

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 4th March 2010 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

485/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr D A MacRae

Cllrs: J M D Bird; G P Davies; J A MacLennan; P D Meredith; R D Peacock; B C Roberts; T Rowlands; J Stubbs; K J Sudlow; R G Waters

County Councillors: D Holland; R Hastings

Mrs Ann Roberts (Administrative Assistant)

Member of the Press and Members of the Public

486/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M Bond; R M Medlicott; J D Mortimer; S Rowlands; A Wood

Mrs C J Earley (Clerk)

487/09 **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)

None were declared

488/09 **Visitor to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Celia Williams from Crest Cooperative to the meeting to deliver a presentation on the work that Crest carry out locally.

Celia advised that Crest is a self-sufficient community business and operates four recycling sections namely, Community Recycling, Trash and Carry (arts and crafts), Against the Grain (wood recycling) and Ragamuffins (textile recycling). Crest work in conjunction with Social Services and the Probation Service providing training and work opportunities for local people. Recycled goods are sold in their shop in Llandudno Junction. Crest, in conjunction with Fairshare North Wales, are presently researching the possibility of distributing quality surplus food to those suffering food poverty.

The Chairman thanked Celia Williams for her very informative presentation.

489/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting, held on 4th February 2010

490/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Future Burial Provision – Min. 350/09(a)

It was NOTED that Mr Jim Graham of Mott McDonald had been appointed as Consultant to research suitability of land for future burial provision.

County Councillors were requested to pressurise CCBC to make a decision in this matter.

It was RESOLVED to write to Mr Lyn Davies to establish if Mr Gethin Morgan is now the appointed Project Manager, and if so, that he be invited to a Council Meeting to update Members.

- b) Proposed Gating Order – Min. 454/09(a)
It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow County Councillor Ron Hastings to address the Council.
Cllr. Hastings made a request, on behalf of the residents of Castle Place / Groes Lwyd, that the gates are not left open during the day but remain closed, as problems with youngsters congregating and drinking in the alleyway are as bad in the daytime as at night. A local resident, who was also present, confirmed this to be the case.
It was RESOLVED to fully support the permanent gating of the alleyway.
- Standing Orders were then reinstated
- c) N.W. Coast Strategic Regeneration Area – Min. 454/09(b)
(i) It was NOTED that Peter James, Strategic Lead Officer for Housing, NW Coast SRA, will be attending the April Ordinary meeting (to be held one week later than normal, on 8th April) to give a brief presentation and answer any questions.
(ii) Cllr J Stubbs gave a brief report on the SRA Tourism Action Plan, presentation on 3rd March.
It was NOTED that no new information had been provided.
- d) Water Street Footway Works – Min. 454/09(c)
It was NOTED that the start date for the works may be delayed until after Easter.
- e) One Voice Wales Training – Min. 107/09(i)
It was NOTED that Cllrs. M. Medlicott, A. Wood and the Clerk were attending a training session in Penmaenmawr this evening and would report back at the next meeting.
- f) Clwyd Community Stakeholder Workshop – Min. 454/09(g)
(i) Cllr. R.G. Waters gave a brief report on the Environment Agency Study on flooding of the River Clwyd, which could affect Abergele.
It was NOTED that it is proposed to raise the embankment and a report of the study is due out in June/July 2010.
(ii) A letter from Darren Millar regarding the Clwyd Flood Bank Scheme was RECEIVED and NOTED.
(iii) It was NOTED that no members were able to attend the Towyn+20 event, held on Friday 26th February.
- g) Taxi Ranks (Min 106/09(c)
A further response from CCBC was NOTED.
It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to clarify why taxi ranks were needed in Abergele, as there are no hackney carriages – only private hire taxis.
- h) Traffic Problems Outside Schools (Min 457/09)
A response to a request for a meeting to be convened at one of the schools to discuss the traffic congestion was RECEIVED and it was NOTED that Cllr S Rowlands had asked to meet with Dilwyn Price, Head of School Improvement Services.
It was RESOLVED to await the outcome of Cllr Rowland's meeting before making any further arrangements.

It was NOTED that the PCSOs are currently attending the schools at the beginning and end of each school day to remove any vehicles which are causing an obstruction.

