

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

555/10 **Attendance Register**

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

Member of the Press

556/10 **Apologies for Absence**

J.D. Mortimer; T. Rowlands;

557/10 **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).

Cllr. J.A. MacLennan (Min no: 567/10 - Planning Application 37756)

558/10 **Visitor to the Council**

- The Mayor Cllr. Malcolm Medicott introduced and welcomed the new Vicar, Kathryn Ann Johnson, the new Vicar for St. Michael's and Canolfan Dewi Sant and Rector of St George's Church to the Council and presented her with some Town Council memorabilia as a welcome gift to Abergele.

559/10 **Vote of Condolence**

The Council wished to express a Vote of Condolence to the family of the late Brynle Williams AM

560/10 **Minutes**

- It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, APPROVE** and **SIGN** as a correct record the **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd March 2011**

561/10 **Matters Arising on those Minutes:**

(a) **Denbighshire Draft Consultation Plans**

An overview was provided discussing the amount of housing proposed and the current demographics. The Council wished to support Bodelwydden Action Group but considered it prudent to seek professional advice prior to moving forward as the interests of the Town of Abergele had to be paramount.

Following a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that a meeting should be held in the Town Council Offices on Monday 7th March with Darren Miller, AM, and Peter Lloyd, Planning Consultant with a view of drafting a letter of response with professional advise.

A letter was sent to Denbighshire County Council on 08/03/11 expressing the Councils views on the matter was **NOTED**

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to invite Mrs Bowley of the Perfect K9 Owners Club to a meeting regarding options to make Pentre Mawr Park a safer place for all users. Mrs Bowley attended the Policy & Finance sub-committee

Meeting on the 17th February 2011. The Council RESOLVED to agree in principal, subject to consultation with the various user groups was NOTED.

- (c) (i) A copy of a letters sent by Mrs Bowley to CCBC (CF1 5bi)
An e-mail from Conwy CBC regarding the path at Tower Hill was RECEIVED
A meeting with Caroline Turner was held to discuss the issue on Wednesday 9th March 2011 and it was RESOLVED at the General Purpose & Planning Meeting on the 17th March that both paths are included on the definitive plan and were duly forwarded to Ms Turner was NOTED.
- (d) To receive and consider a letter from Bob Saxby regarding the shelters. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Highways Department stating that they are not willing to cover the costs of the bus shelters and CCBC should continue to maintain, no response has been received to date was NOTED.
- (e) APPROVAL for an invoice from Conwy CBC to for the cost for the carving of the Otter in Pentre Mawr Park was DECLINED and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquires with Conwy CBC as to who authorised the original agreement. Following telephone conversations with the County information is still vague. A credit note has now been received to cancel the original invoice was NOTED.
- (f) At the request of Cllr. MacLennan an additional urgent item was discussed regarding the NWATCC and the adoption of Policies for the organisation. The request was made for a mandate for Cllr. MacLennan to be able to act on behalf of Abergele Town Council. It was RESOLVED to approve the policies in principal and was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr. MacLennan to act on behalf of Abergele Town Council was NOTED.
- (g) (i) A letter from CCBC regarding Pubic Conveniences transfer/Closure Process 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. Where it was RESOLVED that the cost of running and maintenance costs 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 requests further information to promote the WAG toilets scheme.
(ii) Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED that Cllr Wood and the Clerk pull together a rough Business plan to take on the Water Street toilets, to make a loss is inevitable and submit to the Committee and that the possibilities of a Trust is set up to run and fund the toilets (pending).
(iii) A letter of response from CCBC regarding the Community Toilet Scheme (CF1 5giii)
The Clerk provided an update of information obtained from the recent meeting of the SLCC stating that they recommended that the issue is left with the County Council at present. **It was RESOLVED that the matter is forwarded to the Heritage Committee to explore further possibilities and returned to the Full Council for approval.**
- (h) To receive a letter from Howell Jones & Co. regarding registration with the Land Registry for the two sections of land at the Mount was NOTED and 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. A site Meeting with David Hughes was arranged for Thursday 10th 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 was NOTED.

