

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

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

### 401/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock  
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)  
Cllrs: M. Bird (see Min. 405/08(a)); M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae (see Min. 405/08(f)); R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith (see Min. 405/08(g)); J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)  
Mrs J.A. Roberts (Clerical Assistant)  
Member of the public

### 402/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. J.E.H. Pitt

### 403/08 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).  
None were declared.

### 404/08 Minutes

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

### 405/08 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Public Rights of Way – Min. 080/08(a) & 272/08(b)

(i) Tower Hill paths

It was NOTED that the Committee meeting due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December to consider the application to add path(s) to the Definitive Map has now been postponed until March 2009.

- Cllr. M. Bird arrived at this juncture

(ii) Gwrych Castle paths

It was NOTED that 3 completed witness statements have been received to date, as evidence for the request to modify the Definitive Map to include the path from the Castle entrance to Gwrych Castle and on to Middle Gates. A minimum of 6 are required to progress this matter.

b) Lighting in Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 344/08(a)

(i) WREN grant application

It was NOTED with satisfaction that the Board of Directors of WREN Ltd have allocated a grant of up to £19,500 towards the eligible costs of the project to install floodlighting to the M.U.G.A.

**It was RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk, as Proper Officer, and The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock to sign the WREN contract.**

(ii) It was NOTED that information is awaited from Scottish Power and the floodlight manufacturer before the tender documents can be issued and the return date will not therefore be until January.

(iii) It was NOTED that Peter Adderley is awaiting a quotation from the manufacturer before placing an order for the floodlights and columns.

c) Library Refurbishment

(i) It was NOTED that the cycle rack will be installed at the same time as the Town Map and the project manager is currently seeking a further quotation for this work.

(ii) It was NOTED that the 'Official Opening' will take place in January, when the library celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

(iii) It was NOTED that the lighting is to be improved and that a new notice board has now been ordered, to be placed by the coffee machine.

d) Appointment of Representative to the Standards Committee

**It was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter, pending further investigation by Cllr. J.D. Mortimer.**

e) Proposed Parking Restrictions – Pensarn – Min. 215/08(k)

An acknowledgement to the submission of this Council was RECEIVED.

f) Pentre Mawr Park

(i) It was NOTED that a meeting would be arranged by Nia Carrington-Jones of the Leisure Service, C.C.B.C., early in the New Year to enable all interested parties to meet to discuss the protection measures required for the park.

**It was RESOLVED to ask that members of the Parks & Play Areas sub-committee be invited to attend this meeting.**

- Cllr. D.A. MacRae arrived at this juncture

(ii) It was NOTED that Cllr. R.G. Waters had obtained some further information regarding ornamental gates and that these would be held on file pending the outcome of the meeting.

(iii) A response from Highways regarding the large puddle by the far entrance to the Park was RECEIVED and considered.

**It was RESOLVED to request a further update on this matter in the New Year.**

g) Representatives on Outside Bodies – Min. 344/08(j)

(i) It was NOTED that Ysgol St. Elfod currently have a vacancy for a L.E.A. appointed School Governor. The County Councillors were requested to ensure that this is filled as soon as possible.

(ii) Members considered the vacancy on the Board of Governors of Ysgol Glan Morfa. It was NOTED that a Welsh learner would be welcomed at meetings.

**It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Tim Rowlands as the representative of this Council on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Glan Morfa.**

- Cllr. P.D. Meredith arrived at this juncture

h) Town Bus Service – Min. 346/08

It was NOTED that Darren Millar had held a meeting with concerned residents on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and that, as a result of this meeting, several outcomes had been agreed with CCBC / Llew Jones.

i) Allotments – Min. 214/08(h)

It was NOTED that CCBC are currently holding open sessions for County Councillors to view the draft L.D.P. proposals but that there is currently no mention of the waiting list for allotments in the eastern end of the County (Abergele, Pensarn, Towyn and Kinmel Bay).

**It was RESOLVED to write to Stan Yates to state concerns that the need for allotments has not been recognised in the draft plan.**

j) Play Equipment – Parc Gele – Min. 214/08(k)

It was NOTED that the equipment was to be ordered today and installation is planned for February 2009.

#### 406/08 **Correspondence**

Members received and considered the following items of correspondence:

- a) Safer Routes to School Scheme at The Mount  
It was NOTED that no defects in the scheme had been identified by members.
- b) Morfa Rhuddlan West Flood Partnership Group Meeting  
An invitation to send a representative to the next meeting of the group was considered.

