

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, was held on Wednesday 4 May 2011 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

586/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, R.M. Medicott;  
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; J.D. Mortimer;  
B.C. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

587/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; D. Meredith; J.E.H. Pitt; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs

588/10 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

- Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).  
None were declared

589/10 **Minutes**

- **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 April 2011.**

590/10 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a) Letter from CCBC regarding Pubic Conveniences transfer/closure process
  - i) This matter was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub-Committee. An update was provided by the Clerk regarding the Pubic Conveniences on Water Street following the Local Government Sub-Committee.  
**It was RESOLVED that the maintenance costs of running the toilets including Insurance would be too costly for the Town Council to administer and it was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC stating this and requesting further information to promote the WAG toilets scheme was NOTED.**
  - ii) Business Plan to take on the Water Street Toilets  
**Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED that Cllr Wood and the Clerk put together a rough business plan for the Water Street toilets, and submit to the Committee. To make a loss is inevitable; but consideration to be given to setting up a Trust to run and fund the toilets (pending) was NOTED**
  - iii) Letter of response from CCBC regarding the Community Toilet Scheme  
It was RESOLVED that the matter is forwarded to the Heritage Committee to explore further possibilities and returned to Full Council for approval. **Some confusion was expressed as to why the matter has been forwarded on to the Heritage Sub - Committee and it was RESOLVED to defer to the next Meeting for clarification.**
- b) Letter from Howell Jones & Co. regarding registration with the Land Registry for the two sections of land at the Mount  
**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Howell Jones & Co to request a site meeting as the plan does not appear to be correct.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter is DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub-committee was NOTED**

A site Meeting with David Hughes was arranged for Thursday 10 March 2011. Following a site meeting it was decided that the Clerk will contact the Environment Agency with a view to obtaining confirmation that EA will accept responsibility for maintaining the river-side of the fence – still awaiting confirmation and David Hughes will then contact solicitors to arrange the reverse transfer for the small triangle of land. If appropriate, David Hughes will also attach a condition regarding the bank maintenance. No further information to date was NOTED

(c) E-mail from a local resident regarding River Gele erosion near Bryn Twr.

A letter and booklet had been received from the Environment Agency explaining their role in connection with maintenance due to river erosion. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards a copy of the booklet to the resident for his information and members wished to thank the Administration Assistant for forwarding a copy of the booklet.**

d) A letter from J & T Gizzi Builders regarding the use of out-of-area Companies.

A letter received from Cartrefi Conwy in response to query regarding their use of out-of-area contractors. **It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the letter to J & T Gizzi and to make Mr. Gizzi aware of an article in the Daily Post dated 04 May, 2011 regarding the matter.**

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**Correspondence**

- To RECEIVE and CONSIDER the following items of correspondence:

- (a) CVSC – Membership renewal for period 1.4.2011 – 31.3.2012 was APPROVED.
- (b) Copy of letter dated 14 April 2011, sent by David Jones MP to Mr Phil Rafferty, Regulatory Services, CCBC, in connection with the Revised Deposit LDP was NOTED
- (c) i. Copy of Representations sent by David Jones MP to CCBC, in connection with Conwy LDP (Revised Deposit 2011) was NOTED  
ii. A copy of a letter from David Jones MP received from Mr. Stan Yates CCBC was NOTED

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr. David Jones MP for his opinion of the response letter from CCBC.**

- (d) Copies of e-mails received from James Bonser and Nick Williams in connection with installation of Pensarn Barriers was NOTED
- (e) E-mail giving details of 'Pathfinder' – a new programme to support community action on climate change was NOTED
- (f) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for May 2011 was NOTED

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**Urgent Correspondence**

- To RECEIVE any additional items of urgent correspondence

- (a) An e-mail from Shane Wetton regarding the Grants information session on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 was NOTED
- (b) A letter from CCBC to a local resident regarding a potential new allotment site in Rhyd y Foel. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC to suggest that the allotment should be within**

**the Abergele confines, given the level of interest by residents of Abergele, as Rhyd y Foel does not fall within the Abergele and Pensarn area.**

- (c) WAG Community & Town Council Survey 2010 (copy available on request from the Clerk) was NOTED

593/10 **Update from County Councillors**  
- No County Councillors were in attendance

594/10 **Minutes**  
- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:  
(a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 17 March 2011.  
(b) Policy & Finance Committee held 17 March 2011

595/10 **Nominations**  
- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2011/12 were RECEIVED, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 12 May 2011 as follows:

- a) Town Mayor 2011/12 – Cllr. J.A. MacLennan  
Proposed by Cllr. R.G. Waters  
Seconded by Cllr. D. A. MacRae
- b) Deputy Mayor 2011/12 – Cllr. T. Rowlands  
Proposed by Cllr. M. Bond  
Seconded by Cllr. K. Sudlow

596/10 **Planning Matters**  
a) Planning Applications - the applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, were considered and concluded as detailed on that schedule.  
  
b) Planning Decisions - the planning decisions issued by CCBC for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

597/10 **Documents for Information**  
a) First Edition of 'Proactive' Procurement Newsletter was NOTED  
b) Dignified Revolution Newsletter for April was NOTED  
c) Community & Town Councils Survey 2010 Findings Report was NOTED

598/10 **Additional Urgent Item**  
It was agreed by the Chairman that Councillor MacRae could raise the following additional item. Robert Hughes who was a local entrepreneur and founder of the Town Council bust is to return to Abergele which was previously above the Town Hall in Market Street. **It was RESOLVED that the Council will cover the cost of a stone mason to a value of £1000.**

599/10 **Vote of Thanks**  
(i) Members wished to thank Cllr. Medicott for all his hard work during his term of Office as Mayor of Abergele.  
(ii) Members wished to express a vote of thanks to the Administration Assistant for her hard work during the Clerks period of Annual leave.

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Signed ..... (Chairman)

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### Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
4.5.11	0/37840	Kitchen extension to rear of dwelling at 12 Dundonald Avenue, Abergele.	Miss Catrin Morris	No objection	
4.5.11	0/37842	To crown lift and prune 1no. Oak tree, to prune and reduce 3 x limbs on 1no. Oak tree at 11 Tan y Wylfa, Abergele.	Mr Jennings	Refer to Tree Warden	

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## SCHEDULE 'B'

### Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 4.4.11 – 17.4.11

0/37701 Extensions to dwelling (partly retrospective) and new gazebo and raised fence at Bryanston, St George Road, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

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0/37712 Construction of pitched roof first floor extension to side of dwelling and single storey pitched room sun room extension at Bron Berllan, Tan y Fron Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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0/037732 Extension to dwelling at 150 Maes Canol, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

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0/37766 Display of 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 non-illuminated hanging sign at 5 – 7 Market Street, Abergele.

Decision: Approved with conditions

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