- (i) (i) An e-mail from a local resident regarding the River Gele. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Environment Agency on behalf of the resident was NOTED
(ii) Further correspondence from Mr Cooke was NOTED
(iii) A copy of an e-mail from Victoria Currie CCBC was NOTED
It was RESOLVED that the Clerk arranges a Meeting with all parties to ascertain the ownership of the River and that Cllr. Sam Rowlands raises the issue with Conwy CBC.
- (j) (i) An e-mail update from Gareth Daniels CCBC regarding the layout of the hoop barriers. It was RESOLVED that the Manchester Bollard was the preferred choice in blue and that as many as possible should be fixed bollards was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter to CCBC to thank Mr Gareth Daniels for all his hard work and FURTHER RESOLVED to check the height of the Barriers.**
(ii) The Clerk provided a verbal update stating that the Barriers are now in place and the project is on schedule to finish was NOTED.
- (k) A letter and attachment from One Voice Wales - Policy Consultation – Volunteer Responders. It was RESOLVED to accept Cllr. MacLennan as the volunteer and Cllr. MacLennan agreed to contact One Voice Wales to inform them was NOTED.
- (l) A letter from J & T Gizzi Builders regarding the use of out of the area Companies.
(i) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to J & T Gizzi to inform them that the company was chosen as they are the only one that provide the service and that there is no charge to the Town Council as the adverts cover the cost. If a local company was to provide the service then the Town Council would be more than happy to consider them was NOTED
(ii) It was FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of Mr. Gizzi's letter to Cartrefi Conwy for their consideration with regard to the housing issue was NOTED
- (m) A letter from Janet Ryder AM regarding file disposal was NOTED and it was RESOLVED to include in the Newsletter was NOTED.

Standing Orders were suspended

562/10 **To receive any items of Urgent Correspondence**

The following item was brought forward for consideration due to the urgency of the matter.

- a) A request from Cllr. Mortimer for a Referendum to be held regarding the 870 extra houses. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk investigates into the cost and timescale of holding a Referendum to object to the amount of housing proposed and the proposed sites. Due to the short timescale left for the Consultation period it was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk are given delegated powers to make the make the decision to move forward with the Referendum based on timescale and cost and it was FURTHER RESOLVED that a Budget of £5000 is set.**
- b) Extract from the Daily Post 5th April, 2011 regarding the cross boarder planning deal was NOTED and **it was RESOLVED that the TAN 20**

Consultation Document which is currently out for consultation will require consideration regarding the Welsh Cultural and emigration figures.

- c) Response from Stan Yates CCBC regarding an extension to the Consultation period was NOTED
- d) Copy of an e-mail from Darren Miller regarding an extension to the Consultation period was NOTED
- e) Informal notes from the Public Meeting on the 31st March 2011 was NOTED and the Council thanked Cllr. MacLennan for Chairing the meeting and for Cllr. S. Rowlands for assisting and reflected on the good turnout of local people to the meeting.
- f) Informal notes from the meeting with David Jones MP 2nd April 2011 and a copy of a plan from 1998 referred to in the notes was NOTED.
- g) Copy of the Urban Development Strategy Area received from a member of the public at the Public Meeting was NOTED.
- h) Copy of a Press release from Darren Miller regarding the Public Meeting was NOTED
- i) A copy of the Public Notice issued to the press for the Open Session was NOTED
- j) Sample paperwork for use at the Open Session was APPROVED.
- k) Mr Peter Lloyd provided an update and it **was RESOLVED that Mr. Lloyd proceeds with the preparation of the Statement of Intent on behalf of the Council and prepares guidance for the backing documents for the Open session on Saturday 16th April, 2011.** The Council questioned why certain areas had not been included in the plan and Mr. Lloyd stated that some areas such as Extra Care may be exempt. The Council also queried why some Brown Field Sites had not been included; Mr. Lloyd stated that the council may wish to raise this in their representation. It was stated that the actual figure for housing could be as high as 1300 not 850 as stated. A Traffic Management Improvement Scheme would be supported by the Council and the Council are not opposed to housing growth. WAG has stated that the figure is too high. It was NOTED that if any Councillors wish to raise any specific points to forward to the Clerk.

