

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Parks, Street Scene & CCTV Sub-Committee was held on Thursday 29th November 2018 at 6.30pm in the Room 4, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

483/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,
Cllrs: G. Frost; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mr Victor Turner (CCBC); Mr Andrew Wilkinson (CCBC)
In attendance: Cllr.M. Richards; Members of the Public
Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

484/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; R.M. Medlicott; B. C. Roberts;

485/18 **Absence without Apology**

None

486/18 **Declaration of Interest** None

487/18 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parks, Street Scene & CCTV Sub-Committee held on 22nd October 2018 were **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED**.

Cllr S Jones-Roberts arrived at this juncture

488/18 In view of the attending public, the second item on the Agenda regarding speed check devices on Dundonald Avenue was brought forward. Mr Vic Turner (CCBC) was welcomed to the meeting who was representing Mr Will Roberts (CCBC) for this item

Standing Orders were suspended.

Members CONSIDERED the e-mail response from Mr. Roberts. Mr Turner confirmed that in circumstances where speed is not a factor in a fatal RTA, the installation of traffic calming measures would not be a natural conclusion. Mr Turner explained the circumstances when such measures were deemed viable but informed the committee that Dundonald Avenue (DA) did not meet the criteria. Funds for traffic and speed calming are available to Principal Councils from the Welsh Government via a grant process but competition for these funds is vigorous and the evidence of need has to be overwhelming. As the Police record only those incidents where death or personal injury occurs, the recent history on DA would be unlikely to meet the criteria.

Members then raised concerns that other factors contributed to the relative safety of DA and its users. Further discussion took place on the types of speed deterrent that could be deployed if funding could be secured. A vehicle/pedestrian survey in the summer was suggested by members to which

CCBC agreed and confirmed that if the Town Council wanted to explore joint/match funding for speed safety measures then they would be happy to work with them.

The Chair then took comments from members of the public when it was stated that there are many dangerous incidents occurring on DA that do not involve injury or death especially on the slip road to the A55. Speakers commented that a vehicle/ pedestrian survey should be undertaken without delay however, a committee member advised that a summer survey should also be considered to accurately reflect seasonal activity.

The public were thanked for their attendance and were invited to stay. All members of the public left.

489/18 **Matters arising:**

- a) Mr Andrew Wilkinson was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Turner confirmed that the Sponsorship agreement by ATC for the three carparks in Abergele/Pensarn was now official commencing 01/12/2018/ until 31/03/2021.

CCBC will continue to maintain the carparks and will use a proportion of the current year sponsorship income to make remedial repairs, however, they will not be undertaking any major upgrades. They also agreed to supply signage in each carpark indicating the Town Council's sponsorship.

The carparks are to be free of charge to all users. Waiting Time Restrictions remain the same but will be subject to review after a few months of free parking.

Standing Orders were reinstated

A vote of thanks was proposed to Councillor Andrew Wood and Mr Vic Turner for their work in bringing this plan together.

490/18 **Salt Bag Partnership Scheme**

- a) The Deputy Clerk reported on her conversation with the Town Clerk at Llanrwst Town Council on the subject of executing a gritting programme. Llanrwst has the advantage of employing a sub-contractor for the maintenance of their planters and bus shelters and are able to add other minor projects such as winter gritting on an ad hoc basis. The checklist on the practicalities of the collection of the salt from Gofer, its distribution and the process of securing and managing the services of volunteers was CONSIDERED.

Standing Orders were suspended

Mr Wilkinson explained that the Salt Bag Partnership originated from the rural communities who requested stockpiles of salt in the locality which would solve

many short-term problems for rural communities during cold spells. The intention is for the Town and Community Councils to manage the salt as they see fit with guidance being provided by CCBC via the support pack

Standing Orders were reinstated

The map of gritting routes was considered along with the location of and access to the grit bins in the wider area. It was also noted that the town's proximity to the coastline meant that it was less susceptible to the difficulties brought about by the extremes of cold weather. It was **RESOLVED** to remain in the scheme and to invite members of the public to collect salt from Gofer at their own risk as and when the need arises.

Meeting closed: 19:45

Signed: (Chair)