

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE was held at 6:45 pm on Thursday 21st March 2013 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

611/12 Attendance Register

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D.A. MacRae (arrived at 6:50pm); R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands (Chairman); J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

612/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
 Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; J.E.H. Pitt;

613/12 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).
 Declaration of interest was received from:

Cllr A Wood Min No: 619/12

614/12 Visitor to the council

Standing Orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter Barton-Price, Parks and Fleet Manager from Conwy CBC to the meeting who provided members with clarification regarding the Queen Elizabeth Playing field. Mr Barton-Price stated that there had been very few responses to the request and that Conwy Property Services had issues with the restrictions on the land selected which could hinder continued improvement and restriction of an area. Abergele is unique as it does not have a large amount of green space.

Cllr MacRae arrived at this juncture

Mr Barton-Price stated that the Parks department work very closely with Abergele Community groups which have made vast improvements to the parks and promenade. Mr Barton-Price then outlined some of the various projects that have been carried out to date.

Mr Barton-Price advised that there are to be changes in the Environmental/roads and facilities sections of CCBC in the near future, and wanted an improved way forward without restrictions. Members asked what restrictions were on the King George V Park and were informed that there were not many.

Members asked how much match funding for projects comes from Conwy and were informed that 11% of a project can be funded.

Members asked what restrictions were in place on Pentre Mawr Park and were informed that the land cannot be sold without consultation and that structures cannot be placed on a green space.

Members asked if the custodianship of the King George V Park can be transferred to Abergele Town Council for example the Mayor. Mr Barton-Price stated that he would investigate the matter.

Members stated that covenants were removed from Pentre Mawr Park without any consultation by Abergele Town Council and proposed that the Queen Elizabeth II status is given to the Park to ensure its safety for the Community of Abergele.

Mr Barton-Price stated that the Green Flag status on the park had provided a revenue increase in the funding and that there is a Management plan for the next five years in place. The Department is facing Budget cuts.

Parc Gele has a covenant for no building. A member raised a matter regarding the trim track stating that it was not used. Members requested further information regarding its relocation into Pentre Mawr Park.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barton Price for his time and information.

Standing orders were reinstated

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts OVW to enquire if it is feasible to move forward with the proposal of Abergele Town Council becoming custodian of the park. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to arrange a meeting of the Parks and Play Areas Sub Committee.

615/12 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 21st February 2013.

616/12 **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

- (a) To receive an update from CCBC regarding the funding by Welsh Government for Town & Community Councils Websites. At a recent meeting of OVW the matter was discussed and it was felt that it was up to each Council to request their £500 from the County.
- (b) (i) An email update from Conwy CBC regarding the introduction of electronic Planning consultations was NOTED
- (ii) An email from OVW regarding Digital Planning applications was NOTED
- (c) A letter from SP Manweb regarding the consultation submitted was NOTED
- (d) An update from CCBC Highways department regarding the recent site meeting and clarification regarding the prohibited times was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to keep the matter on the Agenda. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request an exact cost for the installation of the bollards and to consider the work being carried out overnight.**

617/12 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- (a) A letter from a local resident regarding the removal of trees in the Llanfair Road/Lon Dirion area was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to write to the resident to inform that utility companies have the power to remove trees without consultation.**
- (b) An email from RWE regarding the Gwynt y Mor Project was NOTED
- (c) An email from East Promenade Consultation Group with their next meeting date
- (d) An email from NW Police with details of their latest campaign
- (e) An email from CCBC regarding a new grant programme launch. **It was RESOLVED to forward to Itaca and U3A.**
- (f) An email from Conlan regarding becoming a host family
- (g) An email from CCBC regarding an event in Conwy Business Centre
- (h) An email from OVW regarding Regenerating Wales
- (i) An email from CCBC regarding Community Workshops
- (j) An email from CCBC regarding Tidy Towns. **It was RESOLVED to forward to PeBel and Friends of the Parklands**
- (k) An email from East Promenade Consultation Group regarding a visit to Rhyl Harbour
- (l) An email from CCBC Countryside with regard to their Spring Walks
- (m) An update with regard to the CCBC LDP inspection. Cllr Waters provided an update of recent events, stating that he had attended two meetings. Extra Care Housing is not classified in the calculation and how many houses was the concern expressed. Permission had been granted in Kimmel Bay under C1 for housing. Conwy CBC are trying to push the housing figure down, using the 2001 Census figure and comparing it to the 2011 figures which drops the allocation by 5000. Members thanked Cllr Waters for attending
- (n) An email from OVW regarding the Wales Audit Office Procurement and Management Consultancy Services
- (o) An email from CVSC regarding a forthcoming event

