

Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 19th February in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

517/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr R D Peacock
Cllr R G Waters (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs M Bond; G P Davies; D A MacRae; R M Medicott; J E H Pitt;
B C Roberts; S Rowlands; J Stubbs; K J Sudlow; A Wood.
Mrs J Ann Roberts (Admin Assistant)
Mr Mark Earp (Visitor)

518/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: J A MacLennan (Chairman); M Bird; D Meredith; J D Mortimer;
T Rowlands

519/08 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.

520/08 Visitor to the Council

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark Earp of CCBC Parks Section, who gave an informative talk about a project he hopes to run to improve the banks of the River Gele. In partnership with pupils from the PACE Group at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, the proposal is to re-design this area to include restoration of a length of path, preparation of a grassed area and planting of shrubs and trees. Once the improvements are in place the pupils are to help with maintenance, e.g. grass cutting, thus giving them an element of ownership. It was also planned to clear the river of weeds etc. and some benches to place in the area have already been secured. Mr Earp advised that he would be making a request to 'Tidy Towns' for funding. Other community groups are to be encouraged to become involved, e.g. Rotary, Round Table, and consideration is to be given to having a 'group name' such as "Friends of Gele". When completed, it is hoped that this piece of land in Abergele, which is in a central location, will be a pleasant spot to sit and also be a welcoming sight for visitors.

Mr Earp also touched briefly on forthcoming plans for Pentre Mawr Park, including further tree re-planting and work on the lagoons. The Chairman thanked Mr Earp for his time and contribution to the meeting.

521/08 **It was RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be made towards the project in April, from the approved budget for 2009/10 (bulb & tree planting).**

- Cllr J E H Pitt left the meeting at this juncture

522/08 **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 22nd January 2009.

523/08 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a) Abergele Library – Cycle Rack and Town Map – Min. 405/08
It was RESOLVED to write to Property Services CCBC to chase up the quotations for the supply and installation of the cycle rack and installation of the Town Map outside the library.
- b) Allotment Provision – Min. 405/08(i)
(i) It was NOTED that Lyn Davies has received a copy of the waiting list and that he is currently investigating the possibility of use of land at the ‘secret garden’ in Pentre Mawr park for allotments.
(ii) It was NOTED that Lyn Davies has verbally acknowledged receipt of a copy of the letter sent to Stan Yates (LDP Officer) and that he thinks the ‘adopt-a-garden’ scheme is a great idea. He would like to be informed if the Council decides to proceed with this, once the pilot scheme report is received.
- c) CCTV Cameras – Min. 214/08(l)
(i) It was NOTED that a verbal report from the recent visit to the Control Room had been given at the last Ordinary meeting.
(ii) A response from Mr Phil Rafferty to an enquiry made by Cllr. S. Rowlands as a result of the report was RECEIVED and NOTED.
(iii) **It was RESOLVED to convene a meeting of the CCTV & Crime Prevention Sub-Committee and invite Mr Rafferty to attend to address concerns about the cameras.**
- d) Large puddle on Dundonald Avenue – Min. 273/08(a)
It was RESOLVED to make enquiries if this meeting took place, if so, a report of the meeting to be requested.
- e) Access to Play Area, Belgrano – Min. 345/08(j)
(i) It was NOTED that the access from Lon Glanfor has now been improved by CCBC
(ii) It was NOTED that the original complainant has been into the office to thank the Council for its assistance in this matter and to ask if the two other accesses could be similarly improved and the pathway from Towyn Road widened, as per his original letter of February 2008
- f) Kerbside Recycling – Min. 347/08
(i) **It was RESOLVED to write to the Cabinet Minister, Mike Priestley with a copy to Acting Chief Executive, Bethan Jones regarding non-receipt of a response to our letter regarding this matter**
(ii) It was NOTED that a request has been received from Mr Alun Jones and Ms Celia Williams, CCBC, to visit the Council on Thursday 5th March to give a short presentation on the new pilot scheme for recycling.

- g) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 410/08(b)
It was RESOLVED to accept the scheme in principle, but refer the lamp column details to the Heritage sub-Committee and request that the Clerk investigate funding implications to accommodate the shortfall in budget in the sum of £4,860
- h) CCBC Partnerships Scrutiny Committee – Min. 466/08(h)
 Cllr J. Stubbs gave a report from the meeting held on 30th January, in which she advised that a Committee is to be set up, chaired by Richard Brunstrom. Arrangements are also in hand to develop a web page. Opinion was that of a preference towards tidal power rather than wind farms and the proposal was to have a tidal lagoon between Rhyl and Colwyn Bay. The Chairman thanked Cllr Stubbs for her report.

