

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE was held at 6:45 pm on Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 80/12 Attendance Register

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; S. Rowlands (Chairman); K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)  
Inspector Jason Davenport & PCSO's  
Dino Jones-Davies and members of the Rugby Club

### 81/12 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; A. Wood

### 82/12 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).  
None were declared

*Standing order were suspended*

### 83/12 Visitors to the Council

(i) The Chairman welcomed Inspector Jason Davenport, Denbighshire Coastal and Abergele District Inspector together with PCSO Tim Parker and PCSO Ffion Allen to the Council who provided an overview of Policing in the Abergele area following a review for more visible Police to be present in Abergele. The Police Station will now be manned 24/7. PC Lyndsey Clement together with PCSO's will be located at the Station. Parc Gele and surrounding area has had a positive response from the public. Ten Police Constables and two Sergeants will be located in the area between Abergele and Towyn and a first service response to Llanfair TH and Llangernyw. Sgt Davenport would be happy to attend a Police Liaison meeting on occasions but stated that PCSO's can provide the information required. Mentoring is taking place at present therefore the amount of staff on duty can vary at times. Members praised the Police presence at the Olympic Torch Relay on May 29th.

*Insp. Davenport & PCSO's retired at this juncture*

(ii) The Chairman welcomed Mr Dino Jones-Davies from Abergele Cricket, Football & Rugby Club who provided a short overview of plans for the Club House. Mr Jones-Davies stated that the current building is in a poor condition. To redevelop the Club House will cost £130,000. Abergele Harriers have expressed an interest in joining at the Club which Mr Jones-Davies feels is important for the Town. CCBC have allocated £10,000 towards the project. Future plans would include a Restaurant, bigger bar area and use for parties etc. and feel that this is sustainable and achievable. Would be willing to work with the Council to incorporate the Public Conveniences. Have made request to WREN and Windfarm but the funds have been allocated due to the Olympic Games. At present are requesting an expression of support from the Council as well as financial support due to the building not being fit for purpose.

*Cllr Sudlow arrived at this juncture*

*Standing orders were reinstated*

**It was RESOLVED that the item is forwarded to the Estimates Committee for consideration**

*Mr Davies-Jones and Members of the Rugby Club retired at this juncture*

**84/12 Olympic Torch Film**

The Olympic torch film was deferred to the next meeting. **The matter of the banner outside Tesco was briefly discussed and it was RESOLVED to remove the banner from Tesco and Pensarn due to complaints received.**

**85/12 Minutes**

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

**86/12 Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

- a) To receive and consider a copy of a letter from CCBC with regard to the changes to the Conservation Boundary for Abergele. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the Conversation Section of CCBC to advise that the Locksmith near Slaters should not be excluded from the Conservation area.**
- b) A letter of thanks from Andrew Bowden, Chief Executive of Cartrefi following the previous meeting together with a copy of the Annual Activities Report were NOTED

**87/12 Correspondence**

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

- a) An email from Cllr T. Rowlands regarding the public right of way through Middle gates. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk chase up the enquiries regarding Ty Crwn and that the right of way should remain open.**
- b) A letter and Agenda for a recent meeting of the NWATLCC Executive Committee was NOTED
- c) A letter from SP Energy Networks regarding the North Wales Wind Farm Connection Public consultation Events. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to inform that members strongly object to the overhead line and that the cables should be sited underground.** Cllr Bird stated that he would attend the Event
- d) An email from CCBC regarding Local Housing Strategy Consultation Day. It was NOTED that specific types of housing are required to meet the affordable housing needs, which should be address in the LDP. Cllr MacLennan stated that he would attend.
- e) An email from CCBC regarding the Pentre Mawr Polling Station at the Scout HQ. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards Eglwys Crist Methodist Chapel, and the Chapels on Water Street and Castle Place and local Schools as alternative locations.**
- f) An email regarding a suitable designated area for ashes. Tower Hill and Pentre Mawr Park were suggested as suitable areas and to contact CCBC with regard for the location of a bench.

- g) An email for information regarding the potential of Pre-application discussions. Members support the matter which was NOTED
- h) To receive and consider a request by Cllr M Roberts regarding the reciting of the lighting columns at High Street. Cllr Roberts stated that the location of the columns was in the centre of a narrow pavement and was creating a hazard. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact CCBC to arrange a site visit.**

88/12 **To Receive any Urgent Items of Correspondence**

Members RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED an email from the Fairtrade Committee requesting approval from the Council for the locations of the new signage in Abergele. Cllr Rowlands provided the background to the funding; Pensarn and Belgrano will be in the next phase. Eight sign locations were considered and NOTED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards on the amended locations to the CCBC.**

*Cllr Meredith retired at this juncture*

89/12 **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.

90/12 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- a) Cartrefi Conwy Annual Activities Report
- b) Wicksteed
- c) Danlers
- d) Welsh Government Consultation Newsletter
- e) ICO Newsletter
- f) Welsh Government News June

91/12 **Welcome to new Officer**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dilwyn Jones the new Administration Officer to the meeting who had been observing proceedings.

Meeting Closed at 8:05pm

Signed .....