

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

100/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae (Chairman)
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer;
B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
County Cllr. Dave Holland
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)
Members of the Abergele Carnival Committee

101/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bird; R.M. Medlicott; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow
County Cllr. R. Hastings

102/09 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

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

- a) Cllr. M. Bond: agenda item 10(a) Planning Applications – personal interest in application 0/36105
- b) Cllr. J.A. MacLennan: agenda item 10(a) Planning Applications – personal interest in application 0/36098

103/09 **Visitor to the Council:**

Annual Return 2008/09

- a) The Mayor welcomed Mr David Shore, Internal Auditor, to present the accounts and respond to questions from Members. He informed the Council that the Internal Audit had now been completed and that, other than a few minor amendments to the accounts, there were no issues to report.
It was RESOLVED to thank the Internal Auditor and the Clerk for their work.
- b) **It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Statement of Accounts for 2008/09**
- c) **It was RESOLVED to approve section 1 of the Annual Return for 2008/09 and the statements in the Governance Statement (section 2) were read out by the Clerk and approved.**

104/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the following Minutes:

- a) **The Ordinary Meeting, held on 4th June 2009**
- b) **The Special Meeting, held on 30th June 2009**

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Police Liaison

The notes from the recent Police Liaison meeting were RECEIVED and it was RESOLVED to endorse the recommended action, with the following additions/amendments:

- a) Item f) – Parking Obstructions

It was RESOLVED to query the legality of parking a trailer on the road, before requesting that a letter be sent by Highways.

- b) Item h) – Carnival

A discussion took place regarding how the issue of a road closure and diversion signs could be overcome next year. It was NOTED that Cllr. A. Wood would be happy to provide advice to the Committee, as he is involved in arranging the road closure for the annual Round Table's Firework display. Some concern was expressed regarding the possible cost of signage.

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the Carnival Committee to address the Council.

A brief statement was read out stating their disappointment that other parades, such as the Rhuddlan carnival, had been policed without road closures and that help was required to make the event bigger and better next year.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. S. Rowlands would attend the next meeting of the Carnival Committee and would keep the Council informed of progress.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to Stephen Daly, CCBC, to seek simple guidance for use by organisers of all parades.

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Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a) Future Burial Provision – Min. 617/08(a)

(i) It was NOTED that no further update has been received from Lyn Davies regarding any remedial works necessary at the proposed site, as a result of the ground tests conducted.

County councillors were requested to provide any assistance they can in seeking a further update on this.

(ii) The Council was informed that an additional 18 plots have been identified in the public cemetery, which should meet the demand for another two years or so.

- b) Pensarn Public Conveniences – Min. 050/09(b)

Notes from an informal meeting with Mr Peter Harris, CCBC, on 22nd June 2009 were RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the problem with foul smells should soon be rectified.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Disability Officer at CCBC regarding the ongoing concerns of the Council about the disabled toilet and to request that Conwy Access Group visits the facility and provides a report on any accessibility issues.

- c) Proposed Taxi Ranks – Min.671/08(c)

A response from CCBC confirming that the Portfolio Member for Infrastructure will be considering the objections raised and a decision will then be published for member information.

County Councillors were requested to look out for this and invoke the 'call-in' procedure, if necessary.

- d) Request for Raised Kerb – Min. 050/09(c)
It was NOTED that CCBC have not yet adopted the highways around the Tesco entrance and that details of the survey and cost of the proposed bus pad are still awaited.
- e) North Wales Strategic Regeneration Area – Min. 671/08(d)
An acknowledgement to a query regarding representation on the steering group was RECEIVED.
Cllr. Sam Rowlands reassured the Council that it would have a voice and that Cllr. J. Stubbs will be invited to attend a future meeting. A suggestion was made that Minutes of meetings should be made available on the County Council's website.
- f) Traffic Calming – Maes y Dre – Min. 615/08(b)
A brief response regarding the successful outcome of the consultation and details of the next stage was RECEIVED.
- g) Community Skips – Min. 050/09(e)
Further information regarding the Community Skip scheme was RECEIVED and considered.
It was RESOLVED to request one skip every 3 months, commencing in September, to be located on the Town Hall car park.
- h) Protection Measures for Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 050/09(f)
It was NOTED that the protection measures are now be in place.
- i) Library Car Park – Min. 672/08(h)
A response to the request for limited waiting to be imposed at the Library car park was NOTED.
It was RESOLVED to write to seek the assistance of Highways in finding a way to prevent vehicles being left there for long periods of time, thus blocking spaces required for the Clinic and Library.
- j) Work Experience – Min. 051/09(i)(iv)
It was NOTED that the necessary insurance cover is in place and Laura Taylor will be at the Town Hall during week commencing Monday 6th July.
- k) Untidy Land by Castle Cove – Min. 057/09(a)
A further update on the clearing-up of the land was RECEIVED.
It was NOTED that the owner is slowly confirming to the requirements of the notice which has been served on him.

