

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, was held at 6:45 pm on Thursday 21st July 2011 immediately after the RESOLUTIONS of the Council in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

00142/11 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
 Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

00143/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow;

00144/11 **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).

00145/11 **Visitors to the Council**

Standing Orders were suspended

- (a) The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Ron Hastings to the Meeting who provided an update with regard to the Abergele Medical Centre. Cllr. Hastings is aware that there have been some reservations with regard to the development. The project was passed in Planning last Wednesday and he felt that it was the best thing to happen in Abergele for some time. There would be a 90 bed dementia unit, 40 bed brain unit, a 30 bed clinical unit and a 100 place day nursery, which would bring jobs and impact on the economy. It was stated that that these would be highly specialist jobs and the only posts for Abergele would be low paid. Cllr Hastings was asked about access to the site and if there would be a slot off the A55 and stated that there would not be but stated that CCBC Officers were satisfied with the parking arrangements. Eldon Drive was discussed and the pedestrian access through the Drive. The 80 proposed houses on the Draft LDP in that area was also briefly discussed and that County Councilors are not aware of this. The question was asked if it was a hospital or a care home for the 80 bed dementia unit and members were disappointed that they had not been invited to the site meeting. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Planning to query this.** Cllr Hastings also stated that there would be specialist screening from the Castle. Cllr. Hastings was thanked for his attendance.
- (b) The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Julie Arrowsmith, Play Projects Manager from Conwy County Borough Council who provided an overview of a pilot scheme 'Play in the Park' that will be taking place this summer in Pentre Mawr Park. Mrs. Arrowsmith stated that there was a National annual play day on 3rd August and this year would host mini events in Abergele. On the 26th August in Pentre Mawr Park there will be a Fun Day with rope swings, slide, paint, fires for child led play from 11am – 3pm. Any locals wishing to have a

stand or wish to contribute any items such a boxes etc. should contact Mrs. Arrowsmith directly. A Fun filled Summer Guide has gone out to all schools and will bus children to Colwyn Bay for the 3rd August event. Summer Play Schemes are also taking place on different days to the Play days. The maximum places at a Play Scheme are 30 and the scheme is going to be more child led play and outdoor play this year. Mrs. Arrowsmith provided data on the previous years attendance and is happy to provide this years figures at a later date. Rugby Club toilets will be open. Members of the Friends of Pentre Mawr Park stated that they had received Green Flag Status for the Park. Noise from the A55 was discussed and soundproofing of the area at the park, a grant has been received for 1000 trees to be planted. Mrs. Arrowsmith thanked the Council for their contribution to Play Schemes. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Arrowsmith for her time.

Standing Orders were reinstated

00146/11 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 16th June 2011.

00147/11 **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

- a) An e-mail from OVW regarding Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting was briefly discussed which included carers, volunteers, zero tolerance and the staffing review.
- b) A letter from Solicitors Regulation Authority regarding the location of former Solicitors files. The Clerk gave an overview of the file requested and **it was RESOLVED to contact SGS to see what they hold.**

00148/11 **Correspondence**

To receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) A note from Mrs. R O Lea regarding Abergele Town Centre was NOTED
- b) A request from Cllr. Bird to consider additional planting of flowers in the Town, bulbs that flower all year round on the grass verges, slip roads etc. could be something that could involve schools. Sound proofing and barrier trees on Sea Road to be considered. **It was RESOLVED to contact a professional Contractor in the first instance and for a budget to be set at the Estimates committee.**
- c) A letter from Sovereign Play Equipment regarding their new range of equipment was NOTED.
- d) A letter from CCBC regarding Youth Liaison Forum on the 18th July was NOTED
- e) An e-mail from a local resident regarding neighbours was NOTED
- f) A copy of the Report submitted by Caroline Turner CCBC regarding the paths to the Tower Hill was NOTED, and that the Minutes from the Meeting were not available to date.
- g) A copy of the Definitive Map Modification Order from Caroline Turner CCBC was NOTED
- h) A letter from Scottish Power for the Mayor regarding nominations for an Award was NOTED

- i) An e-mail from CVSC regarding Fire Safety Regulatory Reform – the Clerk has expressed an interest to attend was NOTED
- j) A letter and attachments from CCBC regarding the stone tablets was NOTED
- k) CCBC Healthy Conwy Cabinet Report 2011-14 was NOTED
- l) CCBC Cabinet Report regarding 0/37901 flood work on left bank of Afon Gele was NOTED
- m) (i) Notification of CCBC Public Consultation Document regarding Conwy Library Service was discussed briefly and NOTED that rationalisation of the system was taking place with three smaller Libraries merging into one. Abergele was keeping its Library in its existing format.
- (ii) A copy of the online questionnaire was NOTED and members will complete the questionnaire individually.
- (iii) A copy of the Consultation Document was NOTED
- n) Minutes and Agenda for the OVW Meeting on 13th July 2011 was NOTED
- o) A copy of an e-mail from Cllr Bond regarding the general condition of the Town. The Clerk provided an update with regard to the recycling at Tesco and Cllr Bond expressed concern regarding the pavements in the Town and was informed that a Meeting was taking place on Monday with CCBC Officers to discuss that issue.
- p) An e-mail from a local resident regarding pigeon muck in the town was NOTED and would be discussed at the Meeting with CCBC on Monday.

