrne had called into the Town Hall to drop off a number of old photographs of the Council for the archives.  
**It was RESOLVED to ask the Heritage Sub-Committee to consider how photographs and other memorabilia could best be stored or displayed in the Town Hall.**
- c) One Voice Wales – Development Officer for North Wales  
It was NOTED that Gwenllian Owen has been appointed as the new Development Officer covering North Wales.
- d) 1<sup>st</sup> Abergele St. Michael's Scout Group  
An invitation to attend the St. George's Day Parade and Service to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Abergele was RECEIVED.  
Members were requested to respond individually or inform the Clerk as soon as possible if they wished to attend.
- e) Welsh Assembly Government – Community Toilet Scheme  
Members received details of the scheme, which has been advertised in the local press.  
**It was RESOLVED to request that a meeting of the Local Government Sub-Committee be convened as soon as possible to consider any local premises which may be interested/suitable for participating in the scheme.**
- f) Local Councils Update  
A copy of the update for April 2009 was RECEIVED.
- g) CCBC Request for Temporary Traffic Regulation  
Notice of a request to close St. George's Road from 27/4/09 to 1/5/09 for highways maintenance was RECEIVED.
- h) Request for a Dropped Kerb at Hafod y Mor, Maes Canol  
It was NOTED that the request for a dropped kerb, which had been sent to CCBC by Cllr. S. Rowlands, had now been given approval

It was FURTHER NOTED that Town & Community Councils do not have specific powers to provide for measures such as dropped kerbs, which are the responsibility of the Highways Authority, and that funding for similar requests, if supported by this Council, would therefore have to come from the limited S.137 resource.

- i) North Wales Police Authority- Community Forum  
An invitation to attend the community forum for Conwy, to be held in Betws y Coed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm, was RECEIVED.
- j) CCBC – Holiday Arrangements  
Notice of the closure of offices and details of the number for use in emergencies only were RECEIVED.
- k) Urgent Correspondence  
- It was NOTED that there were no items of urgent correspondence.

#### 630/08 **Meetings**

The Minutes of the following sub-committee meetings were RECEIVED:

- a) Parks & Play Areas Sub-Committee, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

#### 631/08 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

- a) Perimeter Path Project – Min. 605/08(c)(i)  
It was NOTED that the Council has been asked to consider whether it would permit S.106 funding from Belgrano to be used towards the completion of the perimeter path in the park.  
**After some discussion, it was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter, pending receipt of further information regarding the expiry date of the S.106 monies and the likelihood of being able to find suitable land for a sports field in Belgrano before this date.**  
**It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk would circulate a copy of the prioritised list of projects compiled last year to all Members.**
- b) Work undertaken by Abergele Football Club – Min. 605/08(c)(ii)
  - (i) Members received and considered a copy of the Welsh Alliance Football League ground requirements.
  - (ii) It was NOTED that Cllr. Sam Rowlands had had discussions with Officers from CCBC regarding the concerns of this Council about the unauthorised work which had taken place adjacent to the football pitch and that a meeting had been requested with Lyn Davies to seek a satisfactory solution, including assisting the football club to find a suitable pitch elsewhere in the town.  
**After full discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to inform CCBC that the Council does not support the development required, including dug-out, barriers and changing facilities, to enable the football pitch in Pentre Mawr Park to meet the Welsh Alliance League requirements.**
  - (iii) **It was FURTHER RESOLVED to add the need to find land for a sports field in Belgrano to the agenda for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.**

- c) Urgent Repairs to the Sports Pavilion – Min. 605/08(c)(iii)  
It was NOTED that Officers from Leisure had visited the pavilion with Cllr. S. Rowlands and had agreed that efforts would be made to try to assist the Rugby Club to find funding for the repairs.

632/08 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) Members considered and concluded the planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.  
It was RESOLVED to request a copy of the conditions issued in respect of application 0/35625.
- c) It was NOTED that no licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the preceding two weeks.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

.....Chairman

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### Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
16.4.09	0/35143	<b>AMENDED PLANS</b> Erection of Medical Centre with associated car parking at Plot 1100, A547, North Wales Business Park, Abergele	Mr C Lord-Primary Asset Ltd		No objections
16.4.09	0/35859	Extension and alterations to dwelling, alterations to conservatory roof at Berain Cottage, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele	Mr A Hall		No objections
16.4.09	0/35861	Extension to dwelling at The Willows, Bryn Awel Avenue, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Hawley		No objections (also see 0/35861(Amended Plans) below)
16.4.09	0/35864	Change of use from retail A3 to Hot Food Takeaway Shop at The Bridge House, Bridge Street, Abergele	Mrs W Dykes		<b>OBJECT</b> - Concern re: access - location at traffic lights dangerous to public
16.4.09	0/35885	Reduce 8no. Beech trees by 10% and fell 3no. Beech trees, fell 1no. Silver Birch, prune and shape 1no. Group of Cherry trees and reduce 1no. Sycamore tree by 10% at The White House, Primrose Hill, St George, Abergele	Mr N Jones - Pabo Tree Services		Endorse Tree Wardens report (attached). Tree Warden recommends deadwood removal & light pruning 8 Beech trees/heavy pruning 4 Beech trees/retain Silver Birch/25% crown reduction cherry trees/slight prune Sycamore
16.4.09	0/35888	Two storey extension to dwelling at Dinorben, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Miss M Chan		No objections
16.4.09	0/35861	<b>Amended Plans</b> Extension to dwelling at The Willows, Bryn Awel Avenue, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Hawley		No objections
16.4.09	0/35868	Erection of conservatory at 20 Moor Park, Abergele	Mr K Wright		No objections
16.4.09	0/35872	Removal of car wash and erection of building for MOT bay at Slaters Garage, Market Street, Abergele	Mr C Knowlson - Slaters Company Ltd		No objections
16.4.09	0/35898	Change of use from A1 to A3 to allow for the sale of hot or cold food for consumption off the premises between 10.00hrs and 23.00hrs on any day and installation of an extractor fan at 1 Crown Bach, Brodige Street, Abergele	Mr N Chowdhury		<b>OBJECT</b> - Concern re: access / danger to public / no parking
16.4.09	0/35905	Erection of 5kW wind turbine with tower height of 12m at Corsydd, Rhuddlan Road, St George, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Goddard		No objections
16.4.09	0/35906	To reduce 1no. Lime tree by 25% at Ty Derwen, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr A Hughes		Endorse Tree Warden's recommendations (attached). Tree Warden has no objections.
16.4.09	0/35907	To reduce 1no. Lime tree by 25% at Tirionfa, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr D Jones		Endorse Tree Warden's recommendations (attached). Tree Warden has no objections.
16.4.09	0/35917	Rear, Front and side extensions comprising of two and three storey pitched roof extensions to existing dwelling at Plas Tirion, Tan y Gopa Road, Abergele	Mr & Mrs P Mead		No objections