

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 17th July 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

117/08 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.E.H. Pitt;
B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Several members of the public

118/08 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: D.A. MacRae; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters

119/08 **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).

120/08 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 19th June 2008.

121/08 **Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

a) Allotments – Min. 494/07(a)

- (i) It was NOTED that there has been no response to the article in the recent Town Council newsletter requesting landowners to come forward if they know of any suitable land.

It was RESOLVED to issue a press release to the Visitor and Journal to seek assistance in identifying any suitable land.

- (ii) It was NOTED that the Officer from the Leisure & Community Development Services or Planning Dept., CCBC, who had been dealing with this matter had now retired.

It was RESOLVED to write a further letter to request an update on the action taken by CCBC to date.

- (iii) **In the absence of Cllr. J. Stubbs, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should make further enquiries about her suggestion of a plot of land in Pensarn, which may be suitable for use as allotments.**

- b) Proposed Lighting Scheme for Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 080/08(g)
- (i) A copy of the notes from the residents' meeting, held on 30th June 2008 was RECEIVED.

A brief discussion took place regarding the proposed hours of operation for the lighting.

- (ii) **It was RESOLVED to authorise submission of the planning application for the lighting, to include a latest switch-off time of 10 p.m.**

It was NOTED that the hours of operation could be closely monitored and that the lights could be switched off earlier, if necessary.

- c) Overhead Power Lines – Min. 035/08(b) & 080/08(c)

A further letter from D.Jones, M.P., was RECEIVED and NOTED.

Cllr. B.C. Roberts gave a brief report on a recent meeting regarding the onshore works for the proposed Gwynt y Mor off-shore wind farm. It was NOTED that the proposal included 11km of underground cables, to be buried in six 6.5 metre deep trenches. Subject to planning consent, work is due to commence in the Autumn and is scheduled to be completed by 2010.

- d) Post Office Closure Programme – Min. 035/08(e)

A letter regarding the consultation timetable and an invitation to send a representative to a forum about the proposals was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the Clerk would circulate a copy of any proposals affecting the Abergele area on or after 29th July.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Sam Rowlands attends the forum in August, as a representative of this Council.

- e) Open Doors – Min. 036/08(f)

It was NOTED that the document and application form had now been considered in more detail by the Clerk and Cllr. D.A. MacRae and that the scheme was aimed specifically at sites of historical or architectural importance.

It was RESOLVED that Members should consider any suitable sites for possible inclusion in the programme next year.

- f) C.C.B.C. Cash Office Service – Min. 081/08(c)

A response detailing the savings which will be made by the withdrawal of this service was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to state the concerns of this Council about the combined effect of the Post Office closure programme and the withdrawal of the cash office service.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED, under the Freedom of Information Act, to request information regarding how much business the County Borough Council gives to support Post Offices in the County.

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Correspondence

a) Conservation Area Panel

It was NOTED that a meeting of the panel took place on 2nd July 2008 and applications 0/34901 and 0/34902, relating to amended details to planning consent at the Kinmel Arms Hotel, St. George, were considered.

b) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

It was NOTED that a copy of the special 80th Anniversary edition of Rural Wales is available on request from the Clerk.

c) Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

It was NOTED that a review of electoral arrangements in each of the 22 principal council areas is to be carried out.

It was RESOLVED to REFER this document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for closer scrutiny and to draft a response to the consultation questions.

d) BT Payphones Consultation

(i) Members received and considered details of the proposals to remove certain payphones, as published on the CCBC website. It was NOTED that there are no payphones earmarked for closure within this Council area.

(ii) A letter from Darren Millar, A.M., opposing the closure of phone boxes, was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to support the views of the Assembly Member.

e) Conwy Youth Service – Area 1 Youth Liaison Forum

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this item, due to the absence of Cllr. J. Stubbs.

f) Wales Spatial Plan 2008 Update

Confirmation that the Wales Spatial Plan Update 2008 has been formally adopted by the Assembly was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to REFER this document back to the Local Government Sub-Committee to look at any impact this may have on local communities.

- g) Local Councils Update Issue 105 – July 2008

A copy of the latest issue was RECEIVED.

- h) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report from the recent meeting, to include details of a presentation given by the Chief Planning Officer of Flintshire County Council and information about the ability of P.C.S.O.s to issue fixed penalty notices under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act.

It was NOTED that Cllr Eric Davies, President of the Society, had unfortunately had to retire on ill health grounds and it was RESOLVED to send a card from this Council to wish him well.

123/08 **Additional Urgent Correspondence:**

The following items of additional correspondence were considered:

- a) Pensarn Public Conveniences

- (i) A letter of complaint from a visitor, regarding the state of the facility was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to send a copy of this to CCBC and to request that the general cleanliness of the facility be improved.

- (ii) It was NOTED that an update had been received from Cllr. Dave Holland, Pensarn, and that the refurbishment work which was due to be completed this week had not yet commenced.

It was FURTHER NOTED that Cllr. Holland has requested that the work does not now commence until September and that signs be erected to apologise to users for the ongoing delays.