00149/11 **To Receive any Urgent Items of Correspondence**

- q) A letter and application documents for consideration from Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board with comments required within 30 days of letter was NOTED
- r) A member raised an issue from today's Daily Post regarding the future plans by North Wales Police and **it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Conwy Estates Department for an update.** It was PROPOSED that the Clerk purchases a copy of the Daily Post daily.

00150/11 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings/Committees were RECEIVED:
 (a) Heritage Sub-Committee held 5th July, 2010

00151/11 **Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications: The applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' were considered and concluded as detailed thereon. Members also requested a larger print copy of the Schedule in future.
- b) Planning Decisions – The planning decisions as detailed on Schedule 'B' – as issued by CCBC for the Abergele area were NOTED.

00152/11 **Documents for Information**

- (a) J Parkers Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2011
- (b) Surrey Handling Supplies Brochure
- (c) Broxap 2012 Catalogue
- (d) Sustainable Gov July
- (e) Historic Town Forum update
- (f) Arien Signs Autumn Offers

- (g) WAG News July
- (h) Planning Portal July
- (i) WAG Consultation Newsletter July
- (j) Thorn Lighting
- (k) Woodberry of Leamington Spa
- (l) BFCV Restart Training flyer
- (m) Code Ref: 0/37899 – Cabinet Planning Report re: Wind turbine in Llangernyw.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Signed:
(Chairman)

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
21.7.11	0/37987	Extension to existing single garage at 29 Maes Cybi, Pensam, Abergele	Mr Peter Frankland		No objections
21.7.11	0/38024	Extension to dwelling at 1 Lon Dawel, Abergele	Mr Kevin & Mrs Angela Jones		No objections
21.7.11	0/38061	Display of 2no. internally illuminated white acrylic 'McDonald' text roof mounted signs, 4no. internally illuminated yellow acrylic 'Golden Arch' symbol roof mounted signs and 1no. non-illuminated free standing customer order display sign at McDonalds Restaurant Rhuddlan Road, Abergele	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd		No objections - but request that a Welsh Dragon is placed in the centre, similar to the way there is a maple leaf in McDonalds in Canada
21.7.11	0/38064	Refurbishment of restaurant and patio area. Changes to elevations, including alterations to the roof, extension to the top eaves and aluminium cladding. Booth 1 to be removed and new fully automated entrance doors fitted. Installation of a customer order display with canopy at McDonalds Restautant, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele.	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd		No objections
21.7.11	0/38067	Display of 1no. Internally illuminated gateway sign , 3no. Internally illuminated totem signs and 1no. Internally illuminated directional sign at McDonalds Restaurant, Rhuddlan Road, Abergele	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd		OBJECT - Too many signs resulting in visibility problems to traffic
21.7.11	0/38068	Change of use from tyre / exhaust centre to MOT Class 4 & 7 and Service Station at The Old Mill, High Street, Abergele	Mr Keith Gent		OBJECT - Object to new gate at rear access to Gele Avenue. Also, waste should not be stored to the rear of Gele Avenue near residential properties.
21.7.11	0/38078	Relocation of existing internally illuminated freestanding sign on a pole to the entrance of the restaurant at McDonalds Restaurant Ltd, Rhuddlan Road. Abergele	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd		OBJECT - Visibility problems to traffic
21.7.11	0/38083	Proposed substitution of house type on Plot 20 at Plot 20 Tan yr Allt, Abergele	Anwyl Construction Ltd		No objections

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 30.5.11 – 10.7.11

0/37834 Conservatory extension and proposed garage used in connection with and part of the enjoyment of the main dwelling at Seren y Môr, St George Road, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37840 Kitchen extension to rear of dwelling at 12 Dundonald Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37836 Proposed demolition of existing Doctor's Surgery and construction of three storey Disability Centre at The Surgery, Kinmel Avenue, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions

0/37454 Alteration to external doors and windows and internal alterations comprising removing kitchen partition, flooring over cellar entrance, opening up kitchen / lounge fireplace, removal of fireplace, plastering, re-instating appearance of window shutters, internal door architraves and skirtings, to restore features of the Listed Building (Listed Building Consent) at Brig y Don, Pleasant Place, Abergele

Decision: Approved with conditions
