

# **Abergele Town Council**

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

371/09 **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; R.D. Peacock;

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

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

Several Visitors to the Council – see Min. 379/09

372/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs

373/09 **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).

None were declared.

374/09 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

375/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 311/09(a)

(i) A copy of the informal notes from a meeting between Cllrs. M. Medicott, A. Wood and Haf Williams, CCBC, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 were RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that no further progress had been made as yet with the two outstanding requests for creation orders.

(ii) **It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the two recommendations made at that meeting, i.e.**

1. **That the Council applies for grant assistance from Conwy Rural Partnership to fund improvements to FP10,21,24 & 25 and produce 5,000 walks leaflets and an interpretation panel to promote these walks.**

2. **That the Council continues in its efforts to get the additional path(s) and footbridge(s) to Tower Hill and the driveway to Gwrych Castle added to the Definitive Map, to enable them to be included in future walks leaflets.**

b) Awel y Mor – Min. 311/09(c)

Cllrs. B.C. Roberts, R.G. Waters and the Clerk gave a brief report from the site meeting held at Llys y Coed Extra Care Housing Scheme in Llanfairfechan on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

It was NOTED that the Members had been pleasantly surprised at the quality of the accommodation provided at Llys y Coed, but that there were a number of questions which remain unanswered

- c) Conwy Deposit LDP – Min. 311/09(d)  
A response from the LDP Officer, Stan Yates, to a request to meet with the appointed Planning Consultants was RECEIVED.  
It was NOTED that workshops will be held with County Council Members, but that Town & Community Councillors will not be invited.  
**It was RESOLVED to reply to state the disappointment of this Council that it cannot be represented and to ask the County Councillors to keep this Council fully informed.**  
**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request that Darren Millar, AM, asks if the Welsh Assembly would consider it to be reasonable to use an average of the last 15 years' migration data (and not 5 years as at present) to project inward migration and therefore population and household needs for the next 15 years.**
- d) Abergele Foreshore Erosion – Min. 311/09(g)  
A response from the Environment Service regarding the scope and timetable for the feasibility study was RECEIVED and NOTED.  
**It was RESOLVED to ask for a copy of the report from the study as soon as possible, as this may have implications for the larger Halcrow shoreline management study.**
- e) Rural Business and Community Asset Project – Min. 200/09(i)  
**It was RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda, due to the ongoing absence of Cllr. J.A. MacLennan.**
- f) CCBC Environmental Champions – Min. 312/09(b)  
Members considered the nomination of an Environmental Champion (deferred at the last meeting).  
**It was RESOLVED to nominate Councillors S. Rowlands and A. Wood as the Environmental Champions for Abergele.**
- g) Youth Liaison Forum, Area 1  
It was NOTED that Cllr. J. Stubbs was unfortunately unable to attend the recent meeting, held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

376/09

**Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Planning Aid Wales Newsletter – November 2009
- b) Gwrych Castle Preservation Trust – Christmas message
- c) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
- (i) Disability Wales Board of Directors – inviting applications for Appointed Member(s)

- (ii) Planning Portal News – report on housing needs for the elderly
- (iii) Correspondence from a resident of Kinmel Avenue regarding planning application 0/36471 – change of use of the existing doctors' surgery to a 'learning disability centre'.  
**It was RESOLVED to forward the letter to the Planning Officer and to request that a reply be sent to explain to the residents of Kinmel Avenue that more than one planning application can be submitted for a property and that each would remain valid until such time as one is implemented (with a copy of the reply sent to the Town Council, for information).**
- (iv) CVSC Training – An introduction to Welsh politics and the basics of campaigning.
- (v) British Red Cross – Notification of its intention to sell properties 1,2 and 3 Church Street, Abergele.  
**It was RESOLVED to seek advice from Hywel Davies of Howell Jones & Co Solicitors and to REFER this matter to the Executive Committee, with authority to respond by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**  
It was NOTED that the Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae, would liaise with Darren Millar, Assembly Member, to issue a press release to ensure the public are made aware of these proposals.

