

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 22nd April 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

566/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. R.G. Waters, Chairman

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medicott; R.D. Peacock;

T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

567/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs

568/09 **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).

Cllr. G.P. Davies declared an interest in agenda item 5(c), as Secretary to the Friends of Awel y Môr.

569/09 **Minutes**

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

570/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 524/09(a)

- (i) A brief acknowledgement from Tom Gravett, Countryside and Rights of Way Manager, CCBC and a more detailed response from Victoria Currie, Rights of Way Officer was RECEIVED and considered.

It was NOTED that the Officers would be prepared to put the request for a Creation Order for the paths to Tower Hill back before the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, if certain assurances were received from Abergele Town Council, including that funding was available to carry out any work required to bring the paths/bridges up to the required standards.

It was RESOLVED to write to The Head of Highways to remind CCBC that Officers had previously offered to obtain a report on the soundness of the footbridges and any work required to bring the paths up to the required standards and that this information is now required to enable this Council to progress the matter.

- (ii) It was NOTED that advice has now been received via Darren Millar's office from one of the National Assembly for Wales legal advisors regarding concerns about responsibility for maintenance of the two footbridges over the Gele, which are falling into disrepair.

It was RESOLVED to seek assistance from Darren Millar's office in obtaining further advice from the legal advisor regarding establishing whether the Highways Authority could be held

responsible for the maintenance of the bridges.

(iii) It was NOTED that the programmes for Conwy Walking Week 2010 and for Biodiversity Events in Conwy 2010 have now been published on the CCBC website and a hard copy is available from the Clerk.

b) Provision of Allotments – Min. 311/09(l)

(i) Details of a query from One Voice Wales about any involvement by this Council in the provision of allotments, together with an initial response by the Clerk, were NOTED.

(ii) A copy of the Minutes of the National Assembly for Wales Sustainability Committee meeting, held on 18 March, together with a report submitted to the meeting by CCBC was NOTED.

(iii) A brief further update from Lyn Davies, CCBC, on the search for land for allotments in Abergele was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the owner of the plot on St. George Road was not willing to sell and that enquiries were ongoing regarding the former market gardens site on Llanddulas Road.

c) Awel y Môr – Min. 524/09(b)

A copy of the formal consultation document regarding the two options for the redevelopment of Awel y Môr was RECEIVED.

- Cllr. G.P. Davies declared a personal interest, as Secretary to the Friends of Awel y Môr.

It was RESOLVED to refer the document to the Community Care Sub-Committee for consideration and to delegate authority for that sub-committee to submit a response by 28th May 2010.

d) Abergele Foreshore Erosion – Min. 524/09(d)

It was RESOLVED to DEFER receipt of any report from the recent meeting of the East Promenade Consultative Group, due to the absence of Cllr. S. Rowlands, and to ask for a written update in time for the next meeting.

e) Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 524/09(e)

Cllrs. M. Medicott and A. Wood gave a brief verbal report on the meeting held earlier this evening.

It was NOTED that a litter picking event will take place in the park on 12th May and all members are encouraged to attend. Members of the Friends have also visited Gele Park to identify what improvements are required. Pentre Mawr Park had been very busy recently and it was hoped that the toilets in the pavilion would soon be opened up for use by the public.

f) Army Cadets Hut – Min. 524/09(e)

Cllr. T. Rowlands circulated a copy of the report and resolution made by the Cabinet, CCBC, on 28 September 2006, which gives permission for a landowner lease to be granted to the Army Cadet Force to construct and maintain a training hut in Pentre Mawr Park, on land covering approximately 625 sq.m on or immediately adjacent to the pavilion car park, subject to planning consent and the necessary consent from the National Assembly for Wales under the covenants for the park.

- g) One Voice Wales Area Committee – Min. 525/09(g)
- (i) Cllr. R.G. Waters gave a brief verbal report on the Area Committee meeting held on 23rd March in Denbigh, referring to a presentation about the differing roles of the National Assembly and the Welsh Assembly Government.
 - (ii) Cllrs. R.G. Waters and J.A. MacLennan gave a brief verbal report on the Larger Councils Forum, held on 21st April in Llandrindod Wells. It was NOTED that several presentations had been received, including assessing how friendly communities are to the elderly, reducing energy costs in large buildings by reducing voltage and the Welsh Assembly's Broadband Aggregation Project, which One Voice Wales are seeking to get town and community councils included in. An update had been given on the passing of the Assembly's Legislative Competence Order and also OVW had been asked to look into concerns about the level of fees for larger councils. Issues surrounding the payment of allowances to members had also been discussed.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council
 - A letter of introduction, following the recent restructuring of Community Health Councils in Wales.
- b) Denbighshire LDP
 - A letter of acknowledgement of the representation submitted by this Council.
- c) Bryntirion Terrace
 - A copy of a letter sent to CCBC regarding a claimed public right of way. It was NOTED that a site meeting is to be arranged by CCBC to investigate the concerns of residents.
 - It was RESOLVED to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr Jones and to send a letter to CCBC supporting the claim that this route has been used as a public right of way for over a century.**
- d) One Voice Wales
 - (i) A copy of the response submitted by OVW on the review of the planning application process in Wales.
It was NOTED that OVW had included reference to some of the comments made by Abergele Town Council in their response.
 - (ii) Information on the forthcoming Planning Aid Wales Conference.
- e) Centrica Energy
 - Information about Irish Sea Zone for offshore wind farm development and details of public exhibitions held earlier this week (previously forwarded by e-mail to members on 15.4.10).
- f) Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
 - Notice of an extension to the consultation period for its draft Welsh Language Scheme.

g) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:

(i) Conwy and Denbighshire Highways and Infrastructure Service
- a guide to Farming and Public Roads, outlining the responsibilities of farmers and the Highways Authority.

(ii) Conwy Voluntary Services Council
- Information regarding a 'Round 2 briefing event' for the Big Lottery Community Asset Transfer Programme, being held at Venue Cyrmu on Tuesday 11th May.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. J.A. MacLennan would attend this event, on behalf of the Council.

(iii) A copy of an article about Abergele, published in the Daily Post on 12th April, together with thanks from the reported to The Mayor.

(iv) Verbal confirmation was received to confirm that the Mediaeval Fayre would be going ahead on Saturday 11th September.

572/09 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

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

573/09 **Planning / Licensing Matters**

a) Planning Applications:

(i) It was NOTED that there were no planning applications for consideration.

b) It was NOTED that, following a recent site visit, outline planning consent had been granted by the Planning Committee of CCBC in respect of application 0/36506 for the erection of a detached bungalow and means of access at land adjacent to Coed Bedw, Abergele.

c) Planning Decisions

The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

d) Licensing Applications

Notice of the following licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area was RECEIVED:

Temporary Events Notice for Alcohol sales at an event to be held at Siamber Wen, Llanfair Road, on 27/6/2010 from 10:00 to 17:00

The Meeting Closed at 7.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
22.04.10		No planning applications received			

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 22.03.10 – 04.04.10

0/36654 Change of use of land to include extension to cartilage of dwelling, construction of hard standing, construction of steps and rebuilding of retaining wall at 53 Bryn Castell, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36667 Extension to dwelling at Bryanston, St George Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