618/12 **To Receive any Urgent Items of Correspondence**

No urgent items of correspondence were received

619/12 **Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications: The applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' were considered and concluded as detailed thereon.
- b) Planning Decisions – The planning decisions as detailed on Schedule 'B' – as issued by CCBC for the Abergele area were NOTED.

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Documents for Information

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government News
- (b) Plant scape
- (c) Clerk & Councillors Direct
- (d) Rotary news
- (e) Gwynt y Mor update
- (f) Action for Market Towns
- (g) CRP News

Meeting Closed at 8:20pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No.	Description	Location	Applicant(s)	Observations
21/03/2013	0/39606	Erection of 48 no. Bed Dementia Care Home and ancillary works.	Land at North Wales Business Park, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, Conwy.	Mr M Bailey	Insufficient parking, however fully support application
21/03/2013	0/39617	The erection of 1 no. Detached dwelling with associated vehicular access and parking. (Outline application)	Land at Junction of Llanfair Road and Lon Dirion, Abergele, Conwy.	Mr & Mrs Shield	Objection to the removal of the trees. Will affect the character of the area
21/03/2013	0/39643	Proposed Demolition of Former British Legion & Erection of 11 No. Apartments & associated landscaping and car parking.	British Legion, Water Street, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 7SD.	Mr Steve Jones	Approve, however car parking space is insufficient for the building
21/03/2013	0/39629	Variation of condition no 3 of planning permission 0/33236 (Change of use of land to form campsite for motor-caravans, Touring Vans and Tents) to allow for opening from 21st March to 30th October each year.	Twrch Towers Camp, Llanddulas Road, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8ET.	Mr S. E Dutton & Miss M. M Dutton	Observations to take into consideration: Incidence of anti-social behaviour in the past and the area is a historic parkland
21/03/2013	0/39602	Proposed conversion to garage, new pitch roof to garage and conservatory and front porch extension	16 Rhiw as, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8EQ.	Mr R S Grattan	Approve as long as it has no adverse effect to neighbouring property

21/03/2013	0/39656	Conversion of existing dwelling into 3 no. apartments	Ardmore, St George Road, Abergele, LL22 7HB.	Mr Lyn Morgan	No observations
21/03/2013	0/39669	To thin by 30% and crown reduce 2 x sycamore and 1 x chestnut tree	2 Bryn Castell, Abergele, LL22 8QA.	Mr Michael Bimson	Consult tree warden to provide observations, concerns over the reduction amount
21/03/2013	0/39670	Removal of existing load bearing ground floor walls and installation of supporting steelwork (Listed Building Consent)	2 Ty Mawr, Water Street, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 7SW.	Mr and Mrs Mathew and Glenda Lane	No observations
21/03/2013	0/39671	Alterations and First Floor Extension	7 Heol Heddwch, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 7UF.	Mr & Mrs Titchener	No observations
21/03/2013	0/39642	Variation of condition no 2 of planning consent 0/38715 (Demolition of former public convenience building and change of use of site and erection of temporary car show room building and forecourt to remain.	Slaters, Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele, LL22 7PR.	Mr Craig Booton	No observations
21/03/2013	0/39519 (Additional information and amended plans to 0/39518)	Renovation Works to Dwelling, and Associated Works (Retrospective Application)	Betws Lodge, Tan Y Gopa Road, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 7DP.	Mr Paul Jones	No observations