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General Purposes & Planning

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SPAM RE: The Mount Abergele DE031

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Fri 18/09/2020 11:46

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Mandy
Thank you for contacting Cadw in relation to The Mount.
Cadw would be keen to work with the Council to explore opportunities to make use of the space for community activities. As you know the site is scheduled and therefore certain restrictions to the land-use will apply. However, this does not mean that the site cannot be used and as I said we would be keen to look at appropriate activities that could be undertaken there.
Perhaps you could report back to the Council and ask them whether they have any specific or outline plans for the site that we could discuss collectively?
In terms of Cadw taking the site into State Care I can confirm that The Mount would not meet our current acquisitions portfolio criteria and as such Cadw would not be able to take the monument into Guardianship Care.

Please report back to the Council and I am happy to discuss or review any proposals they may have for the site.

Thank you
Ian
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RE: The Mount Abergele

Cllr Mark Baker <cllr.mark.baker@conwy.gov.uk>
Tue 17/11/2020 14:17
To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Hi Mandy,

I would suggest speaking with Clwyd and Powys Archaeological Trust to discuss the costs of an excavation. There is also Gwynedd Archaeological Trust as well – both have commercial departments.

Hope this helps.

Mark

From: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>
Sent: 13 November 2020 11:00
To: Cllr Mark Baker <cllr.mark.baker@conwy.gov.uk>
Subject: The Mount Abergele

Good morning

At last night's GP&P meeting the future of The Mount in Abergele and its potential for excavation was discussed. I will be making enquiries about the feasibility and costs of survey and excavation, but Members are interested to know if you have a view on this idea.

A geophysical survey was carried out in 2008 (link below) for your information
http://www.walesher1974.org/herumd.php?group=CPAT&level=3&docid=301360934

and the link for the entry on CADW's register is below
https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/sam/FullReport?lang=&id=3317

I would be grateful if you could let me have your views at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards
Lorraine

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The Mount, Abergele

Paul Belford <paul.belford@CPAT.ORG.UK>
Mon 16/11/2020 16:23

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>
Cc: Nigel Jones <nigel.jones@cpat.org.uk>

Dear Lorraine

Many thanks for your email to Nigel. We have discussed the project very briefly, but due to existing work pressures haven't really had time to look into things in more detail. However our first thought would be to develop a community-based project around the archaeology of the site. We are of course able to help with the necessary permissions and support from Cadw and other agencies of Welsh Government.

It would probably be best to try and arrange a phone call in the first instance to find out a bit more about what the Council had in mind, before going on to discuss budgets and sources of funding etc. I have some availability this week (tomorrow morning or Thursday afternoon are best) - would it be possible to arrange a time to have a chat?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best

Paul

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Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT)

Notes: Telephone Conversation 19th November

Dr Paul Belford, Director

My initial enquiry requested guidance on the costs and process of initiating an excavation of The Mount and developing the site with a view to raising its profile and that of Abergele as a visitor destination.

The size and cost of the project depends on what you want to know and what you intend to do with the site /information afterwards.

In the first instance the Council would need to undertake a public consultation and create a community based project around the archaeology of the site which would influence the direction of the project. Applications for grant funding would expect to see evidence of collaboration with interested community groups. Permissions from CADW would need to be in place. CPAT can help with this.

A project of this kind would begin with a smaller but substantial dig to establish exactly what lies beneath and, to an extent, would determine whether progression to a complete excavation would add extra value. An initial dig would cost in the region of 10k- 20k which would cover personnel (travel, accommodation, sustenance), equipment, recording of information and assistance with making the most of what is found in terms of raising public awareness by engagement and education. Any new finds and information would be collated and used for research, public information and educational purposes.

A large scale project involving a complete reveal of the site, creation of safe public access, security, conservation of the fabric of the monument, and subsequent regular delivery of information/education is certainly feasible but cost could rise substantially. Extra costs will be incurred due to the presence and specialist treatment under licence, of the Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam on the riverbank, especially as the ground will be disturbed in a full excavation. Should a full excavation occur the treatment of the JK and HB would need to take place very early on in the project.

Post excavation costs would need to include protecting the monument from the elements to help limit deterioration as a result of human activity (visitor numbers, damage by footfall, litter, and vandalism).

