



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cynllun Lleoliad y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 25ed Ebrill 2024 am 6.45yh i'w gynnal yn rhannol yn y siambr, a phresenoldeb yn bosibl hefyd ar Zoom yn. The Place Plan Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 6.45pm by hybrid attendance.

- 648/23 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**
Present: The Mayor, Cllr. C. McCoubrey;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; P. Fletcher; D. Green; A Hunter; J. Jones; T. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; N. Williams; A. Williamson; A. Wood;
K. Yarwood
Online: M. Davies; A. Wood; N. Williams
Officers: Ms Abigail Pilling (Project Management & Funding Officer)
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mrs Fiona Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

In attendance:

- 649/23 **Apologies**
Cllrs: P. Fletcher
Lay members: N Eden; L. Tavernor

- 650/23 **Absence with no apologies**
Cllr Keith Eeles

- 651/23 **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

- 652/23 **Visitor to the Council**
Mr. Shane Wetton was welcomed to the meeting to provide members with an update of the progress of existing projects and Section 106 funding
SW thanked members for inviting him to the meeting he updated members

- 653/23 **Minutes**
It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE as a correct record of the meeting, the minutes of the following meetings:
a) Placeplan Committee held on the 28th September 2023

Proposed by: Cllr S. Jones-Roberts
Seconded by: Cllr P. Heap-Williams

b) Confidential Placeplan Committee held on the 28th September 2023

Proposed by: Cllr J. Jones
Seconded by: Cllr T. Brennan



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Matters arising on those and previous minutes

- a) To welcome the new Project Management and Funding Officer to the meeting
 - b) To receive an update on the Abergelge Community Centre from Cllr. Brennan
 - c) To receive an update with regard to the Place Plan updated Consultation.
 - d) To receive an update on the EnRAW Green Gele project from Shane Wetton.
 - e) To receive an update on Abergelge Town Team from Cllr. Brennan
 - f) To receive an update on the Beach of Dreams project team.
 - g) To receive an update on the Levelling up Key fund from the Clerk
 - h) To receive an update on the Llenwi project
 - i) To receive an update on the Fingerpost project
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- a) Members welcomed the Project Management and Funding Officer, Abigail Pilling, who in turn, thanked the Members invited Members to visit her in post from May 7th, when she would be at Abergelge Town Council on a full-time basis.
 - b) An update on the Abergelge Community Centre was RECEIVED from Cllr Brennan. Cllr Brennan explained that within 12 months, there would be the opportunity to sign a 30-year lease. Members congratulated Cllrs and Officers who had worked to bring this community venture to fruition.
 - c) An update on the Place Plan Consultation was RECEIVED. The Officer explained that she had seen the consultation and results, and would be reviewing these. She added that she was looking forward to returning with ideas for Members' consideration in due course.
 - d) An update on the EnRAW Green Gele project was RECEIVED. Shane Wetton thanked the Members for the invitation to provide an update and explained that he had spoken to the S106 Officer, who felt it would be better to provide S106 figures at the next meeting, given that the interest accrued on the S106 balances would change over April.
Mr. Wetton explained that the Green Gele project had been completed in late summer 2023, including additional plantings, paths, and the addition of a new bin in Gele Park. Cllr Brennan noted that there were now some cracks in the paths, with weeds growing through and agreed to share photographs with Mr. Wetton, so that this could be addressed.
Mr. Wetton continued, explaining that Pentre Mawr had been completed including additional flora, plantings, hedges and trees, and community event space, but that due to the wet weather, the fencing had needed to be left in place to allow the ground an opportunity to recover. On a site visit on 24/04/2024 it had been noted that the ground was recovering, though there were still some "spongey" areas, and whilst the plan had been to seed the grounds, the new plan was to turf the grounds instead for a quicker turnaround to readiness in late spring / early summer. Mr. Wetton confirmed that contingency included retention and maintenance for the turf, as well as the levelling of the mounds to make these mow-able.
A member asked about the pending / missed deadlines for accessing S106 funding pots, and Mr. Wetton explained that the S106 Officer was best placed to answer this. Advance copies of the figures were requested to be made available for members to review before the next meeting, and that it would be advisable to request this as part of the meeting invitation. A member enquired as to which organisation would be responsible for administration and bookings for Pentre Mawr and the Clerk explained this had been raised to ERF, along with the issue of which organisation would hold the licence.



A member enquired about S106 funding for the Community Centre project, and the Clerk stated that they would enquire, but stated it might be the case that they would need to complete and submit an application.

- e) An update on the Abergele Town Team was RECEIVED from Cllr Brennan, the Town Council's representative on the group. Cllr Brennan informed Members that a timetable of events / activities had been agreed for May / June, including a series of workshops in schools, as well as in the St George Village Hall, Library, and Dewi Saint Centre, with the aim of being inclusive. These included dragon-making, with an "outing" of the dragon in July, writing workshops, and beast-making workshops planned for October. Cllr Brennan added that she was in the process of producing leaflets / a brochure collating events, which she would distribute via email.
- f) An update on Beach of Dreams was RECEIVED. The Officer informed the group that Abergele Town Council had been registered, and was awaiting further information.
- g) An update on the Levelling Up Key Fund was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed Members that the application for £10k for two events, D-Day (June 6th) and Abergele Fun Day (July 21st), had been successful. Conwy Events team had been engaged to lead on these events, and the Clerk confirmed that the events would be cost-neutral to Abergele Town Council.
- h) An update on the LLenwi project was RECEIVED. The Officer informed Members that the organisers of the UK government-funded large-scale mural project were in the process of putting together workshops, the aim of which was to inform decisions about the location and content of the mural. The Llenwi project had also launched an online form, which was available in printed format for Members should they wish to complete these. The Clerk confirmed that the Llenwi project was coming to several towns, with artwork to be individualised, but also thematically linked, and it was confirmed the selected artist, Tomos Jones was a talented traditional sign writer. As the project was in the early stages, further information with respect to a maintenance plan could not be provided, but the Officer stated that she would be having a meeting with organisers and would provide an update in due course.
- i) An update on the Fingerpost project was RECEIVED. The Officer stated that she was awaiting further information and would provide an update when she was able to do so. The Clerk confirmed that this was grant funded, tourism-focused signage, and that she had attended a stakeholders meeting, and Abergele was the only town without fingerposts. She further confirmed that this project differed from the Waymaker project.

Meeting Closed at 19:19

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(Chairman)