

# **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> September 2009 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

195/09 **Attendance Register:**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

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

R.D. Peacock; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

196/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow

197/09 **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.

198/09 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

199/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way

(i) A further update from the CCBC Rights of Way Officer estimating the work required to the footpath near Tower Hill to bring it up to the required standard before a creation order could be considered was RECEIVED.

(ii) It was NOTED that no further update had been received regarding the request for a Modification Order to safeguard the paths to Gwrych Castle.

(iii) Information about an Improved Access and Rights of Way project was RECEIVED.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Project Officer to query whether the funding (£3,000) available under this project could be used towards the work required to the path to Tower Hill, along with £1,500 towards the costs of including this walk in an Abergele walks leaflet.

It was NOTED that the Officer will be meeting with a Rights of Way and Countryside Officer on 28<sup>th</sup> September to discuss this further.

b) WREN Grant – Floodlights in Pentre Mawr Park

It was NOTED that the official ‘switch-on’ took place in July, the completion report has been submitted to WREN and the grant proceeds have now been received. Signs (re: switch-off time) have been ordered and should be fitted shortly.

c) Reinstatement of Front Wall – Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan – Min. 019/09(b)

- An acknowledgement of the ongoing concerns of this Council and a

request for a site meeting with the Principal Buildings Surveyor, CCBC, was RECEIVED.

**It was RESOLVED that Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; R.G. Waters and A. Wood would attend the meeting, with the date to be arranged by the Clerk.**

- d) Approved Premises Licence – Min. 067/09(a)  
A response to the request for a refund of the licence fee paid was RECEIVED and considered.  
**It was RESOLVED to accept the offer of a partial refund of the fee paid and proceed to cancel the licence.**
- e) Allotment Provision – Min. 129/09(b)  
A brief update on the progress made by CCBC to date in the search for suitable allotment land in the Abergele area was RECEIVED.
- f) Noise Reduction Measures on the A55 – Min. 129/09(c)  
It was NOTED that the findings of the feasibility study into noise reduction measures is expected shortly.
- g) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 067/09(d)  
It was NOTED that Peter Adderley, CCBC, will be attending a meeting of the Heritage Sub-Committee, now rescheduled to take place at 6.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, to discuss the proposed scheme.  
**It was RESOLVED to ask Peter Adderley if he could provide an estimate of the costs to add the Town Council's logo to the new columns.**
- h) River Gele – Min. 067/09(i)  
(i) Copies of the responses received by Darren Millar from the Environment Agency and CCBC were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that CCBC had secured the assistance of the Probation team in carrying out a monthly litter pick of the Gele.  
**It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to seek clarification of the extent of the River to be included in the litter pick, with a recommendation that it covers the stretch of river from Highfield Park in the south to the bridge by the schools / Threeways.**  
  
(ii) Details from the Environment Agency of a scheme to reduce the level of flood risk from the Afon Gele were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- i) Open Culvert nr. Turnberry Drive – Min. 129/09(d)  
Further responses were RECEIVED from:  
(i) Dyfed Rowlands, CCBC  
It was NOTED that maintenance works had been scheduled and were due for completion shortly.  
(ii) Welsh Water  
It was NOTED with concern that there was still some confusion over who was responsible for the watercourse, with Welsh Water stating that “the problematic culvert is not identified as a publically owned and maintained apparatus” and it is not therefore under their jurisdiction.

- j) Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 022/09  
A response to the query regarding the existence of clauses / conditions restricting the use of Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED and considered. It was RESOLVED to check the Council's records to see if a copy of the original conveyance is held and, if not, to request a copy from CCBC, to include any associated map(s).
- k) Friends of Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 026/09(c)(vi)  
It was NOTED that the public meeting regarding the setting up of a friends type group for the park will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