It was RESOLVED to write to Insp. Essi Ahari to query why the CBM is being taken away from community policing issues, such as this, to cover night duties for other Officers.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) The Princess Royal Trust Carers Outreach Service
A request for assistance in raising awareness was supported.
It was RESOLVED to include an article in the Town Council Newsletter and display promotional leaflets in the Town Hall.
- b) Darren Millar, AM
A request to visit the Town Council on Thursday 9th September was NOTED.
- c) One Voice Wales
 - (i) An update on the Local Government Legislative Competence Order was NOTED.
 - (ii) High Street Index – January newsletter was NOTED.
 - (iii) Information on a review of the Planning system in Wales by the Welsh Assembly Government.
It was RESOLVED to refer this matter to the Local Government sub-Committee with a request that a copy of the Consultation Report is circulated to Members of the sub-Committee before the meeting.
- d) National Assembly for Wales' Equality of Opportunity Committee
An inquiry into the accessibility of railway stations was NOTED.
- e) East Promenade Consultative Group
Notification of Spring meeting and a request for agenda items was NOTED.
It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow County Councillor Dave Holland to give a brief verbal report on the delay and increased cost of erecting the barriers at the promenade car parks. It was RESOLVED to request Cllr MacLennan to put the delay as an Agenda item for the next meeting of the Group.
Members discussed a proposal by CCBC to restrict parking on Pensarn beach.
It was RESOLVED to support CCBC in restricting vehicular access to the beach at Pensarn, and to request improvements to the car park on the western side to lessen the impact on parking provision.
- Standing Orders were then reinstated.
- f) Conwy County Borough Council
An invitation to the Mayor and Clerk to attend a meeting with the Chief Executive, key Councillors and Officers on 7th June was NOTED.

- g) Worklessness in Abergele Pensarn – Action in Partnership
Cllrs. J. Stubbs & K.J. Sudlow reported on a meeting which took place on Tuesday 2nd March, and advised that monies from the Deprived Area Funding in the sum of £49,474.82, had been allocated for projects in Pensarn which would help people get back into work. The fund was to be administered by Rhyl City Strategy.
It was NOTED that Cllrs Stubbs and Sudlow will keep the Town Council informed of developments.
- h) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
 - (i) Notice of the AGM of the Conwy branch, held on 3rd March
 - (ii) Spring newsletter (copy available from the Clerk)
- i) Mayor's Diary
Details of the Mayor's engagements for March.
- j) Future Meetings
Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees.
- k) Urgent Correspondence
The following items of urgent correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - i) One Voice Wales
Notice of Public Appointments in Wales
 - ii) Abergele Safer Routes to Schools Committee
Notice of next meeting to be held on 16 March 2010
 - iii) CCBC – Planning Site Visit
Notice of a planning site visit to Terfyn in connection with Planning Application 0/36625 - Cllr Mike Bird to attend.
 - iv) Edwina Hart
A letter of thanks had been received from the Minister, following her recent visit to the Town Hall.
 - iv) Partneriaeth Penllyn
A letter received from Partneriaeth Penllyn, via One Voice Wales.

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Police Liaison

(a) As there was no Police presence at the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March, the Police Liaison Informal Notes were NOT RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to write to the new Chief Constable to invite him to attend a future Council Meeting.

(b) It was NOTED that North Wales Police Authority's e-bulletin 'Y Bont' is now available on-line. (Paper copy available from Clerk on request).

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Update from County Councillors

The following update was RECEIVED from County Councillor Tim Rowlands relating to the LDP. Cllr Rowlands advised that the Baker Report is due out on 22nd March. In addition, he reported that CCBC had reduced the number on the Planning Committee.

It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC requesting details of the membership of the Planning Committee.

494/09 **Minutes**

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

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18th February
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 18th February 2010

495/09 **Planning / Licensing**

- a) The planning applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- b) The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) Notice of the following Licensing application listed by CCBC for the Abergele area was RECEIVED:
Temporary Events Notice for event to be held at Hesketh House, Abergele on 6 March 2010.

496/09 **Confidential Business**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

- a) Quotations for the removal of deadwood and ivy from two trees at the rear of Tannery Court (on land owned by this Council) were RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Abergele Tree Services if the price included removal of all cuttings, otherwise accept next cheapest quote. Authority was delegated to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk to make a decision.

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

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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 08.02.10 to 21.02.10

0/35933 Demolition of existing outbuilding, formation of new escape staircase, removal of lower section of wall to form window to form new emergency exit and new lean to with slate roof to form covered bin storage area at the Castle Hotel, Water Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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

Decision: Approved with conditions
