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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 4th November 2010 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

324/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr R M Medlicott (Chairman)
Cllrs: M Bond; G P Davies; J A MacLennan; D A MacRae; P D Meredith; J D Mortimer; J E H Pitt; T Rowlands; J Stubbs; R G Waters; A Wood
County Cllr Ron Hastings
Mrs Ann Roberts (Admin Assistant)
Mrs Mandy Evans (Town Clerk Designate)

325/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: R P Peacock; B C Roberts; S Rowlands; K J Sudlow.

326/10 **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).

327/10 **Visitor to the Council**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Lyn Davies from CCBC who gave an update on future Burial Provision in Abergele. Mr Davies advised that, due to a shortfall in capital funds and because no suitable plot had been found for a cemetery in Abergele, the Monitoring Group had re-allocated the Cemetery capital spend to Highways. Four plots for a new Cemetery had now been identified as 'suitable' – two on St George Road and two near Penrefail Crossroads, Llanfair Road. Preliminary contact had been made with the vendors of the four plots, but none were keen to sell. Priority to be given to negotiating the purchase of the St George Road plots as these are more convenient, being nearer the town centre. Members suggested a possible plot at Middle Gates, Llanddulas Road. Mr Davies agreed to investigate the viability of Middle Gates and continue to pursue the St George Road plots of land. The Mayor thanked Mr Davies for attending to give his informative presentation.

328/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7th October 2010.

329/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a) Benefit Awareness Presentation (Housing)
It was NOTED that Cathy Richards CCBC would attend the Council meeting on 2 December 2010 to give a presentation on the changes in benefits.
- b) Digital Mapping for the Cemetery
It was RESOLVED to defer the matter until further information to hand regarding what had already been purchased.

c) Awel y Môr

It was NOTED that assurances had been received to confirm that any memorials/ tree plaques would be treated sensitively and put into storage whilst the refurbishment work is carried out at Awel y Môr.

Standing Orders suspended

County Councillor Ron Hastings advised that access for the building work would be via the main entrance and not Park Grove. Cllr Hastings to keep the Town Council informed of developments.

North Wales Housing are to be requested to contribute a facility at Pentre Mawr Park

It was RESOLVED to refer this matter to the Heritage Committee.

Standing Orders re-instated.

It was RESOLVED to write to advise the Cabinet that this Council strongly objects to the land at Awel y Môr, Pentre Mawr Park being sold on a 999 year lease. Also, to request that any monies realised, to be spent on community projects in Abergele.

d) Community and Town Council Survey 2010

It was RESOLVED to refer the matter for consideration by the Local Government sub-Committee.

e) Land adjacent to Tannery

It was RESOLVED that an Invoice be requested.

f) New Street Lighting Scheme

It was RESOLVED to invite Abergele traders to meet with the Town Council to discuss their concerns.

g) Abergele Harriers

Details of the change of route for the 'Abergele 5 Road Race' were NOTED.

h) Easier Access Programme – Rural Stations

The contents of a letter from Transport Division – WAG were NOTED.

It was RESOLVED to compile a list of issues with Arriva Trains Wales eg many cancelled trains, to be forwarded with covering letter to Arriva Trains Wales.

Cllr J E H Pitt left the meeting at this juncture.

i) Photographs

A request for photographs of Tower Hill and Castell Cawr to be used on the information boards was NOTED.

j) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils

The responses from Unitary Authorities on Consultation / Charters and Dog Fouling and Littering were NOTED.

Members expressed concern that the views and opinions of Town councils did not seem to be taken into consideration in relation to planning matters.

It was RESOLVED that the issue of Planning be added to the Agenda of the next meeting of the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils.

k) Internal Audit

It was NOTED that Mr D Shore had carried out an internal audit.

330/10 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and NOTED:

- a. Remembrance Sunday- 14th November 2010
Details of the format of the Parade and Service of Remembrance from Branch Secretary RBL
- b. Road Closure – Remembrance Sunday
- c. Perimeter Path – Pentre Mawr Park
A letter from Friends of Abergele Parklands, and an e-mail giving details of the Official Opening of the Perimeter Path in Pentre Mawr and the carving of 'The Otter'.
It was RESOLVED to write to the Friends of Abergele Parklands to congratulate them and to thank them for all their hard work.
- d. Children and Families (Wales) Measure (a Welsh Law)
- e) Mayor's Diary
Details of the Mayor's engagements for November 2010
- f) One Voice Wales
Details of Planning Workshops.
- g) North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils
Ballot papers for elected members of the Association
- h) Urgent Correspondence
The following items of urgent correspondence were RECEIVED and NOTED:
 - i) A letter sent by Darren Millar AM to CCBC regarding future Burial Provision in Abergele.
 - ii) A letter from WAG regarding Abergele Street Lamp Column Replacement Scheme, advising refusal of our grant application. Concern was expressed by Members that the decision was made by a 'panel of community representatives'
It was RESOLVED to write with copy to Darren Millar AM, asking who the representatives are, how they are elected/appointed and was Abergele represented?
 - iii) An e-mail regarding the paper recycling banks in Abergele
 - iv) Notice of Marie Curie Cancer Care Conwy & Denbighshire Nursing Appeal at Cineworld Llandudno Junction on 17th November 11-12noon.

331/10 **Police Liaison**

The written report from the last meeting, held on 1st November 2010, was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to a Senior Police Officer to protest against the proposal that, in future, policing of Civic Events / Parades might be subject to fees for Police time / presence

332/10 **Update from County Councillors**

a) Cllr Tim Rowlands reported on the draft LDP and advised that the Affordable Housing Viability Study had recommended only 10% affordable housing for the area, but Cllr Rowlands suggested it should remain at 30% across the board.

Standing Orders suspended

b) Cllr Ron Hastings advised that the alleyway gating between Groes Lwyd and Alexandra Road was due to be completed by 1st December 2010.

Standing Orders re-instated.

333/10 **Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the following Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) The General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 21st October 2010
- b) The Policy and Finance Committee, held on 21st October 2010

334/10 **Planning / Licensing**

- a) No planning applications had been received.
- b) The planning decisions issued by CCBC, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.
- c) No Licensing Applications had been received.

Meeting Closed: 8.25pm

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(Chairman)

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
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No Planning Applications Received

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 4.10.10 to 17.10.10

0/37072 Retention of rooms as part of existing first floor flat at First Floor Flat, Spice Merchant, Chapel Street, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37195 Extension to dwelling at 32 Coed Bedw, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37198 Display of 2no. non-illuminated wall mounted fascia signs at Abergele Consulting Rooms, Ground Floor, Priory House, NW Business Park, Llanddulas Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37222 Erection of dwelling and construction of means of access on land at Bryanston, St George Road, Abergele

Decision: Refused
