

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, was held at 6:45 pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 14/14 Attendance Register

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

### 15/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:  
 Cllrs: D.A. MacRae; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands;

### 16/14 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

### 17/14 Visitor to the Council

*Standing orders were suspended*

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ken Finch, Strategic Director of Democracy, Regulation and Support, who provided members with a presentation on future matters affecting Town and Community and County Councils.

Mr. Finch informed members that the relationship between Town & Community Councils is vital for the smooth running of services to the public. The Forum which was formed in 2010 has proved to be a good platform for communication and the Charter is in place to ensure that both sectors work together. There is also a corporate partnership set up, which departments buy into a service via a service level agreement. Mr. Finch stated he is aware that Town and Community Councils have concern regarding double taxation.

The recent Williams Report has been raised from a procurement point but there are many different issues to be considered before any further decisions can be made, open minded discussions between both parties must take place.

A member enquired if there was a cultural change, such as with the Section 137/Power of Wellbeing which can be difficult to enforce, some areas can be enhanced.

A member enquired as to how the merging of County Council will impact on Town and Community Councils?

A member enquired how the new framework is being developed and how funding for new allotments and cemetery can be transferred to another area. Mr. Finch informed that the County does not have a duty to provide a cemetery in an area. The chairman thanked Mr. Finch for giving his time to attend the meeting.

*Standing orders were reinstated*

18/14 **Minutes**

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes and Planning Committee, held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

19/14 **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

- (a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the pigeon problems was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to chase the cost for the implementation of the gel.**
  - (b) A letter from CCBC with regard to the disabled parking spaces was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Market Street provision was not included in this document and to request an update from CCBC.
  - (c) An update from the Clerk with regard to the changing over car parks in Abergele. The Clerk informed members that a site meeting will take place next week.
  - (d) (i) A copy of a letter sent by CCBC to Castle Cove with regard to the height barrier was RECEIVED
  - (ii) A request from the owner of Castle cove to address members with regard to the Pensarn Car Park was RECEIVED.
- It was RESOLVED to write to the owner of Castle Cove to inform that the Town Council only meet on the first and third Thursday of a month and that the Town Council support the letter sent by Parking Services.**
- (e) Proposed names for the new Dementia Centre from Cllr MacRae (differed from the last Ordinary Meeting) for consideration were RECEIVED. **Members made additional suggestions to those received and it was RESOLVED to forward to the proprietor for his consideration.**

20/14 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) CVSC emailed to members from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 was RECEIVED
- (b) OVW emailed to members from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 was RECEIVED
- (c) A letter from the Abergele Golf Club regarding daffodil bulbs. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Wood would clarify the matter with the Golf Club.**
- (d) An email from a local resident with regard to the collection of archive material. **It was RESOLVED to accept the offer and to clarify what information is required.**
- (e) An email from WG with regard to Governance in small public bodies
- (f) An email from Cais with a request to provide a presentation to members was DECLINED.
- (g) An email from Historical promotions regarding forthcoming events
- (h) A press release from the Community Health Council
- (i) An email from Planning Aid Wales regarding a survey
- (j) An email from WG with regard to Town & Community Council News was NOTED

21/14 **To Receive any Urgent Items of Correspondence**

None were RECEIVED

22/14 **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.

It was NOTED that in future if any applications are relating to a previously submitted application that all previous correspondence is returned for information.

23/14 **Documents for Information**

The following documents were NOTED

- a) Welsh Government Consultation Newsletter
- b) St Kentigern
- c) Clerk & Council Direct
- d) Betws y Rhos Male Voice Choir
- e) Cerdded Conwy Walks
- f) Welsh Government Town and Community Council News
- g) A thank you card

Meeting closed at 8:25pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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### Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No.	Description	Location	Applicant(s)	Observations
15.05.14	0/40507	<b>Amended Plans</b> Erection of 95 dwellings, open space and access works	St George Road, Abergele	Anwyl Construction Company Ltd / South Wales Land Development	<b>OBJECTION</b> There is no provision for a new road through Threeways roundabout. The footpath should be retained and protected as it is of archaeological importance and an archaeological survey must be carried out. Object to the stop up of St George Road. St George Road is unsuitable for the additional volume of traffic and the proposed housing is not suitable for the housing need of the area. Ideally this application should not be considered until the Abergele Place plan is adopted

15.05.14	0/40554	<b>Amended Plans</b> Demolition of existing garage/car dealership and associated buildings, including forecourt and hard standing. Construction of a new housing mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom, 2 storey houses and 2 bedroom apartments 2 and 3 storey high, all together with landscape areas, communal areas, boundary treatment and a new access road to the site	Slaters Car Dealership, Bridge Street, Abergele	Mr Craig Sparrow	Ensure that there is no access via Wenfro and it ends appropriately
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15.05.14	0/40570	<b>Amended Plan/Amended Application Description</b> Change of use to 'open farm' to be opened to the public. Erection of timber office/WC, altered use of existing builders yard to form car park	Manorafon, Llanddulas Road, Abergele	Mr William Arrowsmith	<b>OBJECTION</b> New development on this scale should not take place in the historic parkland of Gwrych
15.05.14	0/40665	Change of use from car showroom to carpet and floor coverings retail showroom	Lightfoot Skoda, Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele	Mr Ian Rutter	<b>No objections</b>



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## SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council between 31.03.14 – 27.04.14

**0/40523** Variation of Condition No. 4 of planning permission 0/39855 (change of use from car sales showroom to A1 food retail) to allow operating hours to be between 7.00 hours and 23.00 hours at Pentraeth V W Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele

**Decision:** Approved with conditions

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**0/40569** To use the existing touring and camping site field (as outlined in red on the site plan) to site touring caravans, motorhomes, trailer tents and tents between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> October each year at Manorafon , Llanddulas Road, Abergele. In accordance with our current licence the total number of units shall not exceed sixty five

**Decision:** Approved with conditions

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