

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at approximately 8.15 p.m. (immediately after the Policy and Finance Committee) on Thursday 16th September 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

232/10 **Election of Chairman**

In the absence of both the Chairman, Cllr. A. Wood, and Vice-Chairman, Cllr. M. Bond, it was RESOLVED to elect Cllr. R.G. Waters (Immediate past Chairman) as Chairman of the Committee for this meeting only.

233/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott

Cllr. R.G. Waters (Temporary Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands;

234/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

235/10 **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.

236/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 15th July 2010.

237/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

(a) Rights of Way

(ii) Claimed path(s) to Tower Hill – Min. 136/10(a)

It was NOTED that a meeting with the Section Head and Rights of Way Officer has provisionally been arranged for Thursday 30th September and that a further question has been submitted, via our Assembly Member, to clarify procedural matters.

(iii) Gwrych Castle Paths – Min. 071/10(a)

It was NOTED that a copy of the updated Land Registry details have now been received and a letter sent to the new owner to seek to clarify ownership details for the driveway.

(iv) Walks map and leaflets – Min. 019/10(b)

It was NOTED that the grant application has now been approved, subject to a contribution of £50 from the Town Council towards match-funding, and that the walks leaflets are currently being designed.

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of £50 towards the project and signing of the acceptance of grant offer.

- (b) Allotment Provision – Min. 570/09(b)
- (ii) Details on the provision of allotments from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners were RECEIVED (from Cllr. M. Bird).
 - (iii) A brief update was RECEIVED from Mr Lyn Davies, confirming that Property Services have been unable to contact the owner of the land near Middle Gates, but that a preliminary offer has now been made on a small plot of land opposite Eldon Drive, subject to ground investigation and planning consent, which the owner is currently considering.
Cllr. MacLennan offered to provide contact details for the owner of the land near Middle Gates, who is thought to live abroad.
- (c) Lamp Column Replacement Programme – Min. 142/10
It was NOTED that the initial pro-forma application for SRA funding towards the costs of ‘phase two’ has now been submitted and an update received earlier today from Peter Adderley indicated that ‘phase one’ of the scheme is likely to start during the second week of October.
- (d) Friends of Abergele Parklands
- (ii) Perimeter Pathway – Min. 071/10(e)
It was NOTED that work on the perimeter pathway around Pentre Mawr Park is now complete.
 - (iii) A letter from the Friends of Abergele Parklands regarding the removal of the concrete base put in by the football club was RECEIVED.
 - (iv) The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott, gave a brief verbal report from the last meeting, held on 9th September 2010.
It was NOTED that the gates in Parc Gele had now been painted and that Peter Barton-Price will be arranging a meeting to present a draft Management Plan for Pentre Mawr Park, which is required to be in place for the park to achieve green flag status.
- (e) Traffic Surveys – Min. 137/10(b)
A response from Mr Paul Evans confirming that the recent traffic surveys in the town had been carried out to provide background data for the Local Development Plan, was NOTED.
- (f) Common Lands Act 2006 – Min. 137/10(c)
- (ii) A copy of the advice received from One Voice Wales on 6th August was RECEIVED and noted.
 - (iii) It was NOTED that Cllr. J.D. Mortimer has given out a number of ‘witness statement forms’, which are required for the completion and submission of the application, but that none had been returned to date. Members were asked to assist if they knew anyone who may be able to provide a statement confirming use of the land for over 20 years.
It was FURTHER NOTED that use of the land ‘as of right’ would not include users who had lease agreements with the owner.
- (g) Kerbside Recycling – Min. 140/10
It was NOTED that Mr Alun Jones will be attending the next Ordinary meeting of the Council to give an update on the kerbside recycling scheme.

- (h) Conwy Local Development Plan – Min. 138/10(l)(i)
 - (ii) It was NOTED that drop-in sessions for members had been held on 30th July and 2nd August, to enable them to comment on potential housing land allocations.
 - (iii) A copy of the latest LDP newsletter was RECEIVED.
- (i) Conwy Youth Service – Min. 138/10(l)(ii)
 - (ii) In the absence of Cllr. J. Stubbs, it was NOTED that no report was available from the meeting held on 19 July.
 - (iii) A copy of the new timetable for area 1 was RECEIVED.
 - (iv) **It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the annual grant of £1,000 to support ongoing Abergele Youth Club activities.**

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) OVW – Wales Green List 2010
A request for nominations was NOTED.
- b) CVSC – A referendum briefing paper for voluntary bodies was NOTED.
- c) Welsh Assembly Government – Easier Access Programme at Rural Train Stations in Wales
Proposals to install ‘raised platform’ and ‘minor access work’ at Abergele Pensarn Station were NOTED.
- d) The Shop Doctor
Information on retail survival courses was NOTED.
- e) Tidy Towns Storybook
It was NOTED that a copy is available on request from the Clerk
- f) CCBC – Proposed bus service changes for Winter 2010-11 were NOTED.
- g) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2010
It was NOTED that a copy is available on request from the Clerk
- h) Clwyd & Gwynedd Army Cadet Force
An Invitation to attend the Abergele Platoon’s open evening on Wednesday 20th October was NOTED.
- i) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) CCBC Highways - Notice of a road closure at Ffordd y Morfa from 22nd to 31st October 2010.

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Sub-Committee Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The Community Care Sub-Committee, held on 29th July 2010

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Matters Arising on Those Minutes

- a) Min. 175/10(a) - Awel y Môr

- (i) A copy of the reply sent to CCBC regarding the health and safety report for options 1 and 2 was NOTED.
- (ii) It was NOTED that CCBC's Cabinet had discussed the options for the redevelopment of Awel y Môr at its meeting on 14th September and had decided to proceed with Option 2 – to demolish and rebuild.

- b) Min. 177/10 - Betsi Caswaladr University Health Board Stakeholder Reference Group
A copy of the report from the meeting held on 15th July was RECEIVED.

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Planning / Licensing Matters

- a) Planning Applications: - the applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as detailed on that schedule.
- b) Planning Decisions - The planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- copy correspondence was also RECEIVED from Darren Millar, AM, regarding the consideration of appeals from applicants wanting the licence to operate a pharmacy at the business park site.
- c) Licensing Applications – It was NOTED that there were no licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area during the past fortnight.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
16.9.10	0/37222	Erection of dwelling and construction of means of access on land at Bryanston, St George Road, Abergele	Mr B Hughes		No objections in principle to the development of the site, however, there are some concerns about the suitability of the access, particularly for larger vehicles, as it is very narrow.
16.9.10	0/37238	Extension to rear of bungalow and loft conversion at 69 Clifton Rise, Abergele	Mr C Drake		No objections to this rear extension and loft conversion, providing there is no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 23.8.10 to 5.9.10

0/36196 Erection of dispensing pharmacy with access road, parking and landscaping at Plot 1200, North Wales Business Park, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37047 Proposal for new flood management works along Afon Gele through the centre of Abergele in the vicinity of Glanrafon, The Mount, Faenol Avenue and Ffordd y Morfa, including a culvert at Ffordd y Morfa bridge.

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37091 Erection of Dwelling (amended scheme to that approved under code ref: 0/29898) at Plot 46, Tan yr Allt, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
