

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.50 p.m. on Thursday 19th June 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

076/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock
Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bird; M. Bond; R.M. Medlicott; J.D. Mortimer; J.E.H. Pitt (see Min.); S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow (see Min. 080/08(c)); R.G. Waters
Mrs C.J. Earley
Several Members of the Public

077/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: G.R.K. Brown; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; D. Meredith; B.C. Roberts;
J. Stubbs

078/08 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).

Cllr. J.A MacLennan declared an interest an item relating to the Conwy Federation of Community Health Councils (see Min. 081/08(b))

079/08 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 22nd May 2008.

080/08 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

a) Itinerent Encampments

(i) Pensarn Promenade - Min. 566/07

Members considered how to proceed with the previous requests made for works to prevent itinerants from encamping on the promenade car park.

It was NOTED that Mark Smith, who had replied to the previous request of this Council on 18/1/2008 was no longer in post.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Highways to request an up to date estimation of costs and further details of the work which would be required.

(ii)Pentre Mawr Park

It was NOTED that itinerants have now been moved on from Pentre Mawr Park.

It was FURTHER NOTED that, during discussions with an Officer from CCBC recently in connection with the design of a traffic calming scheme, enquiries had been made about appropriate barriers to prevent future instances of itinerant encampments in the park.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter pending receipt of any further information from the Officer concerned.

b) Claimed Footpath near Pump House – Min. 604/07(a)

- (i) The Clerk gave brief details of a verbal response received to the application to modify the definitive map, submitted on 14th February 2008.

It was NOTED that this process can only be used if a challenge to use the path has been made. As this was not the case, the Rights of Way Officer suggested that a letter be sent to request that the relevant committee considers making a Creation Agreement / Order, under S.26 of the Highways Act 1980. However, he warned that this may not be able to be progressed, due to the cost involved.

It was RESOLVED to write to make this request.

It was FURTHER NOTED that Cllr. J.E.H. Pitt had recently visited the area with a Footpaths Officer and that Highways are looking at old maps to confirm the existence of a 'public road'.

- (ii) Members considered a request that the paths from the gate at Tan-y-Gopa Road and from Middle Gates to Gwrych Castle be included on the definitive map.

It was NOTED that walkers have been challenged using the path from Middle Gates to Gwrych Castle, although this may fall just outside the boundary of this Council.

It was RESOLVED to start the process of completing the necessary forms to apply to modify the definitive map, providing this Council is able to do so.

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

A further response from David Jones M.P. was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to send a copy of the response received from the M.P. to One Voice Wales, for information.

- Cllr. K.J. Sudlow arrived at this juncture

d) Road Resurfacing Requests – Min. 035/08(g)

A further response from Alan Thomas regarding the resurfacing works at St George and Chapel Street was NOTED.

Concern was expressed regarding the unsuitability of the diversion route used by heavy goods vehicles during recent 'fibre speed network' works up Fardre Hill.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Highways to request that width / weight restriction signs be installed on this road.

e) Fibre Speed 'Open Access Network for Wales': Proposed Development at North Wales Business Park

(i) Responses offering support from Darren Millar, A.M. and David Jones, M.P., were RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that Darren Millar had been in contact with the North Wales Business Park and that alternative sites within the business park were now being considered for this development.

(ii) Letters of concern from residents of Heol Conwy were RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to write with an update on the action taken by this Council.

f) Grass Cutting – Min. 041/08

(i) A copy of an extract from the CCBC Environmental Scrutiny Committee, detailing the Council's policy on grass cutting, was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that no formal response had been received to the letter sent to the Head of Environmental & Technical Services on 2nd June 2008, but that an Officer had called the Clerk today to confirm that cut and collect mowing is now being used as much as possible, except in some wooded areas. Reassurances were given that all verges on estates are on the cut and collect rota, but that some areas had not been collected in May as a one-off, due to work pressures.

(iii) Update from the County Councillors

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Ron Hastings, a County Councillor for Pentre Mawr ward, to speak.