If it is determined that a complete excavation would not add value, the original dig would be backfilled. Any remaining funding could then be channelled into making the most of any new information and the press attention that projects like this attract. E.g a new interpretation board, projects involving local schools, signposting visitors and tourists through North Wales Tourism and improving The Mount as an area for public amenity. CADW would be able to provide more information on the uses of the site as an amenity.

CPAT can provide guidance and advice on the consultation process and can liaise with CADW to obtain relevant permissions. CPAT can also help the Council make a case to attract funding.

Lorraine Whalley

Deputy Clerk

Re: The Mount, Abergele

Paul Belford <paul.belford@CPAT.ORG.UK>
Thu 19/11/2020 16:16
To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Hi Lorraine

Many thanks for the call earlier, which was very helpful.

I have had a quick chat with our regional Inspector at Cadw, who was very positive and I think Cadw would support a project funded by the Town Council - and would not only be happy to grant permission but may also be able to offer a small amount of funding themselves.

We normally prepare draft funding proposals for Cadw in January, although we need to develop outlines before then. So if the Town Council agree in principle I am quite happy to put this into our grant aid submission for 2021-22.

All the best

Paul

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From: Paul Belford <paul.belford@CPAT.ORG.UK>
Sent: 18 November 2020 12:53
To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>
Subject: Re: The Mount, Abergele

Hi Lorraine

That would be fine - I shall put it in the diary.

All the best

Paul

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Thu 17/12/2020 15:40

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Annwyl Glerc,

Mae Conwy Cynhaliol ar ran Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy wedi comisiynu rhaglen Ymgysylltu Gymunedol, Arolwg Amgylcheddol a Chynllun Gweithredu i gefnogi a llywio strategaeth "Parciau i Bawb" y Cyngor.

Bydd Cynlas, Penseiri Dewis a Stiwdio Owens yn gweithio gyda ni rhwng mis Rhagfyr a mis Mawrth i gyflawni'r prosiect hwn. Elfen allweddol o'r gwaith hwnnw yw ymgynghori ac ymgysylltu'n uniongyrchol â chi fel Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned, yn ogystal â'r cymunedau ehangach a gynrychiolwch, er mwyn gwerthfawrogi'n well dyheadau, anghenion a gweledigaeth eich cymuned ar gyfer mannau chwarae a pharciau.

Bydd Marc Roberts o Cynlas yn arwain ar yr ymgysylltu, a bydd yn cysylltu â chi yn y dyfodol agos i drefnu trafodaeth gychwynnol, naill ai dros y ffôn, neu ar Zoom neu Teams (pa un bynnag sy'n fwy cyfleus), gyda'r bwriad o gael deialog ac ymgysylltiad pellach â chi, y cyngor a phobl eich cymuned yn y flwyddyn newydd.

Rhowch wybod i ni os nad yw hyn yn gyfleus ar hyn o bryd, neu a oes angen i Marc Roberts ymgysylltu ag unrhyw un arall penodol o fewn eich Cyngor ynglŷn â'r mater.

Rydym yn gobeithio y gwnewch fanteisio ar y cyfle i fod yn rhan o'r gwaith yma.

Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda Ela Owen, ela.fon.owen@conwy.gov.uk neu Marc Roberts, marcconsultancy@btconnect.com am sgwrs bellach.

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Dear Clerk,

Conwy Cynhaliol on behalf of Conwy County Borough Council has commissioned a Community Engagement programme, Environmental Survey and Action Plan to support and inform the Local Authority's "Parks for All" strategy.

Cynlas, Dewis Architecture and Stiwdio Owens will be working with us between December and March to deliver this project, and a key element of that work is direct consultation and engagement with you as Town and Community Councils, as well as the wider communities you represent, to better appreciate your community's aspirations, needs and vision for play spaces and parks.

Marc Roberts from Cynlas will be leading on the engagement, and will be contacting you in the near future to arrange an initial discussion, either by phone, or on Zoom or Teams (whichever is more convenient), with a view to having further dialogue and engagement with you, the council and the people of your community in the new year.

Please let us know if this is not convenient at present, or whether Marc Roberts need to engage with anyone else specific within your Council regarding the
issue.

We hope you will take the opportunity to be involved in this work.

Please contact Ela Owen, ela.fon.owen@conwy.gov.uk or Marc Roberts, marcconsultancy@btconnect.com for further discussion.

Cofion / Regards,

Haf

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