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Correspondence

- a) Conwy Business and Rural Community Asset Project
A request for information about disused buildings, demand for new premises and skills and training related issues for Gele ward (Rural) was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED that Members would provide information to the Clerk on any premises identified.
- b) Proposed Speed Limit – A548 Llanfair Road
Details of a proposed 40mph buffer zone on Llanfair Road were RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to suggest several amendments to the proposals, to include:

- (i) **Provision of sign(s) to warn of the dangerous bend near Twll-Ilwynog**
- (ii) **That the 40mph 'buffer zone' commences just before the junction of Twll-Ilwynog**
- (iii) **That several countdown signs are installed to warn motorists approaching the 40mph zone.**

- c) Persona Associates – Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm
Notice of the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order in connection with the land along the route of the underground cables was RECEIVED.
- d) CCBC – Summer Holiday Information Booklet
It was NOTED that a copy of the information booklet is available from the Clerk.
- e) CCBC – Consultation on Bus Service Changes for Winter 2009
Details of the proposed minor changes to service 43 were NOTED.
- f) Play Wales
 - (i) Playing Fields Measure
It was RESOLVED that the Council supports the proposed Measure to help protect playing fields.
 - (ii) North Wales Office Closure
 - Notice of the closure of the North Wales office was RECEIVED with some concern.
- g) CCBC – Traffic Regulations
 - (i) Notice of a temporary carriageway closure at Chapel Street on 19/6/09 was RECEIVED and NOTED.
 - (ii) Notice of a temporary carriageway closure at Bron Berllan from 6/7 to 8/7 was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- h) Friends of Conwy District CAB
An invitation to attend the inaugural meeting was RECEIVED. Members were requested to contact the Clerk if they were interested in attending.
- i) Urgent Correspondence
 - The following items of urgent correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) Notice of forthcoming meetings for July
 - (ii) Details of the Mayor's engagements for July
 - (iii) One Voice Wales – details of training opportunities for Members.
 - It was NOTED that the Council had previously resolved to support Member training provided by One Voice Wales.
 - Members were encouraged to attend these events and inform the Clerk as soon as possible of their preferred dates/venues.**

(iv) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils
- Notice of the annual and quarterly meetings, to be held on 17th July

(v) CCBC Pathways Project
- An update on the summer term parks project, which is due to commence on Monday 6th July.

(vi) CAMHS Unit Opening
- An invitation to members to attend a tour of the unit on Tuesday 7th July at 2.30pm (names requested by the Clerk by Friday 3rd July)

(vii) Abergele Safer Routes to School
- Notice of a meeting of the committee, held on Tuesday 30th June

(viii) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
- Notice of a 'Two Choirs' concert taking place at Mynydd Seion on 9th July.

(ix) Pride of Conwy Awards 2009
- Notice of a nomination for the Abergele Library Project Team for the Informed and Inclusive Award.

It was RESOLVED to send a letter of congratulations.

108/09 **Update from County Councillors**

- A brief update was received from the County Councillors present on matters relating to their Wards:

- a) Cllr. Sam Rowlands (Pentre Mawr)
- a request was made for support in setting up a Friends group for Pentre Mawr Park as soon as possible.
- b) Cllr. Dave Holland (Pensarn)
- a brief update was given on the ongoing efforts to obtain height barriers for Pensarn Promenade. It was NOTED that only two could be provided from the funds currently available, but that designs and full costs had not yet been seen.
- A brief report was given on the recent activities of PeBel, the newly formed residents' group.
- Concerns about un-adopted roads in Rhos Fawr were reported.

109/09 **Minutes**

- The draft Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18th June
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 18th June

110/09 **Planning / Licensing**

- a) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- Cllrs. M. Bond & J.A. MacLennan withdrew from the meeting.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) Details of one licensing application listed by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the past two weeks was RECEIVED.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
2.7.09	0/36098	Display of 1no. Non-illuminated free standing sign at Manorafon, Llanddulas Road, Abergele	Mr R Arrowsmith		The design of the sign needs to be sensitive to its location within an historic park
2.7.09	0/36103	Extension to dwelling at The Willows, Bryn Awel Avenue, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Hawley		No objection
2.7.09	0/36105	Extension to dwelling at 26 Heol Awel, Abergele	Mr & Mrs Bond		No objection
2.7.09	0/36107	Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use for storage and offices relating to plumbing contractor business and use of land for car parking at Crescent Heating, 6 Dundonald Avenue, Abergele	Mr K Hughes		No objection

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 1.6.09 to 14.6.09

0/35905 Erection of 5kW wind turbine with tower height of 12m at Corsydd,
Rhuddlan Road, St George, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/35917 Rear, front and side extensions comprising of two and three storey
pitched roof extensions to existing dwelling at Plas Tirion, Tan y Gopa
Road, Abergele

Decision: Withdrawn