**It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Tim Rowlands as the representative of this Council.**

The following items of correspondence were received:

- c) Conwy Local Development Plan  
A copy of the revised Conwy Delivery Agreement for the preparation of the Conwy L.D.P.
- d) CCBC Environmental Services  
Notice of Office relocation
- e) Conwy & Denbighshire Best Bar None Awards  
Details of the awards and sponsorship opportunities
- f) Article from Play Wales, Winter 2008  
'Making good places for playing' (a copy of Play Wales is available from the Clerk)
- g) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association  
Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November
- h) CCBC Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2008-2017
- i) Conwy Federation of Community Health Councils
  - (i) Notice of the next meeting, to be held on 15 December 2008
  - (ii) An update on the new Cahms Unit at Abergele Hospital Site  
It was NOTED that a visit by the Town Council to the new unit before it opens had been requested by Cllr. J.A. MacLennan
- j) North Wales Police  
Notice of Neighbourhood Meetings in Pensarn and Abergele
- k) CCBC
  - (i) Notice of consultation on the Draft Welsh Education Scheme
  - (ii) CCBC Community Facilities Brochure (copy available from the Clerk)
  - (iii) Notice of holiday arrangements for Christmas and New Year

(iv) Notice of appointment of new Head of Highways

A discussion took place regarding the appointment of a joint Head of Highways and Infrastructure for Conwy and Denbighshire County Councils. Concern was expressed regarding the possibility of this being the first steps towards a merger of the Councils and the impact this may have on tax payers in Conwy.

**It was RESOLVED to write to the Chief Legal Officer to query what mandate the County Council has to merge services with Denbighshire.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to query with One Voice Wales whether they were aware of this happening elsewhere in Wales.**

(v) Notice of the relocation of the Colwyn Bay Register Office

- l) Stopwatch Issue 22 – Autumn 2008  
The official newsletter of Sport Conwy (copy available from the Clerk)
- m) Local Councils Update Issue 110 – December 2008
- n) North Wales Technology Park  
An invitation to all members to attend a lunch meeting at the new offices in the business park at noon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- o) W.A.G. Review of Childminding and Daycare Regulations  
Notice of an information day, to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at the Interchange, Old Colwyn.

407/08 **Old People's Club Rooms**

**At the request of Cllr. J.A. MacIennan, it was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter until the first Ordinary meeting in the New Year, to await further advice / information.**

408/08 **Llys Onnen**

**At the request of Cllr. D.A. MacRae, it was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter until the next meeting.**

409/08 **Minutes of Sub-Committees**

A copy of the following Draft Minutes was RECEIVED:

- a) The Heritage Sub-Committee, held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008

410/08 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

- a) Terms of Reference – Min. 394/08

**It was RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference for the newly**

**formed Heritage Sub-Committee, as detailed in Schedule 'A' to the minutes.**

b) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 395/08

(i) **It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations of the sub-committee regarding the column locations for 'phase one' of the column replacement programme.**

(ii) **It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendation that the Council considers this as part of a larger scheme to replace all columns within the conservation area over a period of five years.**

(iii) It was NOTED that a quotation will now be requested from the Street Lighting Engineer for the combinations of lantern / bracket / column chosen by the sub-committee, to include extra-strengthened columns for supporting cross-road festoons.

411/08 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

a) The planning applications were considered and concluded 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.

c) It was NOTED that no licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the last two weeks.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

..... Chairman

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## Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
18.12.08	0/35572	1no. externally illuminated directional sign, 1no. externally illuminated directory sign at Commodore House, North Wales Business Park, Abergele	Mr West - North Wales Technology Park	Delegated	No objections





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## SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 17.11.08 to 30.11.08

0/35335                      Erection of canopy with roller shutters to front elevation, installation of new shop front, removal of existing bay windows to front elevation, change of use of first floor flat to form 1no. self contained flat and erection of steel staircase and platform at rear of 52 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele

Decision:                      Full split decision (See attached documentation)

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0/35390                      Re-roofing, rear single storey extension and change of use of dwelling to provide / improve additional facilities for existing dental practice at 2 Chapel Street, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

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0/35407                      Erection of driving range bays on existing practice range for use by members and guests only at Abergele Golf Club, Tan y Gopa Road, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

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