

Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Pwyllgor **AMCANION CYFFREDINIOL a CHYNLLUNIO** ar Dydd Iau 9fed Medi 2021 am 6.45 y.h gyda presenoldeb o bell.

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE** was held by remote attendance at 6:45pm on Thursday 9th Medi 2021.

199/21 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; T. Brennan; D Fetherstonhaugh; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae;
R.G. Waters; N. Williams
In Attendance: DI Jason Davies NWP
Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

200/21 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bond; N. Eden; ; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts; B. C. Roberts; S.Rowlands;

201/21 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr: A. Wood;

202/21 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan bodolaeth a natur unrhyw fantais bersonol (gan ddefnyddio'r ffurflen a ddarperir ar gyfer y pwrpas hwnnw).Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests. (Using the form provided for this purpose)

Cllr M Baker

Min No: 206/21 h)

Cllr T Brennan

Min No: 207/21 a)

Cllr D Fetherstonhaugh

Min No: 206/21 h)

Cllr A Hunter

Min No: 207/21 a)

203/21 Visitor to the Council

District Inspector Jason Davies from North Wales Police was welcomed to the meeting to present to Members on his plans and ambitions for Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Policing. DI Davies began with an overview of his extensive policing career and his move from the main control room, after four years, to Local Policing Services. Having lived and attended school in Abergele DI Davies is very familiar with the territory and its issues over the years.

Realising the impact of COVID on people and policing, DI Davies is keen to restore the good practices of Neighbourhood Policing before the lockdown and to renew ties between the community and the Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT). This will entail community engagement between the NPT and the residents, community groups, Councillors, and businesses. He hopes to re-instate periodic police attendance at Council meetings and community walkabouts with the Councillors to help promote good

relations and gathering of intelligence. He is aware that ASB is on the rise, that speeding is becoming an issue on Ffordd Tan R'Allt and e-scooters being a source of concern through unlawful activity. Overall, DI Davies observed that the increase of visitors to North Wales since the easing of restrictions has created tourist hotspots of problems which have been a drain on police resources away from the wider residential areas which he hopes to address for next year's season without losing focus on matters concerning Abergele residents.

Members' questions were invited:

It was observed that the impact of ASB issues in Pentre Mawr Park was really being felt as trees are being damaged and dog walkers are having to endure verbal abuse. It was noted that members of the public sometimes call the local PCSO directly with their concerns but often the PCSO may be off duty or on leave. Members of the Public are routinely advised to report their issues to the Control Room as this information is passed to the NPT for that area. It also helps to plot a picture of where these issues are occurring and how often.

One Member asked what actions were being taken to tackle the 'County Lines' problems given that it is known that those involved are very often staying at coastal caravan parks. DI Davies observed that whilst the handling of 'County Lines' is dealt with at national level, local policing can help with intelligence gathering by working with the caravan site owners and any other areas where there is evidence of county lines activity. Cllr Hunter offered the help and co-operation of the Conwy County Members on the Council.

Rural problems were also raised. Fly tipping, unauthorised encampments, and poaching & livestock crimes. DI Davies acknowledged that the incidences of fly tipping had increased over the last 5-7 years but tackling it was a matter for working together. For poaching crimes there is a dedicated rural crime team who handle these issues. Unauthorised encampment is a very difficult area to deal with as the Police have very few powers other than forcible removal which is not the first course of action to take and a course of action that may not be needed depending on how the travellers respond to actions taken by the Local Authority.

The Chair thanked DI Davies for attending the meeting and confirmed that the Council would look forward to developing a positive and proactive relationship with him and the NPT over the coming months and years.

DI Davies left the meeting at 19:10

204/21 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes from the last meeting of the General Purposes & Planning, held on 8th July 2021.

205/21 **Matters Arising**

a) Feedback from cycle user groups regarding safe storage of bikes in the town centre was RECEIVED. Responses from the Rhos on Sea & Rhyl Cycling Clubs

and WECycle in Llandudno Junction provided comprehensive information and guidance regarding the installation of secure cycle parking facilities. In consideration of the points raised Members felt that due to the narrow pavements and absence of adequate space there were no ideal locations for cyclists to leave their bikes in the Town Centre. Cllr Williams reported that, despite cycle racks being available on the prom, they were rarely used citing the value of bicycles today. Members agreed to adjourn the item for the medium term.

