

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 5:30pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

477/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,
Cllrs: G. Frost (non-member); P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts;
C. McCoubrey D A MacRae; R.M. Medicott (non-member); M. Richards;
R.G. Waters (non-member); A. Wood;
Chris Jones Regeneration;
Mr Shane Wetton CCBC
Mr Simon Billington CCBC
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Member of the public

478/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands;
Mrs Jeannette Dew; Mr Tomos Jones;

479/18 **Absence with no apologies**

None

480/18 **Declaration of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal and/or prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
None

481/18 **Minutes**

- **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 27th September 2018**

482/18 **Matters Arising from those and other Minutes**

Standing orders were suspended

- a) The Mayor welcomed Mr Chris Jones and Mr Simon Billington CCBC Officer to the meeting
- b) Mr Chris Jones provided members with the current situation in order to date to commence the Pause and Review session as outlined and clarified that the purpose of this is to review the current processes as part of a round table exercise. Mr Jones explained that there has been a lack of engagement from Officers and clarity is required with regard to 'working together'. Officers have been requested to attend and will be required in the future.

c) Tasks prioritised:

(i) **Branding**

❖ How can we build on our strengths?

Members present provided an overview of the branding to date, stating that VCA have issued the brief and that contract was in two stages. The Toolkit was issued in July.

(ii) **Walk you Town**

❖ How can we build on our strengths?

Mr Chris Jones informed the group that the QR codes are all live and there had been good community action with the project.

(iii) **Local Events**

❖ How can we build on our strengths?

This has been a good example of the variety of different events that have taken place and all parties are coming together.

❖ How can we take advantage of opportunities, now and in the future

The 2019 Foodfest is going ahead next year

(iv) **Tourism Signage**

❖ How can we build on our strengths?

A 37 page report has been forwarded to WG and CJ has spoken to WG who will be carrying out an early assessment next week and would like to thank Will Roberts from CCBC for his assistance. CCBC have assisted with the costing and assessment.

❖ How can we take advantage of opportunities, now and in the future?

It would be beneficial to have the signs before next spring

(v) **Website**

❖ How can we build on our strengths?

A good example of the strengths has been the website VCA are currently preparing the website.

It has been difficult to get the buy in to the old school site.

The toolkit states that the Plan is Community led and not officer led.

Officers should be consulted on the Vision and buy in

In the short to medium term it is possible to compliment the area.

Frustration regarding Officer engagement and collaboration.

The Chairman thanked Mr Billington for attending and he confirmed that he will take the information regarding the Atkins report and link road to Mr Vic Turner.

Standing orders were reinstated

d) A report from Chris Jones Regeneration regarding a proposal for co-delivery of the plan was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Mr Jones informed members that this would be a 6 month contract including a role for a secretariat. Mr Jones further clarified that it was essential that support from CCBC is obtained and believed that there is a role for a person to carry out the day to day work in the future and would be able to assist the Committee in obtaining funding for such a role. Mr Jones emphasised that partnership working is essential to ensure that funding is secured.

It was confirmed that CCBC were dealing with the Pensarn Development area directly and members enquired as to how they could assist Mr Jones in obtaining support from the County Officers.

There is a need for support from key partners. Governance - the Community Forum needs to work. ERF is at the core of some projects. Chris Jones can assist with Funding opportunities. An inception meeting with clarification on the role of the Town Council, and the Advisory groups, membership and any gaps. Mr Jones confirmed that he would hope to commence in January on a 6 month contract.

It was RESOLVED to approve the contract for Chris Jones Regeneration at £27,439.20 from the S106 funding for a six month contract to continue the projects for the Abergele Place Plan. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to delegate the decision on the engagement of Mr Jones to the Clerk to liaise with CCBC.

Meeting closed at 6:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)