

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 20th November 2008 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

340/08 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; P.D. Meredith;
J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow (see
Min.344/08(j)); A. Wood
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

341/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: M. Bird; J.A. MacLennan (Chairman); S. Rowlands

342/08 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).

343/08 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 16th October 2008.

344/08 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Lighting – Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 121/08(b)

(i) It was NOTED that planning permission has now been granted for the floodlighting and that tenders will now be sent out in the name of this Council, with the assistance of Peter Adderley, CCBC.

(ii) It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Clerk to open the Tender documents, when received.

Any tenders received will then be referred to the Street Lighting Engineer, for advice.

(iii) It was RESOLVED to authorise Peter Adderley to place an order for the required number of columns and lanterns for the skate park and M.U.G.A., through the North Wales Councils Consortium, to reduce any further delay once a tender is accepted (he anticipates a minimum 2 month delivery timescale).

(iv) It was NOTED that a decision on the WREN application for funding for the MUGA lights is due shortly after 10th December 2008. If this is not

successful, provision will need to be made in the Estimates for 2009/10.

b) Registrar Fees for Civil Ceremonies – Min. 214/08(d)

The verbal response given by Mr Rafferty at the Ordinary meeting held on 6th November 2008, explaining the relevant law and CCBC's decision to apply the same level of fees to all Approved Premises, irrespective of whether they were publicly or privately owned, was NOTED with continued discontent.

It was RESOLVED to send out a press release detailing the Council's continued discontent with this situation, with a copy to D. Jones, M.P.

c) Appointment to the Standards Committee – Min. 272/08(e)

It was NOTED that the concerns of this Council have been sent to Mike Mason, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER any further action, pending a response from Mr. Mason.

d) Allotments

(i) Information on a pilot scheme to 'adopt-a-garden', launched by the Footprint Trust on the Isle of Wight in early 2008 and more recently by Hawarden Community Council, was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to register the interest of this Council in finding out further information about this scheme, including the report on the pilot scheme and further guidance notes, due to be issued in June 2009.

(ii) A further discussion took place regarding the ongoing search for a suitable plot of land for use as allotments, with two plots near the pumping station in Pensarn being considered.

e) Community First Responder Scheme – Min. 272/08(g)

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the presentation given on 10th November.

It was NOTED that a team is to be trained to operate in the Abergele area and that it will need to purchase two defibrillator packs, at a cost of £1300 each.

It was RESOLVED to include an article in the March edition of the newsletter, to publicise the scheme.

f) Request for Visit to CCTV Control Room – Min. 214/08(l)

It was NOTED that Glyn Rowlands is to forward a calendar giving details of available dates for a visit.

It was RESOLVED that this be forwarded to those Members who have expressed an interest in attending:

**Cllrs: M. Bond; P.D. Meredith; D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts;
T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood**

g) Protection Measures for Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 273/08(a)

(i) It was NOTED that a scheme has been drafted by CCBC for protection measures for the park, but that no further progress has been made due to a lack of funding.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Heads of Property Services and Leisure to request a response about who was responsible for funding the improvements required.

(ii) It was NOTED that Cllr. R.G. Waters has made some progress in finding manufacturers of wrought iron gates, but that a catalogue was still awaited.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER further consideration of this until more information was available.

h) Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act – Min. 272/08(h)

It was NOTED that a comprehensive guide had been issued by the Welsh Assembly Government for town and community councils wishing to use some or all of the powers in connection with litter, dog control and graffiti.

i) Planning Decision 0/35197 – Telecommunications Mast – Min. 276/08(b)

(i) A letter from David Jones, MP, stating the reasons for splitting the mast and the equipment cabins into two separate applications, was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal by CCBC of planning permission for the siting of the mast to the west of the balancing pond, due to its visual impact.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Planning Inspector (copy to David Jones, MP) to state that this Council had not objected to the mast, as it preferred this location to the pre-application consultation site, which was very close to residential properties.

j) Representatives on Outside Bodies – Min. 275/08

It was NOTED that vacancy remained for a representative of this Council on Ysgol Glan Morfa's Board of Governors.
- Cllr. K.J. Sudlow arrived at this juncture.

As no Welsh speaking members were willing or able to fill this vacancy, it was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter, to consider other possible options.

k) Unsuitable Diversion near Fardre Hill – Min. 080/08(d)

A response from CCBC Highways Department was RECEIVED and NOTED.

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

- a) Local Councils Update – November 2008
- b) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
- A copy of the Minutes of the last meeting
- c) War Memorials Trust Bulletin – November 2008
(it was NOTED that a copy is available from the Clerk)
- d) Rural Regeneration Unit – Food Co-ops
- A leaflet on community fruit and vegetable co-ops
- e) Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales
 - (i) Background information about Cynnal Cymru
 - (ii) Details regarding the availability of Community Action Packs, covering a number of subjects
 - (iii) A copy of 'GloballySusDCymru' – November 2008
(available from the Clerk)
 - (iv) A letter regarding a Sustainable Development event, to be held in Llandudno on 15th December (Clerk may attend).
- f) Gwynt y Mor Cable Route
- A letter of enquiry regarding land ownership.