Cllr. Hastings informed Members that wooded areas were 'cut and mulched' at the beginning of the season, as this helps to provide nitrogen to the soil and maintains moisture. Cut and collect is then used later in the year.

Cllr. Sam Rowlands confirmed this and stated that large or wooded areas would be cut and mulched twice monthly.

It was RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders and Cllr. Hastings retired from the meeting.

g) Proposals for Lighting at Pentre Mawr Park

- (i) It was NOTED that letters would start to be sent out to residents tomorrow regarding the consultation meeting to be held on Monday 30th June and that a copy would be sent to all Members.

The Clerk requested assistance from the Pentre Mawr Ward Members in identifying which properties should receive letters.

- (ii) It was NOTED that one of the Officers from CCBC had suggested that representatives of local youth groups (as prospective users of the leisure facilities) should also be invited.

It was RESOLVED to invite representatives from Abergele Youth Action, Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan School Council, Abergele Youth Club and the Rugby and Tennis Clubs to the public meeting.

081/08 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

a) Proposed Residential and Badge Holder Disabled Parking Bays

Notification of proposed disabled parking bay at South Parade, Pensarn

b) Conwy Federation of Community Health Councils

Notice of the appointment of Officers to Conwy West and Conwy East CHCs.

- Cllr. J.A. MacLennan declared an interest, as Chair of Conwy East Community Health Council.

c) CCBC Cash Office Service

Notice of the discontinuation of the facility for the payment of accounts at area offices, from 30 September 2008.

It was RESOLVED to write to query what savings will be made by withdrawing this service, as staff will still be on site to provide information.

d) Countryside Council for Wales

An introductory letter and booklet.

e) Local Councils Update - Issue 104 (June 2008)

f) One Voice Wales

Request for assistance at Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales

g) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

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

h) Local Health Board

It was NOTED that copies of the LHB's Race Equality Scheme 2008-2011 and Welsh Language Scheme are available on line, or on request from the Clerk .

082/08 **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 19th May and 1st June, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

c) Notice of two licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area was RECEIVED:

(i) Premises Licence for sale of alcohol and entertainment at Travel Unlimited, Market Street, Abergele

It was NOTED that authority had been delegated in writing to the Clerk to submit any representations on this application by 16th June, after consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

A copy of the representation submitted, detailing deviations in the hours of operation from the planning permission granted in December 2007, was RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was NOTED that this representation had been rejected by the Licensing Department and it was RESOLVED to add this to the agenda for the next meeting, for further discussion.

(ii) T.E.N. application for sale of alcohol at Abergele Carnival between the hours of 12:00 and 19:00 on 5th and 6th July 2008.

It was NOTED that the police had insufficient evidence to block this application, but that strict conditions had been requested.

The Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
19.6.08	0/34921	Variation of condition no.2 granted under Code Ref: 0/33828 to allow for amendments to approved plans at Abergel Hospital, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust		No objections
19.6.08	0/34945	Use of premises by coach operator as depot including ancilliary office suite, customer reception area, staff and customer parking, ancilliary coach parking and repairs, external alterations and landscaping at Terfyn Depot, St George, Bodelwyddan.	Voel Coaches Ltd		No objections
19.6.08	0/34960	Erection of replacement dwelling (Amended scheme to that approved under Code Ref:0/33997) at Bryn Teg, Llanfair Road, Abergele	J Sutherland		No objections
19.6.08	0/34964	To remove 1no. stem from 1no. multi-stemmed Lime tree and to reduce remaining stems by up to 25% at 51 Bryn Castell, Abergele	Mr M P Halligan		Endorse Tree Warden's recommendations - see attached

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 19.5.08 to 1.6.08

0/34678 Display of 1no. internally illuminated fascia sign at Woolworths plc
28 Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/34717 Erection of agricultural shed for fodder storage at Hendre Fawr,
Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/34724 Retention of car port and balcony at Tan y Bryn Lodge, Ffordd y
Berth, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/34745 First floor extension to dwelling at 6 Heol y Coed, Abergele

Decision; Approved with conditions

0/34762 Extension to dwelling at 34 Lon y Berllan, Abergele

Decision; Approved with conditions
