

**Correspondence File 2**

**Placeplan Committee**

**23 September 2021**

# Abergele Town Council

## Meeting Notes

A meeting of the Task and Finish group will be held at 6:45 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by remote attendance.

1) **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,  
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker (retired at 7:05pm); D Fetherstonhaugh;  
P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae;  
B. C. Roberts; N. Williams;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk),  
Mr. Jesse Lock (Place Plan Facilitator)  
Mr. Shane Wetton (CCBC)

2) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: M. Bond; N. Eden; G. Frost; S Rowlands; A. Wood;  
Mrs. L. Tavernor

3) The Project prioritisation list was reviewed and discussed.  
It was AGREED that the projects are considered without their category to avoid any duplication and then a category can be aligned.  
The Clerk provided an overview of each of the projects on the CCBC and ATC list and cross referenced where applicable.  
It was AGREED that the completed projects are removed from the list.  
General requests should form part of a separate list and the definitive priority list is forwarded to the Place Plan Committee for approval.

4) New project idea submissions were discussed. A suggestion for a Forrest School and a football pitch were raised.  
It was AGREED that members should forward the submission form with their proposals.

5) What is S106 – Mr Shane Wetton provided members with an overview of S106, stating that it was an Agreement between the developer and the authority. It is a legal agreement, which is monitored, enforced and has to be spent within a timescale, usually 10 years. Policies, Supplementary Planning Guidance feed into the legal agreement and every development has its own agreement. Money allocated to each area has to be spent in that area and cannot be transferred to another area.

In accordance with Conwy County Borough Council's S106 protocol, in areas where there is a Place Plan Committee in place the Place plan Committee get first approval on any spending requests. If no plan is in place then the Area Forums can take on this function. The funding is released in stages.

Abergele funding –

Affordable Housing	£5.89
Allotments	£6,644.18
Education	£146,037.73
Libraries	£74,563.73
Highways	£551,538.79
Open Space	£137,676.64
Town Centre Regen	£71,448.17
Waste Management	£1,017.90
Welsh Language	£42,866.40

Waste and Highways have very tight wording on the legal agreements and this limits the spend options. The vast majority of Highways money is for the access road to strategic site from McDonald's roundabout.  
Waste can only be spent on new bins

Up to £119k has been allocated (but not yet formally committed) as match funding towards Green Gele from Open Space and Regeneration funds

- 6) S106 funding should be utilised for match funding to compliment other grants applied for. The legal agreements include the area that the funding can be spent for example – the Town Council area or specific wards, and streets. The S106 Officer would be able to clarify the any specific queries.
- 7) Grant funding can include Gwynt y Mor, Rhyl Flats, Lottery, Landfill tax etc. The Clerk informed members that Transforming Towns also has substantial funding and that there is a webinar for members on Wednesday evening at 6pm, an email was forwarded today. Cllr McCoubrey stated that CCBC have set up a Board to look at all the funding streams. The Place Plan Facilitator informed members that some of the smaller projects can be streamlined to make one larger project.

Meeting Closed at 8:05pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

### ***Areas with a Place Plan in place***

Where a Place Plan has been adopted there will be a local board. To make sure the aspirations of the community are reflected, the board will be a cross section of the community, including local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups and land owners. The aim is to engage as wide a section of the community as possible. This board will be responsible for monitoring a list of projects created through widespread local consultation and engagement. This Project list is likely to have been prioritised based on a number of factors i.e. community demand, funding availability, urgency.

The board should identify, deliver and monitor the priority projects. Each group will be responsible for ensuring the project priorities are up-to-date, costed and deliverable. They will identify which project should be delivered first.

As new projects are proposed, they should be submitted for circulation and discussion by the board. Submissions may be made by the department/service responsible for delivering the project, a resident, elected Member or board representative. Once circulated to the board for consideration, the department / service delivering the proposal will contact the Strategic Engagement and Place Plan Officer and the relevant board to finalise scheme details and overall costs.

Board members, Elected Members and Town and Community Councils will be included throughout the process to ensure that priority projects are identified democratically.

Should an urgent proposal arise, for example relating to a health and safety matter or where there is a short timescale for spending the funds the project/issue should be submitted to the Senior Community Development Officer or Chair and an email consultation inviting comments with relevant Board members can take place instead of a meeting.