

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 18th September 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

210/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock (see Min. 215/08(k))
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer (see min. 214/08(a)) J.E.H. Pitt; S. Rowlands (see min. 215/08(l)); T.J. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Member of the public

211/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bird; R.M. Medlicott; B.C. Roberts

212/08 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).

None were declared.

213/08 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 17th July 2008.

214/08 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

a) Claimed Footpath near Pump House – Min. 080/08(b)

(i) It was NOTED that the request by this Council that a Creation Order/Agreement be made to ensure this path is added to the definitive map will be put before the Licensing & Regulations Committee in December.

- Cllr. J.D. Mortimer arrived at this juncture

(ii) Members considered what action could be taken, if any, to ensure repairs to the footbridge are carried out.

It was RESOLVED to seek a quotation from the Highways Department for the carrying out of the necessary repairs to the footbridge.

b) Abergele Library – Min. 795/07(i)

(i) It was NOTED that no response had been received as yet to the request for a cycle rack outside the library.

(ii) Details of the library closure for the duration of the works was RECEIVED and NOTED.

c) Overhead Power Cables – Min. 080/08(c)

A letter of update was RECEIVED from Darren Millar, A.M., confirming that Scottish Power Energy Networks have amended the plans for the Rhyl Flats overhead power cables to ensure that all properties in Bodtegwel will be at least 200m or more from the power lines.

d) Licence as an 'Approved Premise' for Civil Ceremonies – Min. 035/08(f)

(i) A copy of the Notice of Approval for the Town Hall to be used for civil ceremonies for a period of three years from 17th October 2008 was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that there have been several cancellations of bookings recently, due to the difference in charges made by the Registrar in carrying out ceremonies at an 'Approved Premise' (£220 or £235) rather than in the Registry Office in Llandudno (£43.50).

It was RESOLVED to authorise the full refund of a booking fee of £50, for a wedding which had been cancelled within a couple of days once the difference in fees was discovered.

It was RESOLVED to write to Phil Rafferty, Head of Regulatory Services, stating the concern of this Council over the difference in fees and requesting that local authority run approved premises, receive the same level of service as the Registry Office in Llandudno (with a copy to the Guild Hall, Conwy and the Glasdir Centre, Llanwrst).

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to One Voice Wales to seek their advice on whether this is fair competition.

e) Post Office Closure Programme – Min. 121/08(c)

(i) A copy of the response sent to the consultation, in support of Betws yn Rhos Community Council, was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that the Welsh Assembly Government is looking at launching a 'refocused' Post Office Development Fund, which will be available from January 2009.

It was RESOLVED to refer the consultation document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for consideration.

f) CCBC Standards Committee – Min. 036/08(j)

Notice of the re-appointment of Cllr. Gordon Williams of Llanwrst Town Council to the Standards Committee for a further four year term was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to write to Iwan Davies, Monitoring Officer, to query why no election had been called, following the nomination of several other Town Councillors for this post.

g) Conwy CBC Cash Office Service – Min. 121/08(f)

A response to the further letter from this Council regarding the combined effects of the Post Office closure programme and the withdrawal of the cash office service was RECEIVED and NOTED.

h) Allotments – Min. 121/08(a)

(i) It was NOTED that no response has been received to the request made via the local press for suggested plots of land.

(ii) A response from Lyn Davies, CCBC, who is now responsible for allotment provision for CCBC, confirming that he will make enquiries with the Property Services Department to see if any land can be identified, was RECEIVED.

(iii) A letter from CCBC concerning a review of allotment provision across the County was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to submit a copy of the waiting list currently held by this Council and Members were asked to contact the Clerk as soon as possible if they knew of any residents who wished to be included on this waiting list.

i) Conwy Youth Service - Area Youth Liaison Forum – Min. 122/08(e)

It was NOTED that there was nothing to report from the recent meeting and that attendance had been low.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Youth Service to request any update and details of the next meeting.

j) Community First Responder Scheme – Min. 123/08(c)

It was NOTED that the presentation was scheduled to take place in the Town Hall on Thursday 25th September at 7pm, but that this now clashed with a meeting arranged by CCBC to consider the amended plans for Awel-y-Mor.

It was RESOLVED to postpone the presentation and to enquire whether it should be advertised as an open meeting for any interested members of the public to attend.

k) New Play Equipment for Parc Gele – Min. 124/08

(i) A letter regarding the new equipment for the park and the reply sent by the Clerk was RECEIVED and NOTED.

(ii) A response from Lyn Davies to the request for lighting in the park was also RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to request that the Clerk discusses this matter further with Lyn Davies at a meeting scheduled to take place next week.

l) CCTV Cameras – Min. 126/08

A response from Phil Rafferty, Head of Service – Regulatory, who has recently

taken over responsibility for CCTV, was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to request an evening visit to the CCTV control member, for the benefit of new and existing members who may not have seen this before.

