

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

580/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bond; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer;
B.C. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

581/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bird; G.P. Davies; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands

582/08 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. J.A. MacLennan declared a personal interest in item 6(e) – Conwy Community Health Council, but as the information was only to be received, did not complete a form.

583/08 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 19th February 2009.

584/08 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a) Footpaths near Tower Hill – Min. 080/08(b)

An e-mail confirming the outcome of the meeting held on 9th March, where the committee agreed with the recommendation of the officers' report that the claimed footpaths are not added to the Definitive Map, was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the reasons given were:

- (i) Ownership of the land had not been determined, which could result in compensation.
- (ii) The inclusion of the path to the existing network would be a significant drain on limited resources.

It was RESOLVED to seek advice from One Voice Wales on whether these are valid reasons to decline the request.

- b) Floodlighting – Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 405/08(b)
- (i) It was NOTED that construction work commenced on 16th March and should be completed within a week. However, the connection required for a metered supply from SP Energy Networks will take longer.
- (ii) It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Clerk to make arrangements for publicity for the switch-on of the lights.**
- c) Abergele Library – Cycle Rack and Town Map – Min. 523/08
- It was NOTED that the first quotation received for the installation of the cycle rack and Town Map outside the library had been considered too high (by the CCBC project officer) and that a further quote was still awaited. It was therefore unlikely that this project could be finished in the current financial year.
- d) New Play Equipment – Gele Park – Min. 214/08(k)
- (i) It was NOTED that the installation of the new equipment and fencing is in progress and should be completed very shortly. Concern was expressed about older children seen gathering in the park during school hours.
- It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Emrys ap Iwan, with a copy to the CBM (local Police) to bring these concerns to their attention.**
- (ii) It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the contribution from this Council of £10,000.**
- e) Pensarn Parking Restrictions – Min. 215/08(k)
Notice of the final proposals for amendment of parking restrictions in Pensarn, following consideration of a number of representations, was RECEIVED from CCBC.
- f) Dundonald Avenue – large puddle – Min. 523/08(d)
A response from Alan Thomas, CCBC, to the request for a report from the meeting held with NWTRA was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the CCBC A55 Highways Officer hoped to rectify the problem this week.
- g) Telecommunication Mast at North Wales Business Park – Min. 344/08(i)
A copy of the Inspector’s decision on the appeal was RECEIVED.
- h) Kerbside Recycling – Min. 347/08
It was NOTED that no response has been received to date to the letter sent to the Cabinet Member for the Environment (cc Chief Executive) on 25th February to chase a response from Environmental Services.
- i) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 523/08(g)
The Clerk confirmed that it should be possible to find the estimated £4,000 shortfall in the budget for the replacement of eleven lamp columns in

2009/10 from reserves, due to the under-spend on the floodlighting scheme during the current financial year resulting in a higher than anticipated balance of reserves.

585/08 **Correspondence**

- a) CCBC – Notice of Planning Appeal
Notice of an appeal lodged in connection with application 0/35517: erection of dwelling and construction of means of access at 20 Trem y Mor, Abergele, was RECEIVED.
- b) Wales Marine Energy Task Group – Workshop and Q&A Session
An invitation to attend a workshop, to be held on Friday 3rd April at 2pm at Rhyl Town Hall, was RECEIVED.
- c) Digital UK – Digital Switchover
Information from Digital UK assistance available prior to the switchover was RECEIVED.
- d) Wales Council for Voluntary Action – Welsh Language Legislative Competence Order
Information on the proposed Welsh Language LCO was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to respond ‘Yes’ to all three questions in the general consultation.

- e) Conwy Community Health Council
 - (i) An Invitation to attend consultation event on 1st April was RECEIVED. Cllr. J.A. MacLennan urged fellow members to attend, if possible.
 - (ii) Notice of Federation Meeting, held on 18th March, was RECEIVED.
 - (iii) It was NOTED that a copy of Minutes of last meeting of Conwy Federation of CHCs, held on 15th December 2008, is available from the Clerk.
- f) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
A copy of the minutes of last meeting was RECEIVED.
- g) Local Councils Update
A copy of the March 2009 update was RECEIVED.
- h) Rural Wales – Spring 2009
It was NOTED that a copy is available from the Clerk.
- i) Urgent Correspondence
- The following items of urgent correspondence were NOTED:
 - (i) Details of the Year of Elfod Parade and united service were RECEIVED.
 - (ii) An invitation from the Independent Review Service to a conference style workshop about the Social Fund was RECEIVED.

(iii) Notice of a start-up meeting for a Pensarn and Belgrano residents' association, to be held on Thursday 26th March, was RECEIVED.

(iv) CCBC Highways – details of road closure notices for Water Street road resurfacing, Sea Road Bridge works and the Palm Sunday parade were RECEIVED.

586/08 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) **It was RESOLVED to submit a response to the planning applications received, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.**
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) A copy of a further representation sent by a resident regarding the recent planning application made for alterations at the Castle Hotel was RECEIVED.
- d) It was NOTED that the following licensing application had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area:

Premises Licence at Hilary's Florist for retail sales of alcohol.

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
19.3.09	0/35054	AMENDED PLANS Siting of 2 underground 1 tonne gas tanks and pipework at Kinmel Arms, St George, Abergele	Mr T Watson		<u>OBJECTION</u> - The Council objects very strongly to this application on the grounds that the gas tanks are too close to a neighbouring residential property and the pipes run close to an electricity supply (to the St George Christmas tree) and underneath an <u>unadopted</u> road. The application site is also within the St George Conservation Area
19.3.09	0/35782	Single storey pitched roof extension to side of dwelling at 5 Bryn Bedw, Abergele	Mr P Berry		No objections
19.3.09	0/35785	To fell 3no. Sycamore trees and prune overhanging branches on 2no. Sycamore trees at Plas y Bryn, Aberaele	Mrs Hibbert		Endorse Tree Warden's recommendations
19.3.09	0/35789	Two storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling at Hafan Glyd, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr S Berry		No objections
19.3.09	0/35790	Conversion of double garage to a bedroom and shower room for a disabled person at 14 Pen y Cae, Belgrano, Abergele	Mr Darby		No objections - but request that a condition is attached that permission is granted in a personal capacity, to ensure the garage is reinstated if the disabled person should move.

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 23.2.09 to 8.3.09

0/35648 Display of 2no. flagpoles and 1no. non-illuminated sign at Plot 1100,
A547 North Wales Business Park, Abergele

Decision Approved with conditions

0/35658 Installation of solar panels at 3 Queens Road, Abergele

Decision Refused

0/35671 Display of 3no. non-illuminated fascia signs at Tesco Stores Ltd, Market
Street, Abergele

Decision Deemed consent