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**Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd – Annual Report 2008-09  
- copy available on request from the Clerk.
- b) Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2008-09  
- **It was RESOLVED to REFER this document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for scrutiny.**
- c) Conwy Local Health Board  
- Invitation to attend Annual General Meeting
- d) Environment Agency Wales – Director's Bulletin Summer 09
- e) Planning Portal  
- Notice that the WAG has launched a review of the planning application process.
- f) North Wales Police  
- Notice of neighbourhood meetings for Abergele and Pensarn
- g) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales  
- Invitation to Annual Meeting and Workshop event.  
**Members were requested to advise the Clerk if they wished to attend.**
- h) Joint Abergele Schools Travel Plan Committee  
- Notification of meeting which took place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.  
It was NOTED that Cllrs. R.M. Medicott and R.D. Peacock had attended the meeting and that the Council had been asked to appoint representatives to attend future meetings.  
**It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medicott; and J. Stubbs as the representatives of this Council for future meetings.**
- i) Rural Business and Community Asset Project  
Workshop by Planning Aid Wales regarding development of community managed properties.  
It was NOTED that Cllr. J.A. MacLennan hoped to attend.

- j) CCBC – Requests for Temporary Traffic Regulations:
- (i) A rolling road closure for the annual Remembrance Parade  
**It was RESOLVED to query whether the Royal British Legion is reverting to it's former parade route along Water Street.**
  - (ii) Carriageway closure at Bridge Street
- k) Local Councils Update
- (i) Issue 119 – Sept 09
  - (ii) **It was RESOLVED not to renew subscription to Local Councils Update, due to the increasing number of articles which are not relevant in Wales.**
- l) One Voice Wales
- (i) Notice of next area meeting  
It was NOTED that Cllrs. J.A. MacLennan and R.G. Waters hope to attend.
  - (ii) Notice of motions for debate at the AGM
  - (iii) Updated list of Councillor Training Schedule  
**Members were reminded to contact the Clerk if they wished to take up this opportunity for training.**
  - (iv) Notice of a consultation event on proposals for a charge on single use carrier bags, which took place on 10/9/09.  
- Members were generally in support of this initiative.
  - (v) Notice of free places made available to Town and Community Councils to attend a workshop on Fostering Sustainable Behaviour Change  
It was NOTED that the Clerk had attended the workshop and found that it offered a great deal of practical advice to community based organisations who wished to take action to encourage sustainable behaviour within their communities.  
A copy of a consultation paper issued by the Welsh Assembly Government entitled “Climate Change Strategy: Consultation on a Programme of Action” was distributed at the workshop.  
**It was RESOLVED to REFER this document to the Local Government Sub-Committee, with delegated authority to respond by the closing date of 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**
  - (vi) Notice of advertisements for a variety of public appointments
- m) North Wales Play Association – notice of seminar  
It was NOTED that Cllr. Jean Stubbs would attend.
- n) Two-storey Refuges and the SPACE Programme  
- An offer by Cllr Dr Stuart Anderson to address the Council, if invited, was relayed to the Council by Cllr. Sam Rowlands.  
**It was RESOLVED to invite Cllr. Anderson to attend a future meeting to give a brief presentation.**
- o) Urgent Correspondence  
-The following additional items of correspondence were RECEIVED:
- (i) N.W. Technology Park – a brief update on progress with development / lettings, including concerns that the proposed pharmacy has been deferred, due to planning concerns regarding the design of the building.
  - (ii) CCBC Schools Modernisation Project  
- A request that the Council appoints a representative to attend the

forthcoming stakeholder meeting(s) regarding local schools.

**It was RESOLVED that the appointed representative of this Council to the relevant schools' governing bodies should attend and report back.**

(iii) Mediaeval Fair

- A brief verbal report received from Jeanette Dew was relayed to the Council. It was NOTED that anyone interested in helping to arrange a similar event in future is requested to contact Jeanette directly to offer their assistance and support.

201/09 **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 no licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area for the period 31/8 to 11/9/09.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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## Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
17.9.09	0/36271	Retention of fence at Devonia, 4 Dundonald Avenue, Abergele	Miss A J Hughes		Concerns that the fence as constructed is out of character with the surrounding conservation area.
17.9.09	0/36284	Demolition of the existing garage, utility and wc, erection of a new single storey side extension to dwelling at Derlwyn, 3 Seafield Drive, Belgrano	Mr & Mrs Brownsword		No objections

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## SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 10/08/09 to 23/08/09

0/36105                      Extension to dwelling at 26 Heol Awel, Abergele

Decision:                      Approved with conditions

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