

CORRESPONDENCE FILE 1

General Purpose and Planning meeting

8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**ATC Clerk**

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**From:** G [redacted] H [redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2022 16:28  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Openreach Proposals, Abergele

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Many thanks.

Not really progress, apart maybe from Town Council "consultation"!

We live in hope!

[redacted]  
Regards

G [redacted] H [redacted]  
Abergele,  
Gogledd Cymru/North Wales.  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2022 14:58  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Openreach Proposals, Abergele

Good afternoon,

I am writing to update you on the proposals from Openreach to install telephone posts and overhead lines in parts of Abergele, as you have previously contacted Darren regarding this matter.

Darren recently contacted Openreach to request that they continue to explore the feasibility of new ducts or buried cables. In addition to this, if poles are to be erected, Darren asked that Openreach consult with local elected representatives on Abergele Town Council regarding their locations.

Darren is now in receipt of a response and I have included this below for your information:

*"We will be utilising any existing duct where possible in Abergele but we will also need to install poles as part of our new, full fibre network build in this area which will give the local community access to gigabit-capable broadband. This is part of a £15 billion investment we're making in new digital infrastructure nationwide.*

*As you'd expect, we always try to select and position our infrastructure sensitively to meet the demand for improvements in local broadband services, but balancing that demand in a safe, cost effective and aesthetically pleasing way can be difficult to achieve at times. Clearly our poles need to be positioned effectively to provide internet, TV, health, education and other services to homes and businesses. And, for legitimate safety reasons, we must avoid other underground services like gas and water pipes and drainage. We're also obliged to meet regulations concerning the space left on the pavements for pedestrians, cyclists and prams so, wherever we can, we use our existing duct-and-pole network to avoid erecting new poles or digging new cable routes. We know how disruptive these options can be for local communities.*

*Having said all that, there are times when we simply can't avoid erecting poles in order to provide a service and legally, the Communication Act 2003 allows us to fly our cables overhead in air space, as long as they meet minimum distance requirements from the ground or any buildings.*

*All network providers follow a statutory process to install telecoms infrastructure on public land. We give local authorities 28 days' notice before we put up poles, and liaise with them if they raise any concerns about planned installations. However I have also passed on the town council details to the senior managers in the build team."*

I trust this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 November 2022 08:34  
**To:** [info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk)  
**Subject:** pigeons

Good morning,

The pigeon population seems to be getting out of control and they are becoming a problem for the town centre. I am aware that in the past action was taken to help control the numbers. I would be most grateful if this can be considered.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] – Proprietor at Herbs For Everyone

# Pigeon Report

## Summary

ATC funded a scheme to deal with controlling the pigeon population in the past. The scheme was primarily aimed at helping businesses and community premises. ATC used PML/Pestman Ltd in the past. The project required help from the businesses and support from CCBC. The contractor provided a report and programme of work. The project commenced around April 2014 and was completed around October 2017.

## Legalities

Powers for Local Authorities (including Community Councils) regarding filthy or verminous articles are contained within ss. [83](#) - [84](#), Public Health Act 1936.

Wild birds are protected under the [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981](#) and [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) and these laws need to be complied with.

DEFRA issues licences to an 'authorised person' which permits them to carry out activities in relation to certain species of 'wild birds', the 'permitted target species' for the purposes of preserving public health or public safety. The relevant licences to feral pigeons are [GL41 Licence](#) and [GL42 Licence](#); these are valid for 2 years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

## Past Minutes

DATE	MINUTE NO.	DESCRIPTION
23/04/2014	655/14	<p>a) The Chairman welcomed Mr Barry Scales from Pestman Ltd to the meeting together with Mr Huw Williams from Officer from CCBC. Mr Scales provided members with an overview of the proposed scheme for member's consideration.</p> <p>b) Mr Scales stated that the project will require the assistance of the shops and support from the County Council in order to be successful. The plan is to remove the general pigeon population and to identify other areas for them to roost. Huw Williams stated that he wrote to all the businesses in the Town a year ago to take action and did not receive one reply. A second letter to clean gutters was issued, together with a notice which will expire at the end of the month.</p> <p>In order to carry out the work authorisation will be required in order to access the premises. The programme will include spikes, gel, cull, spiking eggs and an artificial roosting site. The following programme of work was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PML to provide a report for members to consider</li> <li>▪ ATC will draft a letter for distribution</li> <li>▪ PML will provide a programme of the work</li> <li>▪ PML will provide the costs for members consideration</li> </ul> <p>Huw Williams agreed to contact Chester City Council for advice on the Arch which was installed as an alternative method</p>

