

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 18th February 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

467/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies (see Min.472/09(b)); J.A. MacLennan;

R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands;

J. Stubbs; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

468/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.D. Mortimer; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow

469/09 **Disclosure of Interest**

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

None were declared.

470/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 21st January 2010.

471/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 311/09(a)(i)

(i) Members received and considered a letter from Darren Millar, AM, outlining the reason(s) why CCBC has not pursued the request to add the path(s) to Tower Hill to the Definitive Map.

Cllr. R.M. Medicott informed members that the paths were originally sections of an ancient coaching route from St. George.

It was RESOLVED to continue the efforts to get the two paths added to the Definitive Map and that the Clerk requests that Vicky Currie and Caroline Turner, CCBC Rights of Way, visit the Council as soon as possible to view the paths/footbridges and discuss what action would be required to bring these up to the standard required for a Creation Order to be pursued.

(ii) It was NOTED that a meeting with Caroline and Vicky had also been requested to discuss the paths to Gwrych Castle, following information on ownership which was forwarded to Rights of Way in November.

(iii) It was NOTED that work on the walks map/leaflet was progressing well and that details were awaited from Highways regarding the cost for the maintenance/improvement work required, before the grant application could be submitted.

- (iv) Cllr. R. M. Medlicott gave brief details of the Abergele walk for Conwy Walking Week 2010, which is an 8 mile walk to Moelfre, taking place on 5th July 2010, and it was NOTED that any maintenance issues on the paths will be looked at prior to the walk.
- b) Noise Reduction Measures on the A55 – Min.199/09(f)
A brief update was RECEIVED from the North Wales Trunk Road Agency, confirming that “modelling for prospective sites (including Abergele) is almost complete” and that “a great deal of further work is required before finalising each scheme”.
- c) Access to Play Area at Lôn Glanfor – Min. 311/09(b)
It was NOTED that the third and final access into the play area is to be made up with tarmac.
- d) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 427/09(c)
An e-mail response from Andrew Kirkham, CCBC, confirming that this is being considered as a priority scheme, was NOTED.
- e) Awel y Môr – Min. 378/09(b)(ii)
(i) A brief written response from Sue Hibbert (Project Manager, CCBC) to the queries/concerns raised about the proposed redevelopment of Awel y Môr at the last meeting of the Community Care Sub-Committee, held in December, was RECEIVED and considered.
Members expressed ongoing concerns about the memorials/urns in the grounds of Awel y Môr and about the proposed term of the lease (999 years).
It was NOTED that stakeholders will be notified shortly about a consultation on the proposed redevelopment.
- (ii) A copy of a response forwarded by Cllr. Tim Rowlands regarding a specific memorial plaque was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to write to advise Sue Hibbert that the removal/re-siting of any memorials/urns needs to be handled sympathetically and to request that she arranges a meeting at Awel y Môr with past Matron, Mrs Dorothy Groombridge, and the current Manager to find out what memorials are in the grounds and whether any register is held so that the families concerned can be contacted to seek their permission for re-siting these (legal advice may also be necessary).
- f) Conwy Revised Deposit LDP – Min. 375/09(c)
(i) It was NOTED that the timetable for the preparation of the Conwy LDP has now been revised and agreed by the Welsh Assembly.
- (ii) It was NOTED that details of LDP ‘Candidate sites’ were forwarded by e-mail or post to members, for information, on 22 January 2010.
It was RESOLVED to invite Peter Lloyd, Planning Consultant, to attend a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the ‘Candidate’ sites, along with those already proposed, in preparation for a meeting with CCBC Members in March, at which this Council will be able to send representative(s) to make comment.

- (iii) A letter of update from CCBC, along with a copy of the recent LDP newsletter, was RECEIVED.
- (iv) Correspondence between Peter Lloyd and Planning Officers regarding the omission in Conwy's Representation Report of the objections of Abergele Town Council to the two housing sites, the gypsy traveller site and the bypass was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to state the concerns of this Council about this serious omission, and to question whether an addendum detailing the omissions would meet the spirit of Regulation 19, suggesting that a revised version of the original report would be preferred.

- (v) A response from Jane Davidson, AM, to Darren Millar's query about household projections was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to query whether two Members of this Council (Cllrs. R.G. Waters and A. Wood) are able attend the seminar to be held in Llandudno Junction of 18 March regarding household projection methodology.

- g) Pentre Mawr Park Improvements – Min. 311/09(f)(iv)

- (i) An e-mail from Lyn Davies regarding the next phase of the perimeter path was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that there is approximately 540 metres of pathway required to complete the perimeter path, with Tidy Towns providing funding for approximately 180 metres of pathway and Abergele Town Council/CCBC funding 360 metres.

