

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 15th July 2010 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

132/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott

Cllr. A. Wood (Chairman)

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

J.D. Mortimer (see Min.136/10(a)); J.E.H. Pitt (see Min. 143/10); B.C. Roberts;

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

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

133/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; R.D. Peacock; R.G. Waters

134/10 **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).

Cllr. S. Rowlands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 (see Min. 143/10(a))

135/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 17th June 2010

136/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Rights of Way – Min. 071/10(a)

(i) Tower Hill Paths

- Further advice from the Assembly, received via Darren Millar, AM, was considered and it was NOTED that an application for a Modification Order had already been made in 2003 and 2008 without success, as the procedure for a claim under this Act can only commence from the date of first challenge. The subsequent request for a Creation Order had been declined by CCBC for several reasons, one of which was the “substantial maintenance work” and state of the bridges, which would be a “significant drain on limited budgets”.

It was RESOLVED that The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott, and Cllrs. T. Rowlands, A. Wood and the Clerk would request a follow-up meeting with the Rights of Way Officer, Vicky Currie, and Mr Tom Gravett, CCBC, to try to seek a way forward.

(ii) Blocked Path at Tower Hill – Min. 071/10(a)(ii)

A response to the enquiry about the timescale involved was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that Cllr. J.E.H. Pitt would bring this matter to the attention of Mr Tom Gravett.

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

1. It was NOTED that details of the new owner are awaited from the Land Registry to enable enquiries to be made about ownership of the driveway.
 2. A letter of support from Llanddulas and Rhyd Y Foel Community Council was RECEIVED.
- (b) Walks Map and Leaflets – Min. 019/10(b)
- (ii) It was NOTED that The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medicott, and the Clerk had met with Haf Williams on 12th July and the grant application is now almost ready for submission.
 - (iii) An e-mail from Anne Penketh, sent on behalf of the Conwy Ramblers, agreeing to provide a letter of support and mentioning the County Council's 'Adopt a Path' scheme was NOTED.
- (c) Friends of Abergele Parklands – Min. 071/10(e)
- (ii) Cllrs. R.M. Medicott and A. Wood gave a brief verbal report on the meeting held earlier today.
It was NOTED that the gates at Gele Park should be painted soon and other projects are being looked into, including provision of bins, toilets, the possibility of getting additional trees from Tidy Towns and removal of the wire mesh fencing around the car park and the concrete plinth by Sea Road.
 - (iii) It was NOTED that work is expected to start in approximately six weeks on the completion of the perimeter pathway around Pentre Mawr Park (to include ducting for any future lighting). Additional quotations are awaited and funding then needs to be confirmed. A brief discussion took place regarding the need to improve disabled access from Sea Road (northern entrance).
- (d) The Archives and Record Council Wales Cynefin Project – Min. 072/10(e)
It was NOTED that Cllrs. D.A. MacRae and A. Wood had been unable to attend the forum held on 22 June.
- (e) Open Culvert near Turnberry Drive – Min. 129/09(d)
An update from CCBC regarding ownership of and responsibility for maintenance of the culvert was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of this information to Mr Jones, a neighbouring resident.
- (f) Noise Reduction Measures on the A55 – Min. 471/09(b)
A brief update was RECEIVED from the North Wales Trunk Road Agency informing the Council that it has been instructed to stop all work (including design) on noise mitigation schemes, which including Abergele.
It was RESOLVED to write to request details of the work that had been completed to date, together with an indication of the likely cost of implementing such a scheme.

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Urgent Items

Cllr. J.D. Mortimer was granted permission by the Chairman to raise several urgent items, due to the next meeting of the Council not being held until September. The Clerk advised members that these items could be for information only, as a Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not

specified in the agenda.

- a) Newsletter Advert
- It was queried whether the recent advert placed in the Town Council's newsletter regarding the Assembly Member's local surgeries was legal. It was NOTED that the advert had been worded carefully to avoid promoting a particular political party.
- b) Traffic Survey
- It was NOTED that traffic surveys had been undertaken at two locations on Wednesday 7th July and that the Clerk was awaiting a response from Highways as to the purpose of these.
- c) Common Lands Act 2006
It was NOTED that this Act gives powers to designate Common Land, if it has been used for sport and/or recreation purposes for 20 years or more. **It was RESOLVED to request that the Clerk contacts One Voice Wales for advice on whether this legislation could be used to protect various pieces of land in Abergele which are used for sport and recreational purposes.**

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Denbighshire County Council
- Public advertisement of the Alternative Sites Register (Revised Publication)
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct
- Copy of July 2010 issue (available on request from the Clerk)
- c) CPRW
- Copy of Rural Wales Summer 2010 (available on request from the Clerk)
- d) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- Annual Report 2009/10 (available on request from the Clerk)
- e) Letter of Complaint
A letter of complaint received from a resident of Marford Drive regarding flags on Armed Forces Day, dog bins and cars for sale.
It was RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to send a reply to the resident on behalf of the Council.
It was FURTHER RESOLVED to add the matter of a flagpole to a future agenda for further consideration.
- f) Welsh Assembly Consultation Document
- Local Authority Byelaws in Wales: Procedure for making, confirming and enforcing byelaws.
It was RESOLVED to REFER this document to the Local Government Sub-Committee for consideration and response by 17th September.
It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request a list from CCBC of all current bye-laws applying in the Abergele area.