377/09 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:
  - a) The Heritage Sub-Committee, held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009
  - b) The Community Care Sub-Committee, held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009

378/09 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

- a) Heritage Sub-Committee
  - (i) Heritage Style Lamp Columns – Min. 344/09(a)(iv)  
**It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendation that the Council writes to Stuart Davies, Joint Head of Highways and Infrastructure, with a copy to Andrew Kirkham, Head of Finance, detailing this Council's intended financial commitment towards the Heritage Lighting Scheme, as detailed below, to help secure funding from CCBC for 2010/11 and 2011/12:**  
**2009/10 - £18,000 already committed**  
**2010/11 - £18,000 to be committed**  
**2011/12 – remainder, estimated at £20,000, to be committed.**
  - (ii) Photographs and Other Memorabilia – Min. 344/09(b)  
- The resolutions of the sub-committee were NOTED.
- b) Community Care Sub-Committee
  - (i) Terms of Reference  
**It was RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Community Care Sub-Committee**

(ii) The concerns / queries put to Sue Hibbert, the CCBC Project Manager for Awel y Mor, were NOTED.

(iii) Members considered the recommendation that Edwina Hart, Minister for Health, be invited to visit the Town Hall in February, when she will be in Abergele to formally open the new Doctors Surgery. Several members were concerned that the Council would need a good reason to invite her to visit.

**It was RESOLVED to request that the Clerk makes an informal enquiry, thanking Edwina Hart for her involvement in Abergele Hospital and the new Doctors' Surgery and asking if she would be willing/able to visit.**

- several visitors to the Council arrived at this juncture.

379/09 **Christmas Window Competition**

**It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders whilst The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae, announced the winners of this year's Christmas Window Competition, as follows:**

**First Place – Cariad Bride**

**Second Place – Star Video**

**Third Place – E.G. Hughes & Co, Accountants**

**Certificates and prizes were then presented to those shopkeepers who were able to be present.**

**It was then RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders and the visitors retired from the meeting.**

380/09 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

a) Planning Applications:

(i) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as detailed 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 2 week period to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The Meeting Closed at 8.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

## Abergele Town Council

### Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
17.12.09	0/36486	Installation of 84cm painted grey satellite dish on galvanised steel brackets at 46 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele	SIS (William Hill)	No objections	
17.12.09	0/36505	Erection of agricultural building (Agricultural Prior Approval) at Kinmel Home Farm, St George, Abergele	The Trustees of Hetty Fetherstonhaugh's Fund	No objections	
17.12.09	0/36506	Erection of detached bungalow and construction of means of access (Outline Application) at land adjacent to 43 Coed Bedw, Abergele	Mr I Merrison	The Council is of the opinion that this site could take a bungalow, but the position of the bungalow and driveway/garage, must have regard to neighbouring properties and visibility issues.	
17.12.09	0/36519	Single storey extension to dwelling at 1 Marford Drive, Abergele	Mrs Blackwell	No objections	
17.12.09	0/36543	Re-grading of caravan/tent site levels at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road, Abergele	Mr R Arrowsmith	No objections	

# Abergele Town Council

## SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 16.11.09 to 13.12.09

0/36355                      Erection of conservatory and ramped wheelchair access at 44 Clifton Rise, Abergele.

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

---

0/36363                      Extension to dwelling (amended scheme to that approved under code ref 0/24919) at Bryngwenallt Hall, Llanfair Road, Abergele.

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

---

0/36246                      Proposed demolition of existing doctors surgery and construction of three storey offices (B1 office and A2 financial/professional services) at The Surgery, Kinmel Avenue, Abergele.

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

---

0/36392                      Erection of garage (part retrospective) at Tan y Bryn Lodge, Ffordd y Berth, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

---