

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

053/08 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.D. Peacock (Chairman)  
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.R.K. Brown; G.P. Davies (see Min. 058/08(d); J.A. MacLennan;  
R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt;  
B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters  
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)  
Members of the public and press

054/08 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M. Bird; T. Rowlands

055/08 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

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

Cllr. J.A. MacLennan declared an interest in Planning application 0/34918 (see Min. 062/08(a)) and withdrew from any discussion on this application.

056/08 **Police Liaison**

- a) It was NOTED that no Police Liaison report had been received from Sgt. Paul Foulkes and/or P.C. David Hall.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the new P.C.S.O. for Abergele, Richard Hopkins, had now taken up post and had met with the Clerk briefly today to give a brief update on recent matters he had been involved in. These included: requests for 'alley gating' for alleys at Groes Lwyd / Castle Place and at Sydenham Avenue; a money scam in local shops; young people taking short cuts through the grounds at Tannery Court.

He had also confirmed that the problem of travellers in Pentre Mawr Park was being dealt with by an Officer of CCBC.

**It was RESOLVED to write to the local Inspector to state the concern of this Council at the lack of attendance by the Sergeant /CBM at recent meetings.**

- b) Concerns of residents of the Water Street Area regarding the late opening hours of the Castle Hotel

Cllr. Sam Rowlands spoke on behalf of residents of the Water Street and surrounding areas, outlining concerns that the residents had not been consulted with fully regarding the application for extended opening hours and

that they were suffering from problems with anti-social behaviour and vandalism, which they believed to be linked to the Castle Hotel. He advised the Council that the residents had put together a petition containing 200 signatures and that he had met with both the Licensee and Officers from CCBC to discuss the concerns of the residents.

It was NOTED that the License could be revoked, amended or have conditions attached by the Licensing Authority if the police submit a report detailing evidence of problems directly linked to the Castle Hotel.

**It was RESOLVED to request that those residents who are present write in separately to the Council with full details of any incidents which have taken place and that the Council then writes to the police detailing the concerns and requesting that appropriate action is taken.**

057/08 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of**

- a) **The Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008**
- b) **The Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

It was NOTED that a letter of thanks had been received from David Byrne, who was very grateful for the gift to recognise his long service to the community.

058/08 **To Consider Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

- a) The Mount – Min. 784/07

A copy of the notes from the first meeting of The Mount Task & Finish Group was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that work on the footpath and bridge over the Gele had now commenced but that signage regarding the closure of the footpath was inadequate.

**It was RESOLVED to request that adequate signage be provided as soon as possible.**

- b) Trees at Rear of Bryn Twr – Min. 687/07(f)

An update from CCBC on progress with seeking action from the landowner(s) to address maintenance issues with the trees at the rear of Bryn Twr was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that CCBC would arrange for the maintenance work to be carried out on this occasion.

c) Pensarn Public Conveniences – Min. 735/07(d)

A response from CCBC to the query regarding delays to the refurbishment of the public conveniences was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED with dismay that the “tender documents have been more robustly written and will be despatched within the next few days” and that work is not now due to be completed until the first week in July.

**It was RESOLVED to request that the County Councillors take this matter up with the Environment Scrutiny Committee.**

d) Abergele Survey – Min. 786/07

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the presentation given at the April Ordinary meeting, for the benefit of new Members, including a summary of the benefits of producing a Community Plan.

It was NOTED that some members had concerns regarding the need for and cost of producing a Community Plan.

**It was RESOLVED to REFER this to the Executive Sub-Committee for further consideration.**

- Cllr G.P. Davies retired from the meeting at this juncture.

e) Representatives on School Governing Bodies (Min. 012/08)

(i) It was NOTED that advice on the appointment of Council representatives on school governing bodies had been received from both One Voice Wales and the L.E.A. and both had confirmed that the Council should appoint a new representative following local elections, if any of the previous representative(s) were no longer members of the Council.

(ii) **It was RESOLVED to DEFER the appointment of a new representative to the governing body of St. George School until the County Council appointed representative was known.**

f) Recurring problems with Litter on Rhuddlan Road

A response from the Environment Agency to the concerns of this Council was RECEIVED and NOTED.

059/08 **Correspondence**

a) Wales Biodiversity Week in Conwy

Details of the programme of events were RECEIVED.

b) Darren Millar, A.M.

A letter from the Assembly Member for Clwyd West confirming that he would be happy to attend Council meetings on an annual basis was RECEIVED.

c) Local Vision

Statutory Guidance from the Welsh Assembly Government on Developing and Delivering Community Strategies was RECEIVED.

**It was RESOLVED to refer this document to the Executive Sub-Committee for further consideration.**

d) Welsh Assembly Government – One Wales Delivery Plan 2007-2011

It was NOTED that the W.A.G. has published a document setting out 228 specific commitments to be delivered by April 2011 and that a copy of the full document is available on the W.A.G. website or on request from the Clerk.

e) Forthcoming Meetings

(i) Details of the meetings scheduled for June 2008 were RECEIVED.

