

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 17th June 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

067/10 **Attendance Register:**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott

Cllr. A. Wood (Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; P.D. Meredith;

S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

068/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts;

T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters

069/10 **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).

070/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 20th May 2010

071/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 019/10

(i) Tower Hill Claimed Paths

A brief further response from CCBC, stating that the Rights of Way Officer was still considering what viable options may be available, was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to await further advice from the Assembly's legal team, requested by Darren Millar, AM.

(ii) Blocked Tower Hill Path

It was NOTED that the RoW Officer has spoken to Cllr. Pitt and was advised that his request for an investigation into the archives was not urgent.

It was RESOLVED to write to enquire when this will be carried out, to ensure that it is not forgotten about.

(iii) Gwrych Castle Claimed Paths

The Clerk outlined a brief verbal update from Abergele Golf Club, confirming that it believes it owns part of the driveway to the Castle and that it may have concerns about making this a public right of way.

It was RESOLVED to carry out a land registry search to establish the new owner(s) of the Castle, to enable enquiries to be made about ownership of the driveway.

b) Allotments – Min. 570/09(b)

It was NOTED that Lyn Davies is still waiting for a meeting with CCBC

Property section regarding the search for suitable land.

c) Lamp Column Replacement Programme

(i) It was NOTED that details of an alternative supplier are due to be considered by the Heritage Sub-Committee at its meeting on 5th July and that this could present a significant cost saving for the scheme.

It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Heritage Sub-Committee to decide on the most appropriate supplier, based on value for money, i.e. comparing price and quality / life expectancy of the product.

(ii) A report from the Clerk detailing the impact of the column replacement programme on the Christmas Lighting scheme for 2010 was RECEIVED and considered.

It was NOTED that the Clerk had been shown a copy of the County Surveyor's Society / Institute of Lighting Engineers Code of Practice for the Installation, Operation and Removal of Seasonal Decorations (2005), which clearly states that Highways Authorities will not give permission for concrete columns to be used to support festive lighting and that the operator would be responsible for any damage/injury caused by festive lighting. The Clerk therefore advised the Council that concrete columns should not be used as part of the 2010 display. Due to the large gaps this would create in the existing Christmas lighting scheme, the Clerk had contacted Peter Adderley, CCBC, to enquire if it was possible to complete any of the proposed replacement lamp column scheme by November, thus allowing the new columns to be used for festive lighting. Peter Adderley had commenced work immediately, appointing Jim Burton to review the initial draft of the scheme.

A further report was issued by the Clerk, including a timetable for the proposed phase one works, to include Market Street and Bridge Street (31 new columns). Plans detailing the proposed locations of the new columns were also received and Members were informed that the locations had all now been marked on site, to allow neighbouring occupants to report any concerns.

It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Heritage Sub-Committee to agree the phasing of the scheme, to enable work on Market Street / Bridge Street to be completed by November 2010, with costs projected of up to £42,000.

It was NOTED that adjustments will need to be made to the budget (currently £36,000) to allow for the use of reserves for additional expenditure of up to £6,000, once the financial report for quarter ending 30th June 2010 is received.

(iii) Funding

A file detailing possible sources of grant funding towards the heritage lighting scheme was RECEIVED.

It was NOTED that the need for applications for grant funding towards a possible 'phase two' of the scheme is dependent on the total projected costs of the scheme, which are not yet known. This can be considered

further once a decision has been made regarding the preferred supplier.

It was RESOLVED to express thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work in preparing her comprehensive report for the Committee.

It was FURTHER NOTED that the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee would be meeting later in July to consider the lighting scheme for 2010 and that a site meeting would take place beforehand to consider the impact of the revised column positions, to include Cllrs: B. C. Roberts (Chairman – Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee) A. Wood (Chairman – Heritage Sub-Committee) and the Clerk.

- d) Conwy Revised Deposit LDP – Min. 019/10(e)
A copy of the letter of update sent out on 14th May was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- e) Friends of Abergele Parklands – Min. 019/10(f)
 - (i) Cllr. A. Wood gave a brief verbal report on the meeting held earlier today. It was NOTED that the group had identified a number of priority projects and that progress was being made with these, although this was slower than originally hoped. The group had been asked by CCBC to prepare business plans for these projects.
 - (ii) Completion of the perimeter pathway
It was NOTED that no further update had been received on the timescale for completing the perimeter path, but that funding may be an issue.
It was RESOLVED to write again to query the total cost of the final section and how much funding is currently available (copied to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr. Mike Priestley).

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Play Wales
It was NOTED that a copy of the June issue of the members e-bulletin is available on request from the Clerk.
- b) PeBel
 - (i) A Press release about the PeBel Community Wildlife Garden
 - (ii) It was NOTED that PeBel is considering play equipment for the Pensarn Promenade area and will be consulting with the Town Council once more information is available (a site visit is being arranged to view play equipment in Warrington).
 - (iii) It was NOTED that a new wooden bench, donated by PeBel, has now been installed by CCBC near Sea Road Bridge, to replace a damage bench which was removed some time ago.
- c) Green Communities Project
Details of training courses were NOTED.
- d) Conwy Children and Young People's Partnership
A survey regarding celebrating the achievements of young people in

Conwy.

It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Clerk to complete this on behalf of the Council.

- e) ARCW Cynefin Project
 - An invitation to attend a forum at Conwy Archive at 6.30pm on 22nd June to develop ideas for a heritage project.
 - It was NOTED that Cllr. D.A. MacRae and Cllr. A. Wood hoped to attend.
- f) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) One Voice Wales
 - Notice of the AGM of the Conwy / Denbigh Area Committee, to be held on Wednesday 23rd June.
 - (ii) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
 - Complaints Wales consultation
 - It was RESOLVED to refer the consultation document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for consideration and a draft response.**
 - (iii) One Voice Wales
 - Welsh Assembly Government Consultation of Microgeneration and Low Carbon Energy Technologies
 - It was RESOLVED to REFER this consultation document to the Local Government Sub-Committee, with delegated authority to submit a response by 3rd July.**

073/10 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

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

- a) The Community Care Sub-Committee, held on 24th May 2010

074/10 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes**

A response from Sue Hibbert, CCBC, to the response and questions submitted by the sub-committee was RECEIVED and NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to submit the questions to Angela Smith and invite her to attend a future meeting of the Council to respond.

075/10 **Planning / Licensing Matters**

- a) Planning Applications: - One planning application, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, was considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- b) Planning Decisions - The planning decision(s) issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) Licensing Applications –It was NOTED that no licensing applications had been registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area for the period 1-11 June.

The Meeting Closed at 8.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
17.6.10	0/36952	Erection of single storey pitched roof extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling at 2 Craig y Don, Pensarn, Abergele	Mr & Mrs M & J Roberts		<u>OBJECTION</u> - The Council objects to this application on the grounds that it considers the proposed extensions would be over-development of the site.

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 03.05.10 to 16.05.10

0/36782 Change of use from office to 2 self-contained flats at 1 Granville Terrace,
Rhuddlan Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
