

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Place Plan Committee was held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

768/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,  
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey;  
D A MacRae; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; A. Wood;  
Mrs Linda Tavernor; Chris Jones Regeneration (retired at 7:30pm)  
Mr Shane Wetton, CCBC  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)  
(in attendance) Cllr. G. Frost; Cllr. R.M. Medicott; Cllr. R.G. Waters;

769/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:  
Mr Peter Brown CCBC

770/18 **Absence with no apologies**

Mr Tomos Jones, Cllr A. Hunter.

771/18 **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 were declared

772/18 **Announcement from the Mayor**

A moment silence was held for Committee member and local businesswoman Mrs. Jeannette Dew and her husband Mr. Rob Dew who passed away recently.

773/18 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

774/18 **With the permission of the Committee it was RESOLVED to move Agenda item 8 up to facilitate Mr Chris Jones who had a train to catch.**

An update from Chris Jones Regeneration was RECEIVED as follows:

a) **Draft Place Plan Framework document:**

- i) Chris Jones provided an overview of his report based on the priorities.  
There are 3 themes, and governance, the projects have been inserted into the key themes
- ii) Projects have generated from the workshop last June include funding and S106.
- iii) Parking Strategy and Pensarn sea defenses are included. Some items will take time, it is important to understand the process.
- iv) Traffic management for the town is also to be considered. Bus shelters has been achieved by the Town Council.  
Gateway improvements, Tourism signage to be considered.
- v) Business, Tourism and Jobs to consider the future of the old school site as a priority. Mr. Jones will provide feedback on the process. This will require a Place led design approach.
- vi) Where Pensarn sits on the coastal strip to be considered.

- vii) An Official launch for the Town Branding, Website, and to consider Wi-Fi for Pensarn.
  - viii) Toilets will be returning to the Council in the next month.
  - ix) The Green Gele grant was declined.
  - x) There is also a lack of burial space for the Town, there is scope within the LDP, allotments, and community growing i.e. District Action Group, Herb boxes etc.
  - xi) Pensarn flats is led by CCBC, Regulatory, Housing, and a study by Capita. The Housing Association and Welsh Government are number crunching at present.
  - xii) The aim is to create a Masterplan for Pensarn, including the Flats, Arcades, Train Station and Sea Front attractions.
  - xiii) Pentre Mawr – hub, space, toilets, and bandstand
  - xiv) Parc Gele – community growing
  - xv) The future mix of retail in the Town
  - xvi) Masterplan – Urban designer, returning to CCBC to seek funding. Land ownership, biodiversity etc.
  - xvii) Smaller projects for the parks.
- b) Strategic Funding Board meeting –  
Mr. Jones attended a meeting on the 11th March with Senior Officers of CCBC
- (i) Access and infrastructure – Chris Jones to be glue with CCBC and Welsh Government to move matters forward.  
A paper will follow regarding an appraisal on the larger projects.
- c) Tourism signage  
Tourism Signage –waiting for a reply from Welsh Government, possibly AM to intervene. Funding of £15k will be split between the 4 attractions, a total £60k is required.  
It was RECOMMENDED that the Town Council considers match funding.  
**It was RESOLVED to DEFER to full Council to consider.**

#### 775/18 Matters Arising from those and other Minutes

- a) An item regarding the funding of the refurbishment of the Abergele Bus shelters at approximately £13k, now confirmed as £8k. It was RESOLVED to approve the expenditure from the S106 funding under Min No: 347/18 and further RESOLVED to defer to the Place Plan Committee for RATIFYING. Members of the Committee have already granted approval to CCBC.  
**It was RESOLVED to RATIFY the approval.**
- b) An update with regard to the recent Atkins Report and Traffic Management of the Town Centre following a letter sent to CCBC was RECEIVED.
  - (i) Response from CCBC
  - (ii) Responses from others
- c) (i) An update following the presentation to the local businesses last night with regard to the shop frontage scheme was RECEIVED.  
Conversations to take place on what can be delivered and how the study can be used. The pallet of colours from the branding could be used for signage. In the short to med term, where is the funding going to be obtained from?  
Atkins provided three sets of costings for carrying out the work which are dependant on developments moving forward to access the funding.

**It was RESOLVED to request that Atkins attend a meeting of the Committee to provide an update.**

*Chris Jones retired at this juncture*

- (ii) An update from CCBC Conservation was RECEIVED
- (iii) An update email from Cllr Bond was NOTED
- d) Clarification from CCBC as to whether funding the cost of setting up the website meets the criteria of the Section 106 Legal Agreement was RECEIVED, and it was CONFIRMED that up to £10k could be set aside for this purpose.  
**It was APPROVED in order to not hold up the process, that the quotes could be deferred to full council for approval and ratified back at the Place Plan Committee.**
- e) A request from Cllr Wood for the funding of a domain name for the new website was RECEIVED. Cllr. Wood informed members that VCA have recommended that a Domain name is purchased, and the proposed names are VisitAbergele&Pensarn.co.uk and VisitAbergele&Pensarn.com at approximately £70 each.  
**It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of VisitAbergele&Pensarn.com from the Place Plan budget.**
- f) An update from WG following the application for Enabling Natural Resources & Wellbeing Grant was not RECEIVED.  
**It was RESOLVED to DEFER to the next meeting and for the Clerk to chase an update.**
- g) A copy of the Town Council branding toolkit was RECEIVED.
- h) (i) A recommendation under Min No: 695/18 from the Newsletter Sub Committee - for the Newsletter to be included as a part of a subscription service on the new website was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED  
(ii) An email from Cllr. Wood and a copy of the approved Town Council inclusions for the new website were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that Chris Jones will be meeting with VCA in the near future.

776/18 Item DEFERRED to Min No: 774/18 above.

777/18 No further update from CCBC with regard to ongoing projects was RECEIVED.

778/18 An update from the Theme leads on any progress to date was RECEIVED as follows:

- a) Community Wellbeing and Culture  
The group is to set up a meeting in the near future.
- b) Access & Infrastructure  
The football team are considering using the Dinorben pitch, but requires fencing, costs for the Committee to consider will be received in due course.  
Facilities for the Rugby Club, Cricket Club, and storage are also being considered.
- c) Business Tourism & Jobs  
Cllr. Wood requested that the new website is hosted by Godaddy at a cost of £2.99 per month.  
**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and DEFER to the Policy & Finance Committee.**

Meeting Closed at Meeting closed 8.00pm.

Signed