

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

520/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; P.D. Meredith; R.M. Medlicott; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt;

B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

521/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J.D. Mortimer; K.J. Sudlow

522/09 **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.

523/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18th February 2010

524/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 471/09(a)

Members received and considered the notes from a recent meeting with Vicky Currie and Caroline Turner, Rights of Way, CCBC, regarding:

(i) Paths to Tower Hill

(ii) Former highway from Tan y Fron Road past the hospital

(iii) Driveway to Gwrych Castle

It was NOTED that no further information had been received from Rights of Way since the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Rights of Way to request a further update on all three matters.

b) Awel y Môr – Min. 471/09(e)

(i) Members received and considered a further response from Sue Hibbert, CCBC, regarding the memorials in the grounds of Awel y Môr.

It was NOTED that a project board meeting had been held last week and that Sue Hibbert had been instructed to contact Mrs Groombridge

It was RESOLVED to contact Sue Hibbert to confirm this.

(ii) A letter regarding the forthcoming consultation with stakeholders on the remodelling/rebuild of Awel y Môr was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to await the consultation document, which it is understood will contain several options for the building work.

c) Conwy Revised LDP – Min. 471/09(f)

- (i) Members received and considered a response to the concerns of this Council about omissions in the Representations Report.
It was NOTED that 'Part 2' of the Representations Report is to be published, which will include full details of this Council's duly made representations.
 - (ii) Cllrs R.G. Waters and A. Wood gave a brief verbal presentation on the WAG Household Projections seminar held earlier today. It was NOTED that a lot of data is used to calculate the projections using a complex mathematical model.
 - (iii) A brief e-mail update was received from Cllr. T. Rowlands, confirming the decision of Cabinet on 22nd February to omit the Gypsy Traveller Site Search Area from the LDP.
 - (iv) It was NOTED that a Special Meeting of CCBC will be held on 9 April to discuss the findings from the review of the LDP undertaken by Barker Associates.
- d) Beach Erosion at Pensarn – Min. 375/09(d)
It was NOTED that no response had been received to the letter sent on 23rd December to CCBC to request a copy of the feasibility report, despite reminders in January, February and March.
It was RESOLVED to write to Tony Mead, Chairman of the East Promenade Consultative Group, and to the Chief Executive, CCBC, to request a response.
- e) Pentre Mawr Park Improvements – Min. 471/09(g)
- (i) A brief written summary of the work done to date by the Friends was RECEIVED from Cllr. A. Wood.
It was NOTED that officers from CCBC, including Lyn Davies and Mark Earp, were providing a lot of help to the group.
 - (ii) A copy of a request list sent to CCBC by Cllr. A. Wood, on behalf of the Friends was RECEIVED.
 - (iii) It was NOTED that work on the next stage of the perimeter path had commenced and that it was hoped to complete the final section in the early summer, subject to the availability of finance. It was FURTHER NOTED that ducting for possible future lighting of the path had been laid as part of this work.
It was RESOLVED to carry forward the £10,000 set aside in the budget for 2009/10 to enable this project to be completed in 2010/11.
 - (iv) A response from Peter Adderley, Street Lighting Officer, CCBC, giving estimated costs for possible lighting solutions for the perimeter path was NOTED.
 - (v) It was NOTED that the possibility of the Army Cadets erecting a meeting hut on part of the car park area had arisen again.
Cllr. T. Rowlands agreed to find out more about this and report back.
- f) Planning Enforcement Matters – Min. 474/09(b)
- (i) Property in Chapel Street
A brief update was RECEIVED from the CCBC Planning Enforcement Officer, confirming that the business owner was currently out of the country, but that a request had been made for the grilles to be removed.

- g) CCBC (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2010
A response from CCBC to the request for an additional stretch of Dundonald Avenue to be included in the Order was NOTED, confirming that this had been received too late in the process and would have to wait until the next Order was being prepared.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Pensarn Post Office Refurbishment
- Notice of completion of the refurbishment works
- b) Planning Aid Wales Newsletter – February 2010
- c) Sanctuary Trust – letter of introduction
- d) Conwy Voluntary Services Council
- Details of an on-line questionnaire
- e) CCBC Highways – Notice of a request for a rolling road closure for the CYTUN Palm Sunday parade.
- f) CCBC (A548 Llanfair Road Abergele) (40mph Speed Limit) (Amendment) Order 2010
- A copy of the notice regarding the amendment Order, required due to the inaccuracy of the measurements on the original order.
- g) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
- (i) One Voice Wales
- Notice of the next Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee meeting, to be held on Tuesday 23rd March.
- (ii) St Michael's Church House
- Notice of an open meeting to discuss the future of Church House. The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae, urged her fellow members to attend this important meeting.
- (iii) CCBC – Notice of a Planning Appeal in respect of application ref: 0/35995 for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as extension to curtilage of dwelling at 53 Bryn Castell, Abergele.
- (iv) Cytun Conwy County Borough – notice of a combined choir performance of "The Crucifixion" in Llandudno on Palm Sunday.

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Sub-Committee Minutes

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

- a) The Heritage Sub-Committee, held on 15th March 2010

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Matters Arising on Those Minutes:

- a) Min. 518/09 – Heritage Lamp Column Scheme
- Members considered the update on the Heritage Lamp Column Scheme,

as detailed in the Minutes. It was NOTED that the latest CCBC designs for the scheme showed a total of 56 new columns would be needed to replace the columns falling within the Abergele Conservation Area on Rhuddlan Road, Market Street, Water Street and Chapel Street, at an estimated cost to this Council of £1,300 per column (totalling £72,800). In April 2010, the Council will have £36,000 earmarked towards this project.

It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendations of the Heritage Sub-Committee that:

- (i) The Clerk is asked to approach WREN and the Conservation Officer, CCBC Planning Service, to enquire about the possibility of grant funding towards the scheme.**
 - (ii) The Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee is asked to look at the impact of the proposed relocation of lamp columns on the Christmas lighting scheme.**
 - (iii) Once the response to (i) and (ii) above is known, a decision is taken on the timing of the works.**
- b) Min. 518/09(b) – Photographs and other Memorabilia
- (i) It was NOTED that efforts are still underway to collect photographs of the past Mayors from 1974-1982.
 - (ii) It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendation that the Clerk arranges for the four medals, photograph and British Legion membership card belonging to Abergele resident, Edith McLaren, to be framed in a box-style frame for display in main corridor.**
 - (iii) It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the recommendation for the purchase of two framed display boards with glass doors and red felt backing, together with the reframing/felting of the existing notice board in the main corridor to match, providing that the cost of these falls within the £500 set aside in the budget for 2010/11.**

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Planning / Licensing Matters

- a) Planning Applications:
Members considered and concluded the planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) Planning Decisions
The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) Licensing Applications
It was NOTED that the following licensing applications had recently been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area:
 - (i) T.E.N. for Hesketh House, Bridge Street, on 28/3/10 from 12:00 to 16:30 for the sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment.
 - (ii) A Premises Licence for Hesketh House, Bridge Street, to operate on Sun-Thurs from 09:00 to 23:00 and Fri/Sat from 09:00 to 00:00, for the sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment.

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
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04.03.10	0/36689	Display of 1no. illuminated fascia sign at 52 Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele.	Mr S Taylor & Mr S Darbey		No objections
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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 22.02.10 to 07.03.10

036613 Installation of 2 replacement gable windows (amended design) in rear elevation. Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission 0/34902

Decision: Approved with conditions