It was RESOLVED to reply that the pumping station land was originally under the ownership of Abergele Urban District Council, but that this will now have transferred to either CCBC or Welsh Water.

- g) Library Update
- Notice of a further delay in the re-opening of the library.

It was RESOLVED to enquire about whether an official opening will be taking place.

- h) Menter Iaith Conwy
 - (i) Details of a project in Llanwrst
 - (ii) A request to attend a Council meeting (March 2009) to give a presentation on the advantages of a simultaneous translation system

It was RESOLVED to inform Menter Iaith that a presentation will not be necessary, as the Council already has a local translator and all members are familiar with using this type of equipment. However, the Council would be happy to invite a representative from Menter Iaith to attend to discuss the promotion of the use of the Welsh language in general.

i) Notice of Planning Appeal

- Notice of an appeal by Mr K Griffiths to the refusal of planning permission for the demolition of existing single storey building and erection of new dormer bungalow at Sarn, Queen's Road.

It was RESOLVED to request a copy of the Inspector's decision, once issued.

j) Footpaths in Belgrano

A complaint made to CCBC in February regarding the condition of footpaths from Lon Glanfor, Belgrano, to Towyn Road and the response now received from CCBC.

It was RESOLVED to write to Lyn Davies to seek his support in finding the necessary funding to make improvements to the surface of the access to the play area from Lon Glanfor.

k) Menter Nant Conwy

- Information about four new projects starting in rural Conwy.

l) Conwy Affordable Housing Delivery Plan Consultation

It was RESOLVED to refer this consultation document to the Local Government Sub-Committee, for consideration and a draft response.

m) North Wales Rugby

- A request for support for the game between N W Rugby and Sale Sharks, taking place on Wednesday 25th November.

n) Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm

- A construction update newsletter

346/08 **Town Bus Service**

It was NOTED that there had been a number of concerns about the changes in the timetable and route of the town bus service (Llew Jones no.43), but that these appeared to be due to drivers not following the correct routes during the first few days after the timetable was changed.

347/08 **Kerbside Recycling**

Cllr. Bond detailed his concerns about the current kerbside recycling scheme:

- a) Problems of paper blowing over roads and gardens, possibly due to a lack of care by the operatives.
- b) Green boxes blowing away / going missing – not considered suitable for the job.

It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to outline these concerns and to request that consideration be given to alternative methods for collecting recyclables, such as the use of smaller wheelie bins, instead of boxes, or a

system of street/area collection schemes with larger coloured wheelie bins strategically placed, as used successfully in some European countries.

348/08 **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, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) The following licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area were considered:

- (i) M R Stores, 52 Marine Road, Pensarn
 - Grant of a premises license for retail sales of alcohol between the hours of 7am to 1.30am Mon-Thurs and 7am to 3.30am Thurs-Sat.

It was NOTED that Cllr. Jean Stubbs had received letters from two local people objecting to this license, but that their objections had not been based on the four licensing principles and could not, therefore, be taken forward by this Council.

It was NOTED that Cllr. Stubbs would discuss this matter with the CBM for Pensarn to see if North Wales Police would be willing to submit objections, on the grounds of fear of increased crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

..... Chairman

Abergele Town Council

Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
20.11.08	0/35489	Erection of 5kW wind turbine with tower height of 12.25m at Corsydd, Rhuddlan Road, St George, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Goddard		No objections
20.11.08	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 to form 1no. Self-contained flat and erection of steel staircase and platform at rear at 52 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele	Mr S Taylor		No objections, however, the Council has concerns about the use of roller shutters and requests that a condition be attached to any planning consent that an alternative form of protection is used, which is not as visually obtrusive, such as internal shutters or grilles. This is in line with the CCBC policy on shop front design which comes into effect on 1st January 2009.

Abergele Town Council

SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 19.10.08 to 2.11.08

0/31570 Erection of two storey building for use as Health Centre including Pharmacy with associated car parking at Plot 1200, North Wales Business Park, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35202 Installation of flood lighting to skate park and multi-use games area at Pentre Mawr Park, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35220 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. Victoria lantern and 6no. floodlights (Listed Building Consent) at Castle Hotel, 67 Water Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35296 Demolition of existing outbuildings, erection of new escape staircase, alterations to building to form new access to rear beer garden and construction of new lean-to slate roof to form covered smoking area at Castle Hotel, 67 Water Street, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/35297 Demolition of existing outbuildings, erection of new escape staircase, alterations to building to form new access to rear beer garden and construction of new lean-to slate roof to form covered smoking area at Castle Hotel, 67 Water Street, Abergele (Listed Building Consent)

Decision: Refused

0/35302 Proposed lifting of existing roofline to create additional headroom within dwelling, erection of swimming pool/gymnasium, music room and garage facilities at Highgate, The Village, StGeorge, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35306

Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed construction of driveway and access to an unclassified highway for the purposes of incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house at 20 Trem y Mor Abergele.

Decision:

Approved