(ii) A revised copy of the approved meeting dates for 2008/09 was RECEIVED.

f) Mayor's Diary

Details of the Mayor's engagements for June 2008 were RECEIVED.

g) Wales Audit Office – Management of Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risks in Wales

Notification of a focus group meeting, being held at Kinmel Bay on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June (copies sent separately to Members for Pensarn) was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that Cllr. Jean Stubbs had attended the meeting and that a full report would be sent to the Council in August.

h) Conwy Local Health Board – Local Consultation Events for the Structure of the NHS in Wales

A reminder from Conwy LHB regarding the forthcoming consultation event (20<sup>th</sup> June) was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that Members should inform the Clerk if they wished to attend the event.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the consultation document is to be considered by the Local Government Sub-Committee at its meeting next week and **it was RESOLVED to delegate authority to that sub-committee to respond.**

- i) CVSC E-mail Information Service

A copy of the CVSC Newsletter for May 2008 was RECEIVED.

- j) Pensarn Beach Clean and Comb

Details of a litter picking event, to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm were RECEIVED.

Cllr. J. Stubbs requested support for this event from as many members as possible.

It was queried whether CCBC had purchased a machine to assist with the cleaning of beaches (in Llandudno?) and Cllr. S. Rowlands agreed to make enquiries about this.

060/08 **One Voice Wales Conference and AGM**

Members considered proposals for motions to put forward for debate at the AGM, including suggesting a review of the level of membership fees and that Town and Community Councils ought to have the status of a 'responsible authority' in the Licensing process, thus receiving copies and being invited to comment upon applications for licences.

**It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the two representatives of this Council, Cllrs. G.R.K. Brown and R.G. Waters, to draft suitable wording for these motions for submission to One Voice Wales by 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

061/08 **Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the following Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008

062/08 **Planning / Licensing**

- 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., as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) It was NOTED that no details were available of any licensing applications listed by C.C.B.C. during the past two weeks.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

..... Chairman

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### Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
5.6.08	0/34861	Extension to dwelling at 19 Kinmel Avenue, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Jones		No objections
5.6.08	0/34883	Kitchen extension to rear of property, infilling section of land between two previous extensions, and the erection of a first floor bedroom extension at 8 Eldon Drive, Abergele	R Gratton		No objections
5.6.08	0/34895	Reduce 2no. Sycamore trees by 20%, reduce lateral growth on 1no. Horse Chestnut tree and crown lift at 2 Bryn Castell, Abergele	Mr Bibson		Endorse Tree Warden's recommendations - see attached
5.6.08	0/34898	Change of use of ground floor of building from Use Class B1(a) / B1(b) to use as Consulting and Ancillary rooms/offices (Use Class D1) at Building 5325 North Wales Business Park, Abergele	Mr Southern		The Council objects to this application, which does not fit with the original intended use of the Business Park. The change of use granted for the Medical Centre at the site is seen as a one-off exception, on the grounds of significant and proven local need.
5.6.08	0/34901	Amended details of conservatory roof, decking, glazing to 2no. ground floor windows and bay window, and insertion of 2no. windows to rear elevation (Listed Building Consent). (Amended scheme to that approved under Code Ref:0/28188) at Kinmel Arms Hotel, The Village, St George, Abergele	Mr T S Watson and Mrs L Cunnah Watson		The Council requests that these two applications be referred to the Conservation Area Committee before any decision is made. It has reservations regarding the size and style of this extension, which does not reflect the character of the village.
5.6.08	0/34902	Variation of Condition 2 & 3 of planning permission granted under Code Ref: 0/28149 to allow for amended details of conservatory roof, decking, staircase, glazing to 2no. ground floor windows and bay window, and insertion of 2no. Windows to rear elevation at Kinmel Arms Hotel, The Village, St George, Abergele	Mr T S Watson and Mrs L Cunnah Watson		
5.6.08	0/34918	Construction of lobby extension to act as windbreak to main entrance of store and adjustments to associated street furniture at Tesco Store Ltd., Market Street, Abergele	Mr S Jones, Tesco Stores Ltd		No objections
5.6.08	0/34919	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use for storage and distribution purposes (Class B8) at Land and Buildings at Depot, Terfyn, Abergele	Mr A Smith		No objections

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## SCHEDULE 'B'

### Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 5.5.08 to 18.5.08

0/33418                      Alterations and extension to vacant shop to form holiday accommodation (Listed Building Consent) at Annex Building, Glan Aber, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision:                      Refused

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0/34349                      Demolition of part wall to make safe and construction of 'Cock and Hen' coping stones (Listed Building Consent) (Retrospective Application) at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision:                      Refused

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0/34430                      Extension to first floor to include balcony and erection of car port at Bryn Iolo, St George, Abergele

Decision:                      Refused

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0/34488                      Erection of new fencing to front and rear gardens and construction of car hardstanding and pavement crossing to rear at 8 Maes y Mor, Pensarn, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

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0/34648                      Change of use from B1 workshop / office to A1 retail and alterations to building at 1 – 3 High Street, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

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