- g) Flood Awareness Wales
 - An invitation to attend Flood Awareness Wales roadshow
- h) One Voice Wales
 - Advertisements for several public appointments in Wales
- i) Denbighshire County Council
 - Letter of introduction from Coastal Housing Enabler
- j) Keep Wales Tidy
 - (i) Information on Community Tree Planting Packs (which is currently being considered by the Friends of Abergele Parklands)
 - (ii) Tidy Towns e-bulletin
 - (iii) The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on a presentation at a recent SLCC branch meeting about a Keep Wales Tidy funded spring clean weekend, held in Mold in 2009 and 2010, which had involved lots of community groups and had been very successful.
 - (iv) It was NOTED that a litter pick will be taking place in Pensarn from 6-8pm on Friday 16th July.
 - (v) Concern was expressed about bags of cement which were dumped at the side of Rhuddlan Road and have not yet been cleared.
It was RESOLVED to follow this up with the local Highways Officer.
- k) Pentre Mawr Park
 - An e-mail enquiry from a CCBC Officer requesting information on history and any events of historical interest in the park.
It was RESOLVED to provide some factual and historical information and to suggest that she may wish to attend the next meeting of the Friends of Abergele Parklands for further assistance.
- l) The following additional items of URGENT correspondence were RECEIVED:
 - (i) Conwy LDP
 - Notice of a drop-in event for all Members, which will take place on Friday 30th July and Monday 2nd August.
 - (ii) Youth Liaison Forum – Area 1
 - Notice of the next meeting.
 - (iii) CCBC Highways
 - Notice of a temporary road closure at Maes Canol for highways maintenance.
 - (iv) One Voice Wales
 - Notice of a meeting of the Larger Local Councils Committee, to be held on 21st July.

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Land Adjacent to the Mount

Members considered a proposal that the central part of this area of land should be regularly mowed, rather than left as a bio-diversity area, to improve its appearance.

It was RESOLVED to contact the existing contractor to request that this be added to contract for regular mowing for the remainder of this year.

140/10 **Kerbside Recycling**

Following a recent site meeting in Berth Glyd, it was PROPOSED by Cllrs. R.M. Medlicott and M. Bond that Mr Alan Jones (CCBC) be invited to attend a future meeting to outline proposed changes to the kerbside recycling service.

It was RESOLVED to agree to this proposal and invite Mr Jones to attend a future meeting to give a brief presentation.

141/10 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

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

- a) The Heritage Sub-Committee, held on 5th July 2010

142/10 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes**

- a) **Abergele Town Centre Lighting Improvement Scheme**

- (i) Min. 121/10(a)(i) – Phase One

- The decision by the sub-committee to proceed with an order for 31 new columns/lanterns etc from D W Windsor, following consideration of a written report and recommendation by Peter Adderley, was NOTED. It was FURTHER NOTED that the order has now been placed, following the digging of trial holes for a number of 'problem' sites, and that the cost to this Council for the columns has been confirmed as £39,140, with the additional funds to come from reserves.

- (ii) Min. 121/10(a)(ii) – Phase Two

- It was RESOLVED by a majority of 12 in favour to 1 against to ENDORSE the recommendation that phase two of the scheme should commence in Jan/Feb 2011, with the estimated cost of £17,580 (providing grant funding of £20,000 can be found) to be made available on a temporary basis from the balances held in the Hall & Development earmarked reserve, as detailed in the Minutes.**

- (iii) Min. 121/10(a)(iii) – Grant Funding

- It was NOTED that the Clerk has spoken to Peter Jones-Hughes (CCBC Conservation Area Officer) and Shane Wetton (SRA/Bay Life Initiative) regarding possible sources of grant funding towards phase two.

- It was RESOLVED to submit an application for a grant of £20,000 to the SRA Community Fund, as soon as the new forms become available, for completion of phase two.**

143/10 **Planning / Licensing Matters**

- Cllr. H.E.H. Pitt retired from the meeting at this juncture.

- a) Planning Applications

- The planning applications as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.

- Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Cllr. S. Rowlands offered to retire from the meeting at the commencement of consideration of application 0/37087, however no discussion took place on this

application.

- b) 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 during the period 28 June to 9 July.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
15.7.10	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	Mr Richard Weston		No objections
15.7.10	0/37072	Retention of rooms as part of existing first floor flat at First Floor Flat, Spice Merchant, Chapel Street, Abergele	Mr R Miah		No objections
15.7.10	0/37087	Erection of domestic garage at 10 Plas Newydd Buildings, Abergele	Mr M Rowlands		No objections
15.7.10	0/37091	Erection of dwelling (Amended Scheme to that approved under Code Ref: 0/29898) at Plot 46 Tan'r Allt, Abergele	Anwyl Construction Ltd		No objections
15.7.10	0/37102	Change of use from retail to storage at 20 Chapel Stree, Abergele	Mr R Zhang		No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 14.06.10 to 27.06.10

0/32326 Reduce 2no. Leylandi trees at Bod Gwynant, Gele Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36719 Demolition of existing derelict outbuildings and construction of 2no. family dwellings and associated works at land to rear of 13 Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Withdrawn

0/36829 Extension and alterations to dwelling (Amended Scheme to that approved under Code Ref: 0/35057 at The White House, Primrose Hill, St George, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36839 To crown reduce by up to 30% 3 x Sycamore trees at 1 Heol Aled, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/36864 Remove epicormic growth from 1no. Oak tree at Engadine, 6 Ffordd Tan Rallt, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