It was RESOLVED to ask again whether cabling or a conduit for cabling could be installed at the same time, to allow for a future lighting project for this section of path.

- (ii) Cllr. A. Wood gave a brief verbal report from a meeting of the Friends of Abergele Parklands, held earlier today.

It was NOTED that a site meeting had taken place in the Park prior to the meeting.

Thanks were expressed for the funds from the Town Council towards improvements to the Secret Garden and the Friends were considering the feasibility of opening up the toilets in the pavilion for public use.

- h) Visit by Edwina Hart – Min. 427/09(g)

- (i) Members were reminded that Edwina Hart would be making a brief visit to the Town Hall at 12 noon on Thursday 25th February, prior to the official opening of Gwrych Medical Centre.

It was NOTED that the Mayor would present the Minister with a plaque on behalf of the Council, to thank her for her involvement and support for both the medical centre and Abergele Hospital.

- (ii) An invitation to members to attend the official opening of Gwrych Medical Centre was RECEIVED and members were asked to inform the Clerk if they are able to attend.

- i) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils

- (i) A copy of the Minutes was RECEIVED and Cllrs. R.G. Waters and B.C. Roberts gave a brief verbal report on the recent meeting.

(ii) Community Toilet Scheme

It was NOTED that Cllr. Brian Bertola of Llandudno Town Council had expressed concern that Abergele Town Council had not got involved in the scheme, which was operating successfully in Llandudno. A letter and other information on the scheme was RECEIVED from Cllr. Bertola. A discussion took place on the merits of the scheme, with concern expressed about a possible lack of disabled facilities should the public conveniences in the town subsequently close.

It was felt that it was not the duty of this Council to promote the scheme to local businesses and that this should be done by CCBC.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter indefinitely, unless a Member can come forward with evidence of need and interest from local business(es).

j) One Voice Wales

Cllr. R.G. Waters gave a brief verbal report from the Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee meeting held on 26th January. It was NOTED that Age Concern will be looking at each town regarding the needs of the elderly and that One Voice Wales will be assisting to co-ordinate liaison between town and community councils and their relevant local authorities regarding the production of community strategies.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

a) The County Borough of Conwy (Various Roads Abergele) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2010

(i) A copy of the notice which has appeared in the local press

(ii) A request for parking restrictions to be introduced on Dundonald Avenue, between Kinmel Avenue and the entrance to the park.

It was RESOLVED to write to support the new Order and to mention this late request, although it was NOTED it may be too late to include this.

b) One Voice Wales – Sustainable Development Survey

A request by One Voice Wales to appoint one or two members to champion sustainable development was NOTED.

No members were interested in undertaking this role.

- Cllr. G.P. Davies arrived at this juncture.

c) Play Wales

It was NOTED that a copy of the members' e-bulletin for February is available from the Clerk.

d) Conwy Voluntary Services Council

-An invitation to attend a Play Strategy Stakeholder Seminar

e) North Wales Society for the Blind

It was NOTED that a copy of 127th Annual Report and accounts for year ending 31/3/2009 available on request from the Clerk.

- f) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) CCBC – notification of an Environmental Action Day in Maes Canol
 - (ii) Post Office – notification of a temporary branch closure (Pensarn)
 - (iii) CCBC – Request for temporary traffic regulation for a rolling road closure for Abergele Carnival.

473/09 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

It was NOTED that there have been no meetings of any sub-committees during the past month.

474/09 **Planning / Licensing Matters**

- a) Planning Applications:
 - The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as detailed on that schedule.
- b) Planning Enforcement
 - (i) Details of a complaint about advertisements and an initial response from the Enforcement Officer were RECEIVED and NOTED.
 - (ii) An update regarding modifications to the flue at a property on Bridge Street was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c) Planning Decisions
 - The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- d) Licensing Applications
 - It was NOTED that there were no licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area for the period 1st to 12th February 2010.

The Meeting Closed at 8:30 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
18.02.10	0/36643	Variation of Condition No.2 of planning permission granted under Code Ref. 0/31697 to allow for revised external materials and omission of areas of flat roofs at St David's Church, South Parade, Pensarn, Abergele	Abergele Parochial Church Council		No objections
18.02.10	0/36654	Change of use of land to include extension to curtilage of dwelling, construction of hard-standing, construction of steps and re-building of retaining wall at 53 Bryn Castell, Abergele.	Mr G Sewell		No observations
18.02.10	0/36667	Extension to dwelling and new boundary wall at Bryanston, St George Road, Abergele	Mr B Hughes		No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 11.01.2010 to 24.01.2010

0/36519 Single storey extension to dwelling at 1 Marford Drive, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36543 Re-grading of caravan / tent site levels at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road,
Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
