

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held by remote attendance on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6:45pm.

### 45/21 Attendance Register

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; T. Brennan; N.Eden; D Fetherstonhaugh; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:50pm); S.Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; N. Williams; A. Wood; Shane Wetton CCBC; Paul Roberts  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk), Mrs. L. Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

### 46/21 Apologies

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,  
Cllrs: M. Bond; T Brennan; B. C. Roberts;

In the absence of the Mayor Cllr. Alan Hunter, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Charlie McCoubrey was Chairman for this meeting.

### 47/21 Absence with no apologies

W Arrowsmith; J Bramwell

### 48/21 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  
None were declared

### 49/21 Minutes

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes from the last meeting of the Placeplan Committee, held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

### 50/21 Matters arising on those and previous minutes

- (a) An email from CVSC with regard to a green energy project was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. As the Council had declared a climate emergency and the link to the Green Gele project the Committee were keen to participate. It was NOTED that once appointed, the Placeplan Facilitator can take an active role in devising and leading on a suitable project.
- (b) An update from Menter Iait was received at the Policy & Finance Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in which they requested the use of a room at the Town Hall. Members APPROVED the use of a room within the Town hall subject to prevailing COVID restrictions and hygiene measures being reviewed.
- (c) An update from the Deputy Mayor Cllr. McCoubrey, regarding the Transport for Wales refurbishment work at Pensarn Train Station was RECEIVED. Two buildings are ready for occupation and ITACA will be moving into two areas shortly. Members considered this a good addition to the town. Transport for Wales will be attending the next meeting.
- (d) A matter deferred from the GP&P meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May regarding traffic issues on Ffordd Tan R'Allt was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Heavy vehicles are consistently using the route along Lon Dirion, Ffordd Tan R'Allt and Tan-y-Gopa Rd estate as a rat run to avoid town centre traffic lights. This is in addition to the

expected increase in traffic by residents of the new estate. It is understood that s106 monies from the development were earmarked for traffic calming measures to be installed and Members requested more information on the spend to date and the overall plan as it was felt that weight restrictions should now be added to the scheme. It was RECOMMENDED to write to CCBC to clarify the spending of the S106.

- (e) An update from Shane Wetton CCBC on the ENRAW grant (Green Gele) was RECEIVED. The application is still awaiting formal approval which is imminent, but the delay in confirmation is setting back the start date and shortening the window to complete the projects.
- (f) An update with regard to the Place Plan Facilitator post was RECEIVED and NOTED. The post has been re-advertised and will also be offered as a secondment to County Council staff.
- (g) An update from CCBC with regard to the installation of Tourism Signs in Abergele was RECEIVED and NOTED. Local and town centre signs are installed but the A55 has yet to be completed. Thanks were extended to Cllr Wood who has monitored progress and timely expedition of this project.

51/21 A request from CCBC to share the original brief with Bay of Colwyn for their information was RECEIVED and APPROVED. It was NOTED that it would be worth reviewing the brief to see what has worked and what did not.

52/21 A proposal from CCBC with regard to an educational project in a local school was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. An approach from Education had been received for S106 funding for two cabins to be installed on Ysgol Glan Gele and Ysgol Sant Elfod for September. It was confirmed that there was £98k available of S106 funding. £200k is required for this project. It was NOTED that the funding had already been allocated due to the urgency of the work, Cllr. McCoubrey considered that the Committee should have been made aware. The Committee should have an overview of spending prior to it been allocated. It was RECOMMENDED to write to CCBC to confirm that the Committee accept that the funding was spent appropriately but that in future the Place Plan Committee should be consulted prior to any funding been allocated.

53/21 The future of the Abergele Place Plan Facebook page was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was felt that the page had stalled in its usefulness given the number of other related pages in existence. It was agreed to close in preference to a remodelled CCBC page.

54/21 An update from Shane Wetton on S106 was RECEIVED. Mr Wetton confirmed that an overview of Section 106 funding should be delivered, together with how the funding is spent and a session should be held to consider the current projects, and review the project lists. Community links need to be improved and seek volunteers to join. A protocol for projects should be developed. It was RECOMMENDED to add a request for community group volunteers to the website and social media. Health and Police should also be consulted. A promotional film could be created. It was RECOMMENDED that the Place Plan Project Coordinator takes forward.

55/21 An update from the Theme leads on progress to date was RECEIVED:

- a) Community Wellbeing and Culture  
No report
- b) Access & Infrastructure  
Substantial regeneration funds will be filtered through UK Gov and Abergele Placeplan well placed to take advantage of this.

Enquiries have made regarding the state of Pentre Mawr Park driveway with a view to possibly incorporating into a current scheme (Active Travel or Green Gele)

c) Business Tourism & Jobs

The appointment of a facilitator is eagerly anticipated

A review of older projects suggested that some may need revisiting e.g. shopfront scheme and the branding

56/21 The Terms of Reference for the Working groups were DEFERRED to a future Agenda.

Meeting Closed at 20:15

Signed .....

(Chairman)