11/06/2015	90/15	<p>a) The Chairman welcomed Mr Barry Scales from Pestman Ltd and Mr Tom Gravett from CCBC to the meeting</p> <p>b) A programme of work and costings regarding the pigeons was discussed. Mr Scales stated that he hadn't realised that the Town Council were not seeking funding from the local businesses and had done a cost based on the businesses contributing. Mr Scales stated that he would review this and forward to the Clerk for members of the Town Council to consider and approve at the Policy and Finance meeting next week.</p> <p>Mr Scales suggested the following:</p> <p>(i) Support and permission from the businesses will be required as access to the rear of the properties will be essential.</p> <p>(ii) A pilot Scheme of five properties initially to be carried out possibly to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post office</li> <li>▪ Lloyds Chemist</li> <li>▪ Herbal Shop</li> <li>▪ Indian Restaurant</li> </ul> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that once approved by the Council the Mayor, Clerk and Mr Scales would visit each of these premises to discuss with the proprietor and obtain permission.</p> <p>(iii) A cherry picker will require hiring from 5am at an approx. cost of £450. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquires with Ian Carrie of CCBC to enquire if a County Cherry picker could be used, between the hours of 4am and 8am. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that County members would contact the Cabinet Member for assistance.</p>
28/09/2015	291/15	<p>a) Mr Martin Self from Pestman Ltd was unable to attend and the Chairman welcomed Mr Tom Gravett to the meeting</p> <p>b) Members received an update with regard to the pigeon programme of work from the Clerk, stating that there had been 22 in the trap on the roof of the gym and that they would be visiting the trap again this Thursday. A meeting with the agent for the owner of the offices at 35 Market Street and the Indian Spice Merchant has been arranged for Friday.</p> <p>c) An update from Huw Williams CCBC and the Clerk with regard to the Ark used by Chester County Council was NOTED</p> <p>d) An email from Scarecrow.eu with regard to the birds in Abergele was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to forward to the Pestman for his opinion.</p>
09/11/2015	394/15	<p>a) The Chairman welcomed Mr Barry Scales, and Mr Martin Self from Pestman Ltd and Mr Chris Parry from CCBC to the meeting</p> <p>b) An update from Pestman Ltd with regard to the pigeon programme of work was RECEIVED. Mr Scales provided</p>

		<p>members with an overview of the work to date at the chapel, above the Carpet Shop, the Bee Hotel and Best One.</p> <p>c) Mr Scales from Pestman Ltd provided an overview with regard to an email from Scarecrow.eu and informed members that the system is best suited for airports, is very expensive and not considered suitable for a Town Centre or pigeon problems.</p> <p>d) Mr Scales further provided members with an overview of a system by Wide Horizon with a drone and felt that they could see where the pigeons are roosting better with this item; the cost is £500 for ½ day and £900 for a full day.</p> <p>i. It was RECOMMENDED by the committee to forward to full council to consider funding the ½ day at £500 as this would have a long term cost saving in preventing Pestman from having to visit all of the premises in Town.</p> <p>ii. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED that members of the Council consider approving the work to eradicate the pigeons in the roof of the Carpet shop at £220 and that the Clerk liaises with the agent with regard to this matter.</p> <p>iii. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED that members of the Council consider approving the reinstating of the trap on the roof of the gym at £65 per week</p>
18/04/2016	676/15	<p>a) An email update from Mr Martin Self from Pestman Ltd with regard to the pigeons in the Town Centre was received.</p> <p>b) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the request to Lees Brewery to incorporate the Dove coop into the planned forthcoming works, informing members that she had received a telephone call stating that they would consider carrying out the work together with other works at the site but were not sure when this would be. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that the work of £125 is funded by ATC in order to ensure that the problems do not continue during the breeding season. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write a letter of thanks to Barry Scales for all his hard work. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to obtain a cost for the netting and spiking for members consideration.</p>
31/10/2016	312/16	<p>e) (ii) Update from the Pest Control Company was RECEIVED. Numbers of pigeons are on the increase. This was attributed to the remaining pigeons having been regularly fed. It was RESOLVED to instruct the pest control company to provide evidence to be able to forward to CCBC that this is the case.–It was also RECOMMENDED that the Council APPROVE the quote for trapping to recommence to a value of £300, and it was FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Council APPROVE a quote for netting and spiking to be installed at the corner of Market Street and Chapel Street. This will include the Council</p>

		requesting permission from the businesses for the Pest Company to have access to the roofs of the properties
02/10/2017	283/17	c) A report from the pest control contractor regarding the pigeon proofing project was <b>RECEIVED</b> . All contracted works are now complete and no further works will be ordered, however, it was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that £2000 be set aside in the budget for pest control should the pigeon population cause problems in the future. The Bee Hotel is to be asked to report on any current problems associated with pigeons. Regulatory Services to be asked for an update on the faulty guttering at 23 Market Street.