

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

371/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, R.M. Medicott (Chairman);  
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; D. Meredith; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; K J Sudlow (arrived 7.35pm) R.G. Waters  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk) Mrs. A. Roberts (Admin. Assistant)  
Cllr. D. Holland Conwy County Councillor; 5 members of Public

372/10 **Apologies for Absence**

J.A. MacLennan; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; A. Wood;

373/10 **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).

374/10 **Visitor to the Council**

- The Mayor welcomed Mrs Kathy Richards, Housing Benefit Manager and Mr Eryl Rowlands Head of Financial Services from CCBC who provided an in-depth presentation into the Benefit Welfare system in order to raise awareness of the many different benefits available and how to signpost members of the public in relation to benefits. Mr Rowlands outlined the work of the Authority is doing in relation to raising awareness of entitlements to benefit and the legislative changes to Housing Benefit from April 2011 and the importance of maximising benefits if entitled. Mrs Richards explained the authority is working to overcome barriers to claiming benefits by simplifying the system and better advertising and measures they are taking to increase take-up and the changes to Housing Allowance from October 2011. Mrs Richards also outlined changes that will be implemented in 2012 – 2014. A question and answer session followed and the Chairman thanked Mr Rowlands and Mrs Richards for an informative presentation.

375/10 **Urgent Agenda Item – Pensarn Beach**

*Standing Orders suspended*

The following item was not specified on the Agenda but was considered as a matter of urgency with the agreement of the Mayor to avoid delay.

The Mayor invited Mr James Bonsar a local business trader to address the meeting with regard to the problems created by travellers camping on the car park at Pensarn Beach and the adverse effect that they have on trade. This has been an ongoing problem and the traders stated that restrictive barriers were required to rectify the situation.

The Mayor then invited Cllr. D. Holland (Conwy CBC) to inform the meeting of the up to date situation. Cllr Holland informed members that the proposed

project is funded by WAG, CCBC and Abergele TC. The proposed design of the barrier does not meet the criteria as laid out by WAG. However, the design of barrier required by the WAG would require more funding. It is likely in the present climate that if the funding is not spent by the end of this financial year it will no longer be available. Cllr. Holland informed members that he would progress the issue with the relevant CCBC Department.

Members questioned the legal and clean up costs following the travellers' action. Due to time constraints with regard to funds, members raised the possibility of funding the project without WAG input.

**It was RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of the project being funded by CCBC and ATC only. Cllr Holland will make contact with Officers from Conwy CBC to discuss the issue.**

**It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk would enquire from CCBC as to the costs incurred by both the Legal and Environmental Services.**

*Standing orders reinstated*

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**- It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the following Meetings:**

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- (b) Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010

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**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- (a) Street Lighting Column 21, Llanddulas Road  
It was NOTED that the original light was out of action
- (b) Phase 2 Street Lighting Improvement Scheme was NOTED
- (c) Burial Provision Abergele
  - (i) Letter from Acting Chief Executive CCBC was NOTED
  - (ii) Letter from Darren Miller AM was NOTED
  - (iii) E-mail to and from Mr Lyn Davies CCBC was NOTED

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr. Lyn Davies, Environmental Services for an update regarding the results of the study.**

- (d) North Wales Police – a letter regarding Policing at events was NOTED.
- (e) North Wales Association of Town & Larger Community Councils –A letter regarding the ballot for representatives to meet with One Voice Wales was NOTED.
- (f) Welsh Assembly Government –a letter regarding the N Wales Coast Regeneration Area Community Fund was NOTED.

- (g) External Board – **It was RESOLVED to accept the amendments to the Notice Board and the Clerk to make the necessary arrangement to update the board.**
- (h) Awel y Mor – Deferred from General Policy & Finance Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 - to consider the following:
  - (i) A letter for a resident to the Mayor was NOTED
  - (ii) Response from the Mayor to the resident was NOTED
  - (iii) E-mail and copy of letter from Extra Care Housing Project Manager CCBC was NOTED
  - (iv) Letter from CCBC Richard Jarvis was NOTED

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk approaches the Council's Solicitor for observations as to whether the 999 year lease is in the spirit of the original lease as a matter of urgency for the County Scrutiny Committee Meeting on Monday.**

378/10 **Correspondence**

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and NOTED:

- (a) Minutes of the east Promenade Consultative Group held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were NOTED.
- (b) Fairtrade information Sheet – The Council has no OBJECTION to the request have a link to the document from the Town Council Website.
- (c) Definitive Map – Rights of Way, adoption of footpath an e-mail from Cllr. Woods was NOTED.
- (d) Bus Stop – a letter from the co-ordinator was NOTED.
- (e) Community Resilience – a letter from WLGA and One Voice Wales was NOTED.
- (f) Mayor's Diary
  - Details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2010 was NOTED.
- (g) Walks Leaflet
  - (i) Plan of walks was NOTED
  - (ii) Front and back cover was NOTED.
- (h) AA Drivetech – requested to increase the amount of attendees. **It was RESOLVED not to increase the numbers at present and that the Clerk would investigate into the Insurance and Contract and forward to the Executive Committee for consideration.**
- (i) New Lamp Columns – e-mail from Peter Adderley regarding defective pavers as per original e-mail from Cllr. Bond was NOTED.

379/10 **Update from County Councillors**

Cllr. Sam Rowlands reported that a recent meeting had taken place to discuss the Community Development Plan had been very helpful with around fifty people in attendance.

Cllr Tim Rowlands reported that the Local Development Plan has been deferred. The Board will meet in January 2011, followed by Full Council in February 2011, and a Public Consultation to follow.

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

- (a) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

- (b) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

*Standing Orders were suspended*

381/10 **Emergency Item**

It was NOTED that the purchaser of Gwrych Castle is negotiating with Abergele Golf Club to relocate the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees and is offering a piece of land in its place. The aim is to build 200 properties on 22 acres, and it has been suggested that this development could fund the renovations to the Castle which is a Listed Building.

*Standing Orders were reinstated*

382/10 **Planning / Licensing**

- (a) Planning Applications: - The planning applications as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded 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.

383/10 **Documents for Information**

- (a) Fit 4 funding Newsletter was NOTED
- (b) PeBel Residents Association was NOTED

Meeting Closed at 9pm

Signed:

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(Chairman)