206/21 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were CONSIDERED:

- a) CVSC and OWW emailed to members. NOTED
- b) Temporary Traffic Orders from CCBC Streetworks emailed to members during the month of July/Aug. NOTED
- c) Maps of the litterbin survey following the recommendation of the Ordinary committee was RECEIVED. Members considered the details of the survey conducted by Cllr Eden and gave a vote of thanks for his work. It was also noted that CCBC will be forwarding some stickers for the existing waste bins to denote that they can be used for dog waste. In recent months many of the waste bins have been replaced with larger receptacles including recycling bins. It was considered that the new Bron y Castell and Anwyl estates would need review to identify locations for bins. Councillor McCoubrey volunteered to survey Bron y Castell and Cllr Hunter volunteered to apply the stickers on the new bins.
- d) A notice of a pre-application planning consultation on land at Llys Onnen was RECEIVED. Members considered that the development was a welcome improvement to Abergele, is well designed and would be beneficial to Abergele for a variety of reasons. The Deputy Clerk is to submit a positive response to the initial plan.
- e) An Appeal Decision from the Planning Inspectorate which granted planning permission to 73 Ffordd Tan'r Allt was NOTED
- f) A proposal from Cllr McCoubrey for a drinking water fountain in Pentre Mawr Park was considered. Information in the reports provided by Mr. Steven Teale, CCBC, indicated that the upgrade of the public conveniences would incorporate refill stations. Members felt that provision of the refill stations in the Public Conveniences would be the preferred option for public access to water and decided against installing a fountain in the park.
- g) An update from CCBC regarding the Public Conveniences project was RECEIVED. As the reports confirmed that work would start at the end of September members were concerned that there would be a period when the toilets would be closed and that there would not be facilities for when 'I'm a Celebrity' was filming. It was felt that extra facilities would need to be brought in for IAC irrespective of whether the Public Conveniences at Pensarn were finished. The Deputy Clerk is to find out the timescale for the work and establish what the need for Portaloo's will be whilst the work is carried out. **It was RESOLVED to fund extra portaloo hire from the Public Conveniences transfer budget to cover the toilets being out of action during refurbishment, and to supplement facilities during the filming of IAC.**

Cllrs Baker & Fetherstonhaugh retired having declared an interest in the next item

- h) A consultation document from Welsh Government: Local Taxes for Second Homes and Self-Catering Accommodation was RECEIVED. Councillor McCoubrey

provided some background information to the consultation regarding the different levels of the impact of second home ownership and holiday accommodation experienced by different parts of North Wales. It was NOTED that statistically the impact on Abergele was considerably lesser than in other areas. Some Members expressed a wish to respond as individuals.

Cllrs Baker & Fetherstonhaugh returned to the meeting

- i) A request from Youthshedz to refurbish public benches in Water Street was RECEIVED. Members were in favour of supporting a project like this but would require confirmation that the benches belonged to Abergele Town Council. Initial enquiries to Conwy by the Deputy Clerk have been inconclusive. Members agreed that if ownership of the benches could be established and the relevant insurance, risk assessment and specification of the work were received the Town Council is happy to support.

207/21 **Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications: - The planning applications received as detailed below were CONSIDERED:

Reference	Description	Applicant	Location
0/48809	Development of five no detached dwelling together with associated works.	Mr and Mrs Wells	Plas Isaf Drive Abergele LL22 8DG
0/48812	First floor dormer extension to form 3 no bedrooms and convert the ground floor into living accommodation.	Mr Richard Wilyman	1 Bryn Parc Abergele LL22 8DQ
0/48834	Change of use from b1 (office) to D1 Ophthalmology surgery	Mrs Divya Matthews	North Wales Business Park Cae Eithin Abergele LL22 8LJ

- b) Planning Decisions: - The planning decisions issued by CCBC for the Abergele area as detailed below were NOTED:

SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council

27/07/21 – 22/08/2021

Application: 0/48645 – Land off Llanfair Road, Abergele

Non material amendment to planning approval 0/47520 (Plot substitutions, further to the granting of permissions 0/45297 and 0/46541, to change the housing mix and increase the total number of dwellings proposed from 73 no homes to 81 no homes across the site through the replacement of 5 no detached houses with 10 no semi-detached house types at approved plots 20, 23, 24, 40 and 43; replacement of detached plots 56-59 to 3 no pairs of semi-detached homes; replacement of detached plots 44 and 45 with 3 no mews houses; substitution of house types at plots 41, 21 and 22; and associated plot boundary treatment changes to accommodate the proposals to allow for slight repositioning of plots 23-24 & 75-76 due to the offset distance required by the existing Overhead Electric lines along the south

eastern site boundary. The repositioning would involve plots 23-24 moving approximately 1.5m away from the boundary and plots 75-76 moving approximately 1m towards plot 25.

Decision: **Approved**

Meeting Closed at: 19:52

Signed:.....
(Chairman)

Planning Applications To Consider 9th September 2021
 Abergele Town Council

Reference	Description	Applicant	Location	Observations
0/48809	Development of five no detached dwelling together with associated works.	Mr and Mrs Wells	Plas Isaf Drive Abergele LL22 8DG	River bank erosion under threat from vehicular access. No room for passing points. Please also refer to comments submitted 10/06/21.
0/48812	First floor dormer extension to form 3 no bedrooms and convert the ground floor into living accommodation.	Mr Richard Wilyman	1 Bryn Parc Abergele LL22 8DQ	No objections
0/48834	Change of use from b1 (office) to D1 Ophthalmology surgery	Mrs Divya Matthews	North Wales Business Park Cae Eithin Abergele LL22 8LJ	No objections.