

Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 22nd January in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

461/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr R D Peacock

Cllr J A MacLennan (Chairman)

Cllrs: M Bird; M Bond; G P Davies; D A MacRae (see Min 465/08(d));

R M Medlicott; P D Meredith; J D Mortimer; T Rowlands; R G Waters; A Wood.

Mrs C J Earley (Clerk)

Mrs J Ann Roberts (Admin Assistant)

462/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: B C Roberts; S Rowlands; J Stubbs; K J Sudlow

463/08 Disclosure of Interest

Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

The following interests were NOTED:

J A MacLennan – Item 7a – Planning Application 0/35658

464/08 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 18th December 2008.

465/08 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Library Refurbishment – Min. 405/08(c)

(i) The date of the official opening of the Library on 29 January 2009 was NOTED.

(ii) **It was RESOLVED to grant a sum of £20 to fund a prize in a children's competition being arranged to celebrate the Library Open Day**

b) Allotment Provision – Min. 405/08(i)

(i) It was NOTED that no response had been received to date to the letter sent to the Head of Environmental Services on 17 December to request an update on the search for a suitable plot of land.

(ii) It was NOTED that an e-mail reply had been received in response to the e-mail sent by Cllr. Sam Rowlands to Stan Yates, CCBC, regarding

the lack of mention of the waiting lists for allotments in the recent LDP display for County Councillors.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Environmental Services and the LDP Officer to confirm that the up to date waiting list had been received and that the need for allotments would now be considered as part of the LDP process.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to mention that this Council is looking into a pilot project which aims to identify property owners with surplus garden space to help meet the demand for allotments and to suggest that a policy in the LDP to help prevent building on large garden plots would assist with this.

- c) New Play Equipment for Parc Gele – Min. 405/08(j)

It was NOTED that the installation of the new equipment is scheduled for the middle of February.

- d) Pentre Mawr Park – Min.405/08(f)

It was NOTED that a meeting has been arranged on Thursday 29th January to discuss the protection measures for the park and members of the Parks & Play Areas sub-committee have been invited to attend.

- Cllr D A MacRae arrived at this juncture

- e) Morfa Rhuddlan West Flood Partnership Group Meeting

Cllr. Tim Rowlands gave a brief verbal report on the meeting held on 22 January 2009, the main interests being flood resilience, planning and evacuation in event of flood. Concern had been expressed regarding an application by a large caravan camp in the area for a 12 month licence and the impact this may have on evacuation planning, especially if more sites were to follow suit.

It was NOTED that further consideration was to be given to this matter after the Action Plan is drawn up for the next meeting in April.

- f) Appointment of Joint Head of Highways and Infrastructure

It was NOTED that a response had been received from Mr Iwan Davies, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to a letter of concern sent regarding this appointment.

It was RESOLVED to write to Darren Millar AM, with a copy to Mr Iwan Davies, expressing further concern that this appointment is not considered to be democratic and seeking the view of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Members received and considered the following items of correspondence:

- a) North Wales Business Park
It was NOTED that a briefing session had been held on 9th January which several Councillors had attended.
- b) One Voice Wales
 - (i) Copy of The Voice, issue 10, December 2008.
 - (ii) Notice of the next meeting of the Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee, to be held 22 January 2009.
 - (iii) Notice of a meeting of the Larger Local Councils forum, held on 21st January 2009.
- c) Traffic Lights
It was NOTED that an e-mail detailing the concerns of a resident about vehicles proceeding through a red light, had been forwarded to CCBC Highways for comment.

It was RESOLVED to refer this matter to the next Police Liaison meeting and to bring it to the attention of Inspector Ahari when he attends to address the Council.
- d) Fairtrade Status
It was NOTED that an e-mail from Rev'd Shirley Griffiths regarding a Fairtrade meeting was circulated to all members on 12th January 2008.
- e) LDP – Proposed Sites for Development
Notice of the sites submitted for potential inclusion in the Local Development Plan, as published on the CCBC website, was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that Public Consultation is scheduled to take place on the LDP Deposit Plan in March 2009.
- f) NALC – Details of “Green Matters” - the Green Seminar 2009
- g) Conwy Rural Partnership
Details of an opportunity to find out about grant schemes in rural Conwy (includes Pentre Mawr and Gele wards).
Cllr J A MacLennan agreed to attend the meeting on 27 January 2009.
- h) CCBC Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
An Invitation for a representative to attend a meeting at Conwy at 12.45pm on Friday 30th January re: Flood Risk Management in Conwy Borough.
Cllr T Rowlands agreed to attend this meeting and report back.
- i) Conwy Community Health Council
 - (i) Notice of the next meeting of Conwy East CHC, held on 22nd January at 10.00am.
 - (ii) It was NOTED that a copy of the Minutes of a Special Joint Meeting, held on 29th September 2008 is available from the Clerk.
- j) Groundwork in North Wales

An invitation to attend a Climate Change Event on 27 January in Wrexham or 28 January in Bangor.

467/08 **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 area, 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.

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
22.1.09	0/35625	Installation of emergency fire fighting sprinkler water storage tank and associated pump housing and erection of 2m high pallisade security fence and gates at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Faenol Avenue, Abergele.	The Governing Body - Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan	Delegated	OBJECT - Request location be moved away from residential properties. Would be better located on Slater's side of school, rather than by the residential properties
22.1.09	0/35648	Display of 2no. Flagpoles and 1no. non-illuminated sign at Plot 1100, A547 North Wales Business Park, Abergele.	Mr C Lord - Primary Asset Ltd	Delegated	No objections
22.1.09	0/35658	Installation of solar panels at 3 Queens Road, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Richards		No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 15.12.08 to 11.1.09

0/35512 To remove 1 Beech tree and to remove 0.5HA of natural regeneration scrub at Tan y Gopa Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35143 Erection of Medical Centre with associated car parking at Plot 1100, A547 North Wales Business Park, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35489 Erection of 5kW wind turbine with tower height of 12.25m at Corsydd, Rhuddlan Road, St George, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/35517 Erection of dwelling and construction of means of access at 20 Trem y Mor, Abergele

Decision: Refused