215/08 **Correspondence**

a) Conwy Local Health Board

An invitation to attend the AGM, to be held on Friday 26th September 2008 at 2.00pm in Venue Cymru, Llandudno was RECEIVED.

b) Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd

It was NOTED that a copy of the Annual Report for 2007/08 is available on request from the Clerk

c) North Wales Police – Abergele Neighbourhood Meeting

Notice of the next meetings was RECEIVED:
Abergele - Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm at the Community Centre
Pensarn – Wednesday 22nd October at 6.30pm at St David’s Church Hall

d) Abergele Camera Club

A request that The Town Mayor be made the Patron of the newly formed Abergele Camera Club was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to accept this with thanks.

e) East Promenade Consultative Group

It was NOTED that the Autumn meeting will take place at the Community Resource Centre, Kinnel Bay, on Tuesday 28th October 2008 at 18:00 and that a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting is available from the Clerk.

f) Noise Reduction Measures – A55

A copy of a letter sent to Darren Millar, A.M., confirming that an investigation into the feasibility of providing noise reduction measures along the A55 at Pensarn/Abergele will be taking place was RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to write to Darren Millar and the Transport Office to thank them for continuing to pursue this matter on behalf of residents of Abergele.

g) Abergele Visitor

Notice that the Abergele Visitor will cease to be produced after the 17th September 2008 and that Abergele news will now be reported in a new Colwyn Bay & Abergele edition of the North Wales Weekly News was RECEIVED.

h) One Voice Wales

(i) Notice of the next meeting of the Conwy Area Committee was RECEIVED.

(ii) Notice of the Motions for debate at the AGM was RECEIVED.

i) W.A.G. Consultation – Planning Policy Changes to Support Sustainable Development in Rural Areas

Notice of the consultation was RECEIVED from the Planning Department, CCBC

It was RESOLVED to REFER the document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for a response by 10th October 2008.

j) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association

Notice of forthcoming events was RECEIVED.

k) Proposed Parking Restrictions – Pensarn

Notice of a number of proposed parking restrictions in Pensarn was RECEIVED and considered.

It was PROPOSED that CCBC be asked to review the proposals for Queensway and Kingsway, due to the impact this may have on a nearby business, and to suggest a possible one-way system for Kingsway.

An amended proposal was made that the proposals be accepted in their current form. Following a tied vote of 5 in favour and 5 against, this amendment to the motion was rejected by the casting vote of the Chairman.

The original proposal was therefore CARRIED.

- The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock arrived at this juncture

l) CCBC – Development of Abergele Walks Leaflet

A letter to Cllr. R.M. Medicott regarding the development of an Abergele Walks leaflet was RECEIVED and considered.

It was NOTED that there are some difficulties with one of the proposed walks, due to several sections of footpath not being included on the Definitive Map.

It was RESOLVED to request that Cllr. Medicott meets with the Officer to discuss how this could be overcome.

- Cllr. S. Rowlands arrived at this juncture.

m) CCBC – Motorbikes on Tower Hill

It was NOTED that a query had been received from the Rights of Way Officer regarding any complaints made to Members about the use of motorbikes on Tower Hill.

It was NOTED that motorbikes had been seen in this area and that damage to the paths was being caused.

It was RESOLVED to reply to the Officer with details of the point of access being used.

216/08 **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 25th August and 7th September 2008, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) No notice of any licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the proceeding two weeks had been received.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
18.9.08	0/35219	Display of 1no. Fascia Sign externally illuminated by tube light, 1no. double sided Pictorial Sign externally illuminated by 1no. double tube light, 2no. Amenity Signs, 1no. Gable Board, 1no. Victorian Lantern and 6no. Floodlights at Castle Hotel, Water Street, Abergele	J W Lees & Co Ltd	Delegated	
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18.9.08	0/35246	Garage extension to dwelling at Sunnyside, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr D Passey	Delegated	

18.9.08	0/35272	Replace existing outbuilding roof and increase floor area at Siamber Wen, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr & Dr V Srinivasan	Delegated
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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 25.8.08 to 7.9.08

0/34901 Amended details of conservatory roof, decking, staircase, glazing to 2no. ground floor windows and bay window, and insertion of 2no. windows to rear elevation (Listed Building Consent). (Amended scheme to that approved under Code Ref: 0/28188 at Kinmel Arms Hotel, The Village, St George, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35030 Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage (Approval of matters reserved for subsequent approval under Code Ref: 0/34359 at Tegan Gardd, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35141 Erection of single storey extension at 29 Heol Colwyn, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35144 Erection of car port (part retrospective) at Tan y Bryn Lodge, Abergele

Decision: Refused