Standing Orders were re-instated

563/10 **Correspondence**

- To RECEIVE and CONSIDER the following items of correspondence:

- (a) Mayor's Diary - Details of the Mayor's engagements for April 2011 was NOTED.
- (b) Informal Notes from the Police Liaison Meeting held 28th March, 2011 was NOTED.
- (c) A letter from North Wales Technology Park Ltd. Regarding North Wales Business Park was NOTED
- (d) An e-mail enquiry regarding allotments and a subsequent update from CCBC was NOTED
- (e) A letter and extracted copy documents from SNR Denton regarding Compulsory Purchase of land in Pensarn was considered and **it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to SNR Denton to Clarify the areas on the map and enquire if following the compulsory purchase the land can be utilised following the settlement period and the length of the settlement period.**
- (f) Minutes from the meeting of the NWATLCC was NOTED
- (g) Temporary Traffic Notice for rolling road closure – Market Street to Clwyd Avenue was NOTED

- (h) (i) E-mail update regarding the A55 slip road closure and congestion in Abergele was NOTED
- (h) (ii) Update from the Clerk following a conversation with the NWATRA and Cllr. Mortimer. **It was RESOLVED that due to the A55 roadwork nearly at its completion that a letter would not be of benefit at this stage.**
- (i) E-mail from Mr Lawson regarding a request for a BMX track was NOTED
- (j) E-mail from North Wales Stoves regarding a street party for the Royal wedding. **It was RESOLVED that the Council have no plans to hold a street party at present but to inform North Wales Stoves that Pentre Mawr Park and Tannery Court were holding parties.**
- (k) E-mail update from Peter Adderley regarding the second phase of the Heritage Lamps was NOTED. **It was stated that Mr Adderley was unwell at present and it was RESOLVED to send a card to him from the Town Council.**
- (l) A Membership Renewal from One Voice Wales. An update was provided regarding the current situation between OVW and the NWATCC **and it was RESOLVED to hold payment until after next week's meeting of OVW and to forward to the next Ordinary Meeting.**
- (m) A letter from One Voice Wales regarding their National Training Programme was NOTED
- (n) E-mail from CCBC regarding the Community Charter and a request for volunteers was NOTED
- (o) A letter from Conwy CBC regarding a Disabled Person's Parking Place was NOTED
- (p) A letter from Bus Stop regarding changes to take place in April was NOTED
- (q) Cytun Abergele Church - Palm Sunday Possession of Witness was NOTED
- (r) NHS Wales – change of telephone number for North Wales Out of Hours Service was NOTED
- (s) CCBC – Abergele Extra Care Housing Scheme new name for Awel y Môr was NOTED and the Council wished to congratulate Cllr. D. MacRae for selecting the chosen name. The Council also wished that thank Cllr. MacRae for all her hard work on the Town Guide.
- (t) (i) E-mail from Conwy CBC advising of the Draft LDP Consultation period was NOTED
- (t) (ii) An e-mail from CCBC regarding request to attend the Public Meeting and an extension to the end date of the Consultation period was NOTED
- (t) (iii) E-mail from local residents with their views on the proposed LDP was NOTED

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Update from County Councillors

- A verbal report was received from County Councillors stating that the Acting Chief Executive and Corporate Director was still in place at Conwy CBC and that the County Council are currently debating the future of Colwyn Bay Pier.

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Minutes

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

- (a) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on 10th November, 2010
- (b) Town Guide Sub-Committee Meeting held 27th January, 2011
- (c) Newsletter Sub-Committee Meeting held 3rd November, 2010
- (d) Local Government Sub-Committee held 9th December, 2010
- (e) General Purpose & Planning Meeting held 17th February 2011

566/10 **Forthcoming Meetings**

- The schedule of the forthcoming Meetings for April 2011 was RECEIVED.

567/10 **Planning / Licensing**

- (a) Planning Applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- (b) Planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached were NOTED.

568/10 **Documents for Information**

The following documents were NOTED.

Open Doors Programme for 2011

Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Assoc. News

Plantscape 2011 Catalogue

CVSC Tender Master Class

SLCC – Efficiency & Procurement 2011

Big Lottery Improving Futures

CVSC – Wales gets volunteering boost

CVSC – Energysshare

CVSC – Welsh Projects get a taste of the outdoors with Big Funding

Consultation: Welsh Fire & Rescue Authority Equality & Diversity Strategy 2011-2016

Woodberry Outdoor Furniture

Kompan – new playground funding support service

Littlethorpe of Leicester – Quality Hardwood Bus Shelters

Clerk & Councils Direct for March

Sutcliff Play – update letter

Conwy CBC – Annual Report 2009/10

Conwy CBC – Annual Report 2009/10 Summary

North Wales Police – Local Policing Summary 2011/12

CCBC - NNDR 2011/12

New Abergele Town Guide 2011/12

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Signed

(Chairman)