

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

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### Attendance Register:

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith;

J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands;

J. Stubbs; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

Several members of the public

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### Apologies for Absence

a) Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs: M. Bird; J.E.H. Pitt; K.J. Sudlow

b) It was NOTED that members should submit apologies in advance for any meetings that they are unable to attend.

c) Members considered a proposal that information on attendance at meetings is published annually, as a separate summary of possible and actual attendances at Council and Committee meetings.

It was NOTED that this information is already in the public domain, as attendance is included on all the published minutes, and concern was expressed that it would not be possible to see any specific reasons for absence from a summary of attendance.

**The proposal was defeated by a vote of 4 in favour to 8 against.**

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### 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).

None were declared.

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### Minutes

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**

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### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Rights of Way -Min. 019/09(a)

A brief verbal update from the Clerk on progress regarding the ongoing efforts to get two paths included on the definitive map was NOTED:

(i) Path to Tower Hill

(ii) Gwrych Castle Path

b) Allotments – min. 019/09 (c)

Notes from a meeting held with Peter Harris, CCBC, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June were RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that CCBC is making efforts to find suitable land for allotments and that a request that the Secret Garden in Pentre Mawr be taken off the list of proposed sites is to be put before Cabinet.

**It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to request that the allotment need in Abergele is seen as a priority, due to the lack of any current facilities and the number on the waiting list.**

- c) Noise Reduction Measures on A55 – min 215/08 (f)  
A brief update from Darren Millar, AM, was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- d) Open Culvert near Turnberry Drive – min 066/09 (g)  
Cllr. S. Rowlands gave a brief verbal report on the recent site visit and an e-mail from Dyfed Rowlands confirming the action agreed was RECEIVED.  
**It was RESOLVED to write to Welsh Water to seek confirmation as to whether the watercourse is listed as a public sewer and, if so, to query why it is not covered.**
- e) Awel y Mor – 022/09  
A response from Alan Smith, CCBC, confirming that no decision has yet been taken regarding the sale/lease of the land was RECEIVED.  
**It was RESOLVED to write to the Secretary to the Cabinet and to each individual Cabinet Member, CCBC, to highlight the history of this land and request that it be kept in public ownership.**
- f) Conwy Deposit LDP – min 023/09 (b) (iii)  
It was NOTED that a receipt had been obtained for the 700+ representations submitted after the LDP Open Session at the Town Hall and that each would receive an acknowledgement to include details of the next stage of the consultation, which is expected to commence in September.
- g) Darren Millar AM- min 068/09 (a)  
It was NOTED that Darren Millar has agreed to attend a Special meeting of the Council on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

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**Correspondence**

To receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) Parking Restrictions  
Details of proposed changes to parking restrictions were RECEIVED from CCBC. It was NOTED that the requested amendments had been made and the proposals were supported.
- b) Digital Switchover  
Details of the switchover help scheme were RECEIVED.
- c) Benefits Advice Shop  
An invitation to attend the AGM was RECEIVED.  
It was NOTED that the B.A.S. is having more difficulty getting grants and that the County Councils have been cutting back their support.
- d) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales  
An invitation to the Clerk and two members of the Council to attend a

meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September to receive a presentation from the Boundary Commission was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that this review could have an impact on electoral divisions/wards and the number of councillors. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER nominating members to attend until the next meeting of this Committee.**

e) Additional Correspondence

- The following additional items of correspondence were RECEIVED:

(i) Play for Wales – Summer 09 (available from the Clerk)

(ii) Gwynedd Partnership

- An invitation to attend the stand at the National Eisteddfod in Bala

(iii) Local Council Update – July 2009

(iv) Ombudsman Annual Report 2008/09

(v) CVSC Circulation 78 – July 2009 (available from the Clerk)

**It was RESOLVED to renew the subscription for 2009/10 at a cost of £15.**

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**Meetings**

- The Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:

a) Parks and Play areas sub-committee, held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009

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**Matters Arising on those Minutes:**

a) Min. 115/09 – Abergele Rovers Football Club

**It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the sub-committee not to support the clubs request for temporary fencing and other development around the pitch in Pentre Mawr Park and instead to look into the feasibility of providing a dedicated facility elsewhere.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to Lyn Davies to request that the new posts are removed.**

b) Min. 117/09 (d) – Section 106 Monies

**It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the sub-committee that no decision is made regarding the use of these monies until the outcome of enquiries regarding availability of land is known.**

c) Min. 117/09 (f) – Estimates 2009/10

Members discussed the priorities for the agreed budget of £15,000, set aside for improvements to the park in 2009/10.

**It was RESOLVED to await the setting up of a Friends group for the park before agreeing the priorities for 2009/10.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to thank the pupils from the PACE programme at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan and Mark Earp and his team for the work done in the park last week.**

**Members were requested to submit any further ideas for improvements to the Parks and Play Areas sub-committee, for consideration.**

133/09 **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 no licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area for the period ending 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
16.7.09	0/36121	To reduce 1no. Yew and 1no. Holm Oak by 25%, crown lift to 5.6m 1no. Oak, 1no. Plum and 1no. Beech, to reduce by 25% and crown lift to 5.6m 1no. Holm Oak, to reduce 1no. Holly, crown lift 1no. Holm Oak to 2m, crown lift 1no. Yew tree to 3m, reduce 1no. stem by 25% on 1no. Ash, re-pollard 7no. Lime trees, side prune 1no. Dawn Redwood, remove 4no. Sycamore, 6 Ash and 1 Holm Oak tree at St George Graveyard, Church street, St George, Abergele	Rev S Griffiths		Endorse Tree Warden's observations - attached. Comprehensive Report from Tree Warden - filed with Planning App
16.7.09	0/36137	Erection of conservatory at 39 Coed Bedw, Abergele	Mr E Davies		No objections
16.7.09	0/36150	Conversion of garage into bedroom and study and porch extension at 6 Trem y Mor, Abergele	Mr A Holden		No objections
16.7.09	0/36153	Erection of replacement dwelling at Bryn Teg, Llanfiar Road, Abergele	Mr R Gilmore		No objections, but request application is referred to Tree Preservation Officer to ensure there will be no adverse impact on protected trees on the site.

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## SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 15.6.09 to 28.6.09

0/35778                    FOR INFORMATION  
Demolition of existing structures, site clearance, provision of 10 bedroomed country house hotel and managers accommodation extending to 2.5 storeys with ancillary store/drying room, car park and alteration to internal access track, restoration of walled garden, landscaping and installation of private treatment plant at Land at and adjoining Plas Uchaf, Llanfair Road, Abergele

Decision:                Approved with conditions

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0/35948                    Construction of garage at 1 Penrhos, Abergele

Decision;                Approved with conditions

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0/35963                    Alterations and change of use of ground floor from retail (A1) to Betting Shop (A2), installation of new shop front and fascia and 2no. air conditioning units to rear at 46 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele

Decision:                Approved with conditions

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0/35965                    Kitchen extension to existing dwelling at Arfon, Gele Avenue, Abergele

Decision:                Approved with conditions

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0/36035                    Conversion of and extension to building to form a holiday home (Listed Building Consent) at Glan Aber, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision:                Withdrawn

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