

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 18th June 2009 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

062/09 **Attendance Register:**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer;

B.C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

Several Members of the Public and Press

It was NOTED that David Simister, reporter for the Abergele area for North Wales Weekly News would be leaving next week to take up a new post in Southport. Members wished him well in his future career.

063/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs

064/09 **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).

065/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 21st May 2009.

066/09 **Abergele Carnival**

It was RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 6(g), due to the presence of several Members of the Carnival Committee, and to temporarily suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Michael O'Hanlon to address the Council.

Mr O' Hanlon informed the Council of the concern of the Carnival Committee regarding the refusal of the local police to provide assistance for the annual parade through the town, which had resulted in the cancellation of this year's event. The committee was particularly concerned that other recent processions had gone ahead with full police support, including the Scout's St. George Parade and the recent Rhuddlan Carnival. The Committee requested the support of the Council in finding out why the Abergele Carnival was being treated differently.

It was NOTED that the Clerk had recently written to the Chief Constable, Richard Brunstrom, on behalf of the Council, to enquire why the policing of temporary road closures for parades had been withdrawn and that a response was awaited.

It was RESOLVED to seek advice from One Voice Wales as to whether the police are able to withdraw this service and to DEFER this matter pending a response from Mr Brunstrom.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a) Difference in Registrar Fees – Min. 214/08(d)
It was NOTED that, despite a number of enquiries, no bookings have been received for civil ceremonies since the increase in Registrar fees and that Phil Rafferty has confirmed that there can be no reduction in the fee payable to the Registrar.
It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to request a full refund of the licence fee paid, due to the lack of information provided to the Council at the time of renewal.
- b) Paths to Gwrych Castle – Min. 405/08(a)
An acknowledgement of receipt for the forms and witness statements was RECEIVED.
- c) Noise Reduction Measures for A55 – Min. 215/08(f)
It was NOTED that no response had been received, as yet, to the chasing letter sent by Darren Millar, AM, to the Deputy First Minister on 20/4/2009.
- d) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 026/09(a)
It was NOTED with disappointment that work will commence on the design of the scheme in the next few months, but that the project is not now likely to be completed until the next financial year.
It was RESOLVED to request a meeting with Mr Adderley in the Autumn to begin preparations for the scheme and for County Councillors to make enquiries regarding the cause of the delays.
- e) East Promenade Consultative Group – Min. 019/08(e)
It was NOTED that first aid facilities should now be available at the two cafes on the promenade.
- f) Sea Road Bridge – Min. 020/09(f)
It was NOTED that Tim Barnes has agreed to attend the next Council meeting, to be held on Thursday 2nd July, to provide a further explanation.
- g) Open Culvert near Turnberry Drive – Min. 021/09
It was NOTED that no response has been received, as yet, from Dyfed Rowlands, but that Cllr. S. Rowlands had attended a site meeting to assess the issues and would report back at a future meeting.
- h) Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 022/09
An acknowledgement to the query regarding the existence of covenants to protect Pentre Mawr Park was received from the Chief Executive, CCBC.
- i) Litter in the Gele – Min. 019/09(g)
It was NOTED that volunteers, including the Round Table, Young Offenders Team and local Scouts/Explorers had agreed to help with regular litter picks in the river, but a couple of areas may be considered to be more dangerous and volunteers may not wish to enter these.
It was FURTHER NOTED that previous enquiries had indicated that the Environment Agency would only take responsibility for clearance if there was a flood risk, but that they did work in partnership with other local

authorities to provide more routine services, when requested to do so.

It was RESOLVED to write to Darren Millar, A.M., to seek his assistance in determining who is ultimately responsible for the regular clearance of litter and debris from the River Gele.

- j) W.A.G. Community Toilet Scheme – Min. 037/09(b)
A response was received from CCBC to the letter sent by this Council.
It was RESOLVED to write to all local Licensees to seek their views on the scheme, including what level of funding would be required to make the scheme feasible.

068/09 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Darren Millar, A.M.
- Request for a meeting with the Council
It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Millar to attend a Special Meeting of the Council.
- b) Beach Erosion at Pensarn
(i) An e-mail and photographs detailing concerns about beach erosion at the western end of Pensarn Beach.
(ii) An update to the concerns about erosion from Environmental Services, CCBC
It was NOTED that the beach erosion has noticeably increased over the past 10 years or so and concern was expressed that the sea wall may become undermined.
It was RESOLVED to write to Mr Dyfed Rowlands to state the concern of this Council and to request a feasibility study is undertaken as a matter of urgency, with a copy sent to the Harbour Master and the Countryside Council for Wales.
Members of the Council were invited to attend a site meeting at 12pm on Friday 19th June to view the extent of the erosion.
- c) Welsh Assembly Government:
(i) Consultation Report on proposals for the future of Community Health Councils in Wales
(ii) Sustainable Development Scheme: One Wales – One Planet
(copy available on request from the Clerk)
(iii) Report of the Legislation Committee No.5 on the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009
- d) Local Councils Update – Issue 116 – May 2009
- e) One Voice Wales
- Notice of AGM of the Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee
- f) North Wales Police
- Notice of next Abergele Neighbourhood Meeting, to take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th July at the Community Centre

- g) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
 - (i) Details of forthcoming events
 - (ii) Invitation for renewal of Membership for 2009/10, at a cost of £12
It was RESOLVED to renew Membership for 2009/10.

