

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 20th May 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

014/10 **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The retiring Chairman, Cllr. R.G. Waters, opened the meeting and called for nominations for the Office of Chairman of the Committee for 2010/11.

It was proposed, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the existing Vice-Chairman, Cllr. A. Wood, be elected as Chairman for 2010/11.

Cllr. A. Wood took the Chair and called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2010/11.

It was proposed, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Cllr. M. Bond be elected as Vice-Chairman for 2010/11.

015/10 **Attendance Register**

Cllr. A. Wood (Chairman)

Cllrs: M. Bond; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

016/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medlicott

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; P.D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs

017/10 **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.

018/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 22nd April 2010

019/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

b) Rights of Way – Min. 570/09(a)

(i) Tower Hill Paths

A further response from Vicky Currie, stating that CCBC would not be able to give permission for any work to be carried out to improve the paths prior to a Creation Order was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this matter, pending receipt of further advice from Darren Millar's office regarding pursuing maintenance by the Highways Authority and/or a modification order for the paths,

(ii) Tower Hill Path

It was NOTED that no response had been received from Vicky Currie

regarding the obstruction to the old road and that an e-mail had been sent to request an update on 12th May.

(iii) Gwrych Castle Path

It was NOTED that a marked map has now been received from Caroline Turner and that enquiries would need to be made with the new owners of the Gwrych Estate regarding ownership of the driveway, once it is known who they are. It was FURTHER NOTED that part of the driveway falls outside the boundary of this Council.

It was RESOLVED to write to Llanddulas and Rhyd y Foel Community Council to request it support.

c) Walks Maps & Leaflets – Min. 471/09(a)(ii)

It was NOTED that a meeting took place early last week and progress is being made with the design of the leaflets and interpretation panel (to be located in Water Street Car Park) and that it is hoped that these will be available in the next few months.

It was RESOLVED to request a copy of the draft leaflet, before it goes to print.

d) Heritage Lighting Project – Min. 527/09(a)(iii)

It was NOTED that WREN funding is not available and a reply is awaited from officers at CCBC as to whether any other sources of grant funding can be identified.

It was RESOLVED to look at whether the Heritage Lottery Fund could assist.

e) Conwy Revised Local Development Plan – Min. 524/09(c)

It was NOTED that no further update was available from County Councillors on the presentation of findings from the review undertaken by Barker Associates.

f) Friends of Abergele Parklands – Min. 570/09(e)

(i) Cllr. A. Wood gave a brief verbal report on the meeting of the Friends which had taken place earlier today. Lots of work had been taking place in the park, including rubbish removed from the ponds, fence removed from the wooded area by the A55, litter picking, planting and seating improvements.

(ii) It was NOTED that no further update was available on the completion of the perimeter pathway.

It was RESOLVED to contact Lyn Davies to request details of the proposed start date for the works.

(iii) Copy correspondence regarding a petition sent to CCBC to request separate dog exercising facilities in the park was RECEIVED and NOTED.

Concern was expressed that dogs are frequently seen within the fenced-off children's play area.

It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to request improvements to the signage regarding dogs not being allowed in the children's play area.

(iv) **It was RESOLVED to write to congratulate the local football and rugby clubs, following their recent successes.**

