

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 21st January 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

423/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Chairman)

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; T. Rowlands;

K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

A member of the public

424/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from the following Members:

Cllrs: M. Bond; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs

425/09 **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).

426/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 17th December 2009.

427/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 375/09(a)

It was NOTED that:

(i) A meeting with Rights of Way Officers to discuss the Creation Orders for two footpaths has been requested.

(ii) A further meeting is to be arranged to progress the grant application for footpath improvements and walks leaflets.

(iii) A response will be received shortly from Darren Millar, AM

b) Noise Reduction Measures on the A55 – Min. 199/09(f)

It was NOTED that a copy of the feasibility study report has again been requested from the NW Trunk Road Agency, via a Highways Officer in Gwynedd Council and that Darren Millar, AM, is also chasing this.

c) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 378/09(a)

A response from the Head of Highways, via Peter Adderley, was RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to chase a response from the Head of Finance, CCBC

d) Conwy Revised Deposit LDP – Min. 375/09(c)

(i) County Councillor Tim Rowlands gave a brief verbal report on the recent workshop held between County Councillors and the Consultants, Bakers. It was NOTED that the lower housing option voted through last year by Members of CCBC had thrown the LDP out of balance and that

the Consultants had also been asked to look at inward migration projections. A further workshop is to be held on 2nd February.

(ii) It was NOTED that Darren Millar, AM, has raised the question about the data range used for population projections with the new Local Government Minister, Carl Sergeant, and is awaiting a response.

e) Friends of Abergele Parklands – Min. 311/09(f)(iv)

(i) A response from Lyn Davies regarding the completion of the perimeter pathway was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the next stage of the pathway (360 metres) is expected to cost approximately £15,000, with the shortfall being funded by CCBC from S.106 monies.

(ii) Cllrs. R.M. Medicott and A. Wood gave a brief verbal report on the recent meeting of the Friends. A copy of the list of priorities for Pentre Mawr Park, as agreed by the Friends, was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the group hope to receive a small grant from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd and that the Rugby Club is currently looking for grants to improve the pavilion and open up the toilets for public use.

f) CCBC Environmental Champions

It was NOTED that the nominations for both Cllr. S. Rowlands and Cllr. A. Wood as Environmental Champions for Abergele have been accepted by CCBC.

g) Abergele Medical Centre – Min. 378/09(b)(iii)

(i) It was NOTED that the informal invitation to the Health Minister to visit the Council whilst in Abergele for the official opening of the new surgery had been accepted and that Edwina Hart would be visiting the Council at 12 noon on Thursday 25th February.

It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Clerk and the Mayor to make any arrangements for this visit.

(ii) Members considered concerns about the bus services to and from the new surgery, following a telephone call from a member of the Abergele Surgery Action Group.

It was NOTED that Highways had confirmed that only the Town Service (43) would initially be stopping at the bus stop inside the Business Park and that Arriva had so far refused to do so, on the grounds that it would throw out their timetabling for the no.12 and 13 services.

It was FURTHER NOTED that Darren Millar, AM, had arranged a meeting with Bob Saxby, CCBC, on 22nd January to try to find a solution and that attempts were also being made by CCBC to introduce a temporary speed limit reduction on the section of road leading up to the Business Park.

h) The Surgery, Kinmel Avenue – Min. 376/09(c)(iv)

A copy of the response sent to the concerned neighbour regarding the planning applications made recently for the surgery site was RECEIVED and NOTED.

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils
 - (i) Notice of the next meeting and Agenda
It was NOTED that Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan, B.C. Roberts and R.G. Waters hoped to attend.
 - (ii) Minutes of the last meeting, held on 16th October - copy available from the Clerk.

- b) Conwy Youth Service
- Notice of new appointment and the current timetable for Area 1

- c) Crest Co-operative Ltd
It was RESOLVED to agree to the request to deliver a presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

- d) One Voice Wales
 - (i) It was NOTED that the Larger Local Councils Forum met on Wednesday 20th January in Llandrindod Wells and that a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting is available from the Clerk. Cllr. R.G. Waters gave a brief verbal report on the meeting, which had not been made an 'official' meeting, due to poor attendance and adverse weather conditions in South Wales.
A copy of a statement issued by the past Local Government Minister, Brian Gibbons, was RECEIVED and it was NOTED that One Voice Wales had been working hard on behalf of Town and Community Councils across Wales to seek the implementation of some of the recommendations of the Aberystwyth study, completed some 7 years ago. The election of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Larger Local Councils Forum was deferred until the next meeting.
 - (ii) Notice of the next meeting of the Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee, to be held on 26th January 2010, was RECEIVED and it was NOTED that a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting was available from the Clerk.

- e) Property in Chapel Street
A letter from a concerned resident regarding a shop in Chapel Street was discussed.
It was NOTED that the Mayor had brought this matter to the attention of the Clerk immediately before Christmas and that an enquiry had been submitted to a CCBC Planning Enforcement Officer, who had written to the owner of the shop and was awaiting a response.
It was RESOLVED to reply to the concerned resident to inform her of the action taken to date.

- f) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) Government Equalities Office – notice of a Public Leaders Course
 - (ii) One Voice Wales – notice of a public appointment to the Care Council for Wales

(iii) Clerks & Councils Direct January 2010 – issue 67
- copy available on request from the Clerk

429/09 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

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

430/09 **Planning / Licensing Applications**

a) Planning Applications:

(i) Members considered and concluded the planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.

(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 for the Abergele area have been listed on the website by C.C.B.C. during the past two weeks.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
21.01.10	0/36612	Installation of 2 replacement gable windows (amended design) in rear elevation. Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission 0/34901 (Listed Building Consent) at The Kinmel Arms, Church Street, St George, Abergele	Mr Timothy Watson		The Council supports the observations of the Conservation Officer / Area Panel.
21.01.10	0/36613	Installation of 2 replacement gable windows (amended design) in rear elevation. Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission 0/34902 at The Kinmel Arms, Church Street, St George, Abergele	Mr Timothy Watson		The Council supports the observations of the Conservation Officer / Area Panel.

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 28.12.09 to 10.01.2010

0/36121 To reduce 1no. Yew tree 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 at St George Graveyard, Church
Street, St George, Abergele

Decision: Approved

0/36464 Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of land to form extension to
cartilage of dwelling at land to rear of 49 Bryn Castell, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/36466 Change of use from garden to form extended seating area in conjunction
with existing coffee lounge and wine bar (Retrospective Application) at
land to rear of 9B Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