Due to this refurbishment work now running a year behind schedule, without any satisfactory explanation, it was RESOLVED to contact One Voice Wales to take advice regarding a possible complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman.

- b) Registrar Service

It was NOTED that the service which was being provided from Abergele Library has been temporarily suspended, due to the unsuitability of the accommodation. The service is currently being provided from Colwyn Bay and Llandudno and this will continue until the situation is resolved or alternative accommodation can be found.

It was RESOLVED to seek advice on this matter from One Voice Wales.

- c) Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

A letter detailing an offer to give a presentation to the Council on the Community First Responder Scheme, which is in the process of being set up in Abergele, was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to accept the offer and arrange for a presentation to be given to the Council, possibly in September.

- d) CCBC Temporary Road Closure Notices

It was NOTED that Primrose Hill and St. George Road would be closed on specified days during week commencing Monday 28th July, to allow road resurfacing work to take place.

- e) Safer Routes to School – Link to Water Street

It was NOTED that the work is running approximately two weeks behind schedule and that there has been some damage to the existing cycleway / footway leading to Faenol Avenue, which will be rectified before completion of the contract.

- f) C.V.S.C. Circulation 74 – July 2008

It was NOTED that a copy of the above circulation is available from the Clerk.

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Gele Park

Members RECEIVED details of proposed play equipment for Parc Gele and a brief verbal report from the site meeting which had taken place on Tuesday 15th July.

It was NOTED that the total cost of the play equipment would be approximately £14,000, with the remaining £6,000 required for new fencing, gate and seating.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase and installation of the play equipment, fencing, gate and seating, as outlined by the Parks Officer, at a maximum cost to this Council of £10,000 (with the remaining £10,000 to be funded by CCBC).

Due to concerns about previous damage to play equipment in the park, it was FURTHER RESOLVED to request that consideration be given to the installation of street lighting columns along the nearby pathway, to increase the security of the area.

125/08 **Minutes of Sub-Committees**

A copy of the following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) CCTV & Crime Prevention Sub-Committee, held on 10th July 2008

126/08 **To Consider any Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

- a) CCTV Cameras - Min. 115/08

It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendation of the sub-committee that a letter be sent to the Head of Public Protection, CCBC, as detailed in those Minutes.

- b) Terms of Reference – Min. 116/08

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the terms of reference for the CCTV and Crime Prevention Sub-Committee, as detailed in Schedule 'A' to those Minutes.

127/08 **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 between 16th and 29th June and 30th June to 13th July, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were RECEIVED.
- c) No notices of any licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area in the past two weeks had been received.

The Meeting Closed at 7.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
17.7.08	0/35035	Demolition of existing single storey domestic dwelling and erection of new dormer bungalow at Sarn, Queens Road, Abergele	Mr K Griffiths		No objections
17.7.08	0/35041	Erection of dwelling and construction of means of access at 20 Trem y Mor, Abergele	Mr Blears		No objections, unless Highways indicate concerns about vehicular access on the corner
17.7.08	0/35054	Siting of two underground 1 tonne gas tanks and pipework at The Kinmel Arms, Church Street, St George, Abergele	Mr T Watson		Objections: This Council is concerned, on public safety grounds, about the siting of gas pipes underneath an unadopted right of way and requests that consideration be given to locating the tanks within the grounds of The Kinmel Arms
17.7.08	0/35055	Extension to dwelling at Ty'n y Coed, Nentydd Road, Abergele	Mrs K Davies		No objections. However the Council would like to point out there is a property called 'Prengwyn' immediately next door, which is not shown on the map.
17.7.08	0/35064	Erection of conservatory at 4 Coed Bedw, Abergele	Mr & Mrs G Frost		No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 16.6.08 to 29.6.08

0/34826 Conversion of ground floor storage area into 2no. self-contained flats, construction of car parking spaces and part removal of canopy at Barry's of Pensarn, 176/19 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele.

Decision: Refused

0/34835 Erection of open sided shelter for outdoor craft teaching at Dinorben Site, Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34861 Extension to dwelling at 19 Kinmel Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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SCHEDULE 'B'

(Part 2)

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 30.6.08 to 13.7.08

0/34877 Erection of new incoming services meter house for the CAMHS unit at
(for information) Abergele Hospital, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34902 Variation of condition 2 & 3 of planning permission granted under
Code Ref: 0/28149 to allow for amended details of conservatory roof
decking, staircase, glazing to 2no. ground floor windows and bay window
and insertion of 2no. windows to rear elevation at Kinmel Arms Hotel,
The Village, St George, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34918 Construction of lobby extension to act as wind break to main entrance of
store and adjustments to associated street furniture at Tesco Stores Ltd,
Market Street, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34919 Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed use of land for purposes within
Class B8 (Storage or distribution) of the Schedule to the Town and
Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 at Land and Buildings at
Depot, Terfyn, Abergele.

Decision: Approved

0/34921 Variation of condition No.2 granted under Code Ref: 0/33828 to allow
(for information) for amendments to approved plans at Abergele Hospital, Llanfair Road,
Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions