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- a) East Promenade Consultative Group
- (i) It was NOTED that the next meeting is to be held on 20th April Matters to be added to the Agenda included: the provision of a First Aid Box and Refurbishment of the west side of car park and promenade.
It was RESOLVED to write to Cmdr A J Mead to enquire what has happened to the funds which were allocated a few years ago for this refurbishment work to be done
- (ii) A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was RECEIVED.
- (iii) A copy of a memo sent by the County Valuer and Asset Manager to the Environmental Strategy Manager, CCBC was RECEIVED.
 It was requested that copy maps for Council meetings, should be in colour in future.
- b) One Voice Wales
 It was NOTED that the W.A.G. has now produced a consultation report, summarising the main comments made on the Renewable Energy Route Map (including the comments made by this Council regarding onshore connections for offshore wind farms, supported by One Voice Wales).
- c) W.A.G. Consultations:
- (i) Proposals on the Future of Community Health Councils in Wales
It was RESOLVED to refer this document to the Local Government sub-Committee.
- (ii) One Wales: One Planet – Sustainable Development Scheme
 Receipt of an acknowledgement to the response to the consultation and a copy of the current Climate Change Strategy Consultation document was NOTED.
- (iii) The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report
It was RESOLVED to refer this document to the Local Government sub-Committee
- d) Play Wales
 It was NOTED that copies of Members e-bulletin February 2009 were available from the Clerk.

- e) Darren Millar, A.M.
Receipt of a letter of update regarding the provision of Neurological Services in North Wales was NOTED.
- f) Local Councils Update – Jan/Feb 2009
A copy of the recent update was RECEIVED.
- g) Conwy Community Health Council
A copy of the informal notes from a meeting between Conwy CHC and the Minister were RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to write to the LHB Secretary (with copies to Darren Millar AM, Gareth Jones AM, Betty Williams AM) expressing concern that Bryn Hesketh would be unable to accept respite patients once Bodnant patients move in.
- h) Abergele Golf Club Centenary 2010
It was noted that a Centenary Committee has been set up by the golf club and that the Chairman, Mr Cynan Davies, had invited the Town Council to send a representative to future meetings.
It was RESOLVED that Cllrs D A MacRae and Andrew Wood would attend, and the Mayor would represent the Town Council at any official engagements.
- i) CCBC Regeneration Service
Details of an evening presentation on Audio and Digital presentations, held on 17th February were RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to write to express concern at the short notice received for the meeting and to request a copy of any notes.
- j) One Voice Wales
An invitation to attend a twinning workshop on Wednesday 18th March was RECEIVED.
- k) Young & Active – Issue 1 – January 2009
A copy of the first newsletter of the Conwy Active Young People Programme (available at the meeting) was RECEIVED.
- l) Year of Elfod Events
Cllr. Malcolm Medicott gave a brief update regarding planned events:
(i) 7th June – visit by the Archbishop of Wales to Abergele
It was RESOLVED to support the event and request the Mayor to attend.
(ii) Picnic in the Park – Gwrych Castle
It was RESOLVED to support the event in principle, but that further consideration needs to be given to the arrangements if the Town Hall is to assist with ticket sales.
- m) Conwy Community Health Council
An update on the new 'North Wales Adolescent Unit' was RECEIVED.
There were reservations about the naming of the unit, as the name comes across as being too institutionalised, and should also be bilingual.

- n) Conwy & Denbighshire – Joint Head of Highways
A copy of the response from Darren Millar AM to the enquiry made regarding this appointment was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to send Mr Millar a letter of appreciation for his assistance in this matter
- o) Scout's Annual St. George's Day Parade
E-mails received in connection with the Scouts St George's Day parade were NOTED.

525/08 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) The planning applications as detailed on Schedule 'A' were considered and concluded.
- b) Copies of correspondence sent by residents regarding application 0/35704 – Castle Hotel, Water Street, were NOTED.
- c) A copy of e-mail sent by Darren Millar AM. in connection with correspondence received from residents regarding Planning Applications 0/35703 and 0/35704 – Castle Hotel, Water Street. was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- d) To note the planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached.
- e) Notice of a Licensing Application registered by C.C.B.C. for an Entertainment Licence at Abergele Leisure Centre was NOTED. It was considered that there was insufficient information available to comment on the application.

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

.....(Chairman)

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
19.2.09	0/35710	Extension to garage to form a double garage at 5 Heol Hir, Abergele	Mr Rothwell		No objections
19.2.09	0/35711	Erection of garage (partly retrospective) at Tan y Bryn Lodge, Abergele, Conwy	Mr & Mrs Davies		Concern: The development is within the curtilage of a Listed Building
19.2.09	0/35722	New pitched roof over existing flat roof, Perpetual Legacy replacement windows and external cladding at The Surgery, Kinmel Avenue, Abergele			The Council support the remodelling plans

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 26.1.09 to 8.2.09

0/35587 Extension to dwelling at 11 Lon Kinmel, Pensarn, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