- g) Community Asset Transfer Programme – Min. 571/09(g)
 - (i) It was NOTED that Cllr. J.A. MacLennan was unfortunately unable to attend the recent event.
 - (ii) A copy of the guidance notes for Round 2 was RECEIVED.
- h) Bryntirion Terrace – Min. 571/09(a)
A response from Mr Glyn Jones was RECEIVED and NOTED.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- b) Welsh Assembly Government
 - A letter of update regarding ‘A Shared Community – guidance on relationship building measures and charters for unitary authorities and community and town councils’
 - It was NOTED that a special meeting had been arranged by the Chief Executive of CCBC on 7th June to seek to “establish better working relationships” and discuss common agendas and working together. Concern was expressed about the introduction of Charters and whether these would give the County Councils an opportunity to delegate more services to Town and Community Councils, without the necessary resources.
 - It was RESOLVED to contact One Voice Wales to raise these concerns and ask if there are any policies in place to prevent this happening.**
- c) CCBC Highways
 - A request for a temporary carriageway closure at Bodoryn Road (for road resurfacing works) was NOTED.
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct
 - It was NOTED that a copy of the May 2010 issue is available on request from the Clerk.
- e) Environment Agency Wales
 - An invitation to attend a drop-in public exhibition at Itaca, Bridge Street, on Thursday 20th May between 2pm and 8pm was NOTED.
 - The Clerk had attended the exhibition and gave a brief verbal report on the main issues. It was NOTED that the proposals were as detailed in the recent consultation document, however, the preferred option for improving the water flow under the bridge at Ffordd y Morfa had now been chosen. This will be the installation of a new ‘overspill’ culvert under the road, which will only be used when water levels are high.
 - A discussion had also taken place regarding the proposed interpretation panel at The Mount and CPATs details had been given to the Environment Agency to help to progress this.
- f) Community Action for Climate Change
 - Information on the latest set of Community Action for Climate Change Network events, taking place in June was NOTED.
- g) Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association
 - Details of the AGM, taking place on Wednesday 2nd June, together with forthcoming social events and a trip to Roissy-en-Brie were NOTED.

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

(i) NWAT&LCC

A request for votes on two nominations from Councils in Conwy to represent the Association on the Conwy Community Strategy Partnership was considered.

It was RESOLVED to authorise the three representatives of this Council to submit votes, subject to clarification of this procedure at the next meeting of the association.

(ii) Police Liaison

It was NOTED that the next police liaison meeting will take place on Thursday 27th May at 6pm.

021/10 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

- a) It was NOTED that there have been no meetings of sub-committees during the past month.
- b) **It was RESOLVED to approve continued membership of sub-committees for 2010/11 with one amendment, as detailed on Schedule 'C' attached.**
- c) **It was RESOLVED to continue delegation of powers to all sub-committees, as detailed in the existing Terms of Reference.**

022/10 **Planning / Licensing Matters**

- a) Planning Applications
The planning applications were considered and it was RESOLVED to submit observations to the Planning Authority, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) Planning Decisions
The planning decisions 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 there were no licensing applications registered by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
20.05.10	0/36895	Garage extension to dwelling at 20 Trem y Mor, Abergele	Mr D Blears	OBJECT: The Council objects to the proposed location of the new driveway, which is very close to the corner of the road. The location of the existing driveway and garage to the south of the property is much more suitable and could be enlarged, if required. This is an elevated site and requires sensitive treatment.	
20.05.10	0/36901	Display of 1no. illuminated fascia sign and 1no. non-illuminated board sign on side elevation at 1 Crown Bach, Bridge Street, Abergele	Mr N Chowdhury	OBJECT: The Council objects to the proposed sign on the side elevation at 1 Crown Bach, which is in a highly visible location within the Abergele Conservation Area. It requests that this application be referred to the Conservation Area Panel.	

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 19.04.10 to 02.05.10

0/35934 Demolition of existing outbuilding, formation of new escape staircase, removal of lower section of wall to former window to form new emergency exit and new lean to slate roof to form covered bin storage area at the Castle Hotel, Water Street, Abergele (Listed Building Consent)

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36612 Installation of 2 replacement gable windows (amended design) in rear elevation. Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 0/34901 (Listed Building Consent)

Decision: Approved with conditions

036709 Display of 28 no. non-illuminated signs and 1 no. internally illuminated sign at Tesco Store, Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/36711 Extension and alterations to dwelling at 2 Heol Conwy, Abergele

Decision: Refused

0/36737 Demolition of existing lean-to single storey extension and erection of two storey pitched roof extension at rear of dwelling

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36749 Retention of prefabricated concrete garage building and blockwork storage building to rear yard at Orchard House, 22 Market Street, Abergele (retrospective application)

Decision: Approved with conditions