- h) CPRW
 - (i) Notice of AGM
 - (ii) Members Bulletin – June 2009 (copy available from the Clerk)
 - (iii) Rural Wales – Summer 2009 (copy available from the Clerk)
 - (iv) Invitation to renew Membership for 2009/10 at a cost of £20.
It was RESOLVED to renew membership for 2009/10.

- i) Mental Health Foundation Wales
 - notice of the launch of a Self Management Project for people living in Wales with a serious psychiatric diagnosis

- j) Clwyd Community Chest
 - (i) Notice of AGM
 - (ii) Invitation for renewal of membership for 2009/10, at a cost of £50
It was RESOLVED to renew membership for 2009/10.

- k) Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
 - Notice of appointments to the Board

- l) Urgent Correspondence:
 - The following additional urgent items of correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) David Simister – North Wales Weekly News
 - Notice of his resignation to take up a new post in Southport.

069/09 **Meetings**

It was NOTED that there have been no meetings of any sub-committees since the last meeting of this Committee.

070/09 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

- a) Planning Applications:
 - (i) The planning applications as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
 - (ii) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

- b) Licensing Applications
 - It was NOTED that there had been one licensing application registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area in the last three weeks: TEN for the provision of entertainment at the Gwrych Garden Party held on Saturday 13th June

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
18.6.09	0/36035	Conversion of and extension to building to form a holiday home (Listed Building Consent) at Glan Aber, Llanddulas Road, Abergele	Mr S Ward	Delegated	No objections, but request further checks are made
18.6.09	0/36045	Remove limbs over property on 1no. Pine tree, to crown lift to 4m and remove re-growth on 1no. Lime tree, crown lift 3no. Pine trees to 4m and remove 1no. Holly tree at Woodlands, Bryn Gwenallt Drive, off Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr Charles Gibson Jones	Delegated	Endorse Tree Warden's observations (to follow). Tree Warden in agreement with proposals
18.6.09	0/36060	Single storey extension to rear and internal alterations at 14 Bryn Derwen, Abergele	Mr Jamieson	Delegated	No objections
18.6.09	0/36070	To reduce 1no. Horse Chestnut tree by up to 35% at Talgoed, Llanfair Road, Abergele	Mr Walsh	Delegated	Endorse Tree Warden's observations (to follow). Tree Warden in agreement
18.6.09	0/36074	Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling and retention of front boundary wooden panel fence (1.8m height) at 6 Lon y Dryw, Belgrano, Abergele	Mr G Binning	Delegated	No objections to conservatory. Object to retention of front fence, as this is not in keeping with the open plan aspect of the estate
18.6.09	0/36079	Rear. front and side extensions comprising of two storey pitched roof extensions to existing dwelling at Plas Tirion, Tan y Gopa Road, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Peter Mead		The Council has reservations regarding the size of the proposed extensions to a property in open countryside/woodland
18.6.09	0/36080	Change of use of land extension to existing fencing, new fencing to enclose grass verge, construction of hardstanding for off road parking and dropping of kerb for access at 90 & 92 Towyn Road:2 Glan Dwr, Belgrano, Abergele	Mr David Owen		No objections, as problems have been experienced with children playing on the grass verges adjoining these properties

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 20.4.09 to 31.5.09

0/35815 Display of 2no. non-illuminated pole mounted hoarding signs at North Wales Business Park, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35821 Extension to rear of dwelling at 33 Heol Colwyn, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35844 Single storey extension to kitchen/diner at 2 Lon y Dail, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35847 Display of 2no. non-illuminated pole mounted signs at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/35859 Extension and alterations to dwelling, alterations to conservatory roof at Berain Cottage, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35868 Erection of conservatory at 20 Moor Park, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35885 Reduce 8no. Beech trees by 10% and fell 3no. Beech trees, fell 1no. Silver Birch, prune and shape 1no. group of Cherry trees and reduce 1no. Sycamore tree by 10% at The White House, St George, Abergele

Decision: Approved

0/35735 To side prune 1no. Oak tree at 39 Bryn Twr, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 20.4.09 to 31.5.09 (cont)

0/35861 Extension to dwelling at The Willows, Bryn Awel Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35864 Change of use from retail to A3 hot food takeaway shop at The Bridge House, Bridge Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35872 Removal of car wash and erection of building for MOT bay at Slaters Garage, Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35888 Two storey extension to dwelling at Dinorben, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35898 Change of use from A1 to A3 to allow for the sale of hot or cold food for consumption off the premises between 10.00hrs and 23.00hrs on any day and installation of an extractor flue at 1 Crown Bach, Bridge Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35906 To reduce 1no. Lime tree by 25% at Ty Derwen, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35907 To reduce 1no. Lime tree by 25% at Tirionfa, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
