Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, was held at 6:45pm on Thursday 16th April 2015 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

626/14 Attendance Register

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D.A. MacRae (Chairman); R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; S. Rowlands;

T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood (retired at 7:40pm); Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

627/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; B. Kinsey; K.J. Sudlow; B.C. Roberts;

628/14 **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

629/14 Visitor to the Council

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr Cummins, Headteacher of Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, to the meeting who provided members with an update on the recent progress of the school. Mr Cummings provided members with the School's Vision Statement and a leaflet was circulated. Mr Cummins provided members with an overview of each of the sections of the Vision Statement which included Leaning, Community, Support, Challenge, Respect and Success. Mr Cummings informed members that Emrys was the first school in Wales to be provided with the TEEP (Teacher Effectiveness Programme), and would hope to become a lead school in this program me and assist other schools with the programme. The School is monitored by Estyn and was judged as adequate and now is judged as good as progress has been made.

Mr Cummins is keen that the school is part of the Community and would like to visualise the Community using the school as a hub. Mr Cummings recognises the opportunities from the Placeplan and would like to ensure that the school is involved to benefit the community and the learners.

Mr Cummings informed members that attendance has increased by 2% following a positive reward system, and punctuality has improved.

Last year the school had the best exam results it had every received at KS4 and Mr Cummins is confident that this year will have even greater results.

A question regarding the Pisa style learning was asked and Mr Cummings confirmed that the school had a Mock Assessment but that the results had not been received from Welsh Government to date.

Mr Cummins was asked what the Town Council can do to assist the school and stated that Local Democracy was difficult for young people to understand and disengage as

they do not see the relevance. Mr Cummings requested information on groups that the School can link with and members offered for the School Council to hold a meeting in the Chamber. Mr Cummings stated that the school had various groups that could possibly attend.

Mr Cummins was asked how he felt the new housing development would affect the school and stated that it was too early to be able to say but that the school did have surplus places to be able to accommodate in the first instance.

Mr Cummins was then asked about the PACE group and informed that the group will not continue in September and felt that it was not beneficial for the learners to be separated from the rest of the school and will be integrated.

Members requested if there were other ways that the Council could assist and it was suggested that Student Representatives could be considered.

Standing orders were reinstated

It was RESOLVED to return the Welsh Government paper to the next meeting for members to reconsider student representatives.

630/14 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 19th March 2015.

631/14 Matters Arising from previous Minutes

No matters arising from previous Minutes were raised.

632/14 Correspondence

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

- (a) CVSC emailed to members from 26th March to 9th April 2015
- (b) OVW emailed to members from 26th March to 9th April 2015
- (c) A copy of the Agenda from the recent Community Councils forum was RECEIVED.
- (d) An email from Dong Energy with regard to their March Newsletter

Cllr Wood retired at this juncture

- (e) An email from Welsh Government with regard to the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 coming into force. It was RESOLVED to wait for further information to be received.
- (f) A letter from One Voice Wales regarding the next Larger Local Councils Meeting in Builth Wells on Wednesday 15th April was RECEIVED. Cllr Waters provided an overview of the matters discussed and that he had also attended a meeting regarding the White paper in Betws y Coed by the author of the paper today, which was very informative and suggested that there would only be two Counties in North Wales and all Community Councils would have a minimum of £200k budget with a full time Clerk. The Minister will make an announcement in June with the Bill being presented in November before the 2016 elections. The Draft Report was reviewed and updated and all present agreed that the questions were too closed and did not allow for further views.
- (g) An email from OVW regarding the Code of Practice Annual Monitoring Form

- (h) A verbal request from the Rotary club represented by Cllr Medlicott was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED that the request is received directly to the Town Council in writing for consideration but advice from the ICO is that the current list is not released as it holds personal names and addresses.
- (i) An e-mail request from the Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation regarding their Ride of Hope through Abergele on July 1st. **Pentre Mawr Park was suggested as a venue and it was RESOLVED to forward to the Rugby Club for consideration.**
- (j) An e-mail from Streetworks regarding proposed closure of Glanrafon 21/04/2015 was NOTED

633/14 **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.

634/14 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Burbo Bank Extension Dong Energy
- (b) One Voice Wales 'Response to White Paper'
 - (i) Survey Monkey results of Councils who have responded so far.
- (c) Llangollen International 2015 Evening concerts
- (d) CVSC News

Meeting closed at 8:10pr	n
Signed	
3	(Chairman)

Abergele Town Council Schedule 'A'

Planning Applications - Considered 16th April 2015

Date Considered	Planning Ref No.	Description	Location	Applicant(s)	Observations/Objections
16/04/2015	0/41559	Crown reduction of 6 no Oak Trees	North Wales Business Park, Abergele, LL22 8LJ	Mr Stephen West	No Objections
16/04/2015	0/41601	Amendment to application 0/39519 to incorporate new rear extension to dwelling and installation of solar PV system to garage roof (Listed Building Consent)	Betws Lodge, Tan-y-Gopa Road Abergele LL22 7DP	Mr Paul Jones	OBJECTIONS - not in keeping with the origianl structure. Out of character. Disturbed by the proposed extension to this historic gatehouse and the wider development of the site. (Comments forwarded to Huw Davies Conservation)
16/04/2015	0/41602	Amendment to application 0/39518 to incorporate new rear extension to dwelling and installation of solar PV system to garage roof	Betws Lodge, Tan-y-Gopa Road Abergele LL22 7DP	Mr Paul Jones	OBJECTIONS - as above
16/04/2015	0/41603	Proposed access to highway and accompanying parking within curtilage	Tyn yr Erw, St George Road, Abergele LL22 9AR	Mr & Mrs Booth	No Objections
16/04/2015	0/41621	Demolition of a lean-to garage to the side of the property and the building of a single storey shower room extension to provide access and WC facilities for a wheelchair user. Works to include adaptations internally to improve access around the house.	Aledfryn, 8 Highfield Park Abergele LL22 7AU	Mr David Hyland	No Objections