

Correspondence File 1

Place Plan Committee Meeting

28th September 2023

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ATC Placeplan

From: ATC Clerk
Sent: 16 August 2023 15:49
To: ATC Placeplan
Subject: FW: Closure of the Abergele Community Centre

Hi Jesse

Can you add this as part of the Community Centre item in September please? I have printed off a copy for you as it will need to be redacted for the pack.

Kind regards
Mandy

Mandy Evans
Clerc y Dref/Town Clerk
Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 August 2023 14:37
To: ATC Clerk <clerk@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>
Subject: Closure of the Abergele Community Centre

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Dear Abergele Town Council,

I am contacting you regarding the news I have received that the Abergele Community Centre will not be taking bookings after 29th September while it undergoes an assets review from the council.

This is very disappointing news as our Church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, meets in the community centre, three times a week for services and has met there for over twenty years. This year we have also been running a warm welcome scheme on a Tuesday afternoon. We also have other meetings during the year such as a recent drama evening and our Christmas carol service which are attended by the wider community. During this time our Pastor, Joe Nicholson, has also acted as a caretaker during interim periods when there was no employed caretaker.

Our Church has approximately 30 people who meet on a Sunday morning and the community centre provides an ideal location for our church to meet. The community centre is in a central location which helps attract people to the church who are passing. It also has several rooms which are large enough to accommodate our congregation as well as adjoining rooms which are suitable for the Sunday school. We usually have 8-10 children (under twelves) in the Sunday school. The community centre also provides storage facilities for the church. This is used to store several large and valuable items, a projector and screen, an electric piano and a lectern, as well as other items such as hymn books, tea cups, and Sunday school resources. People coming to the Church are able to use the car park behind the library which makes access safe for several of our elderly members who have reduced mobility.

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The council suggested several other locations where we might be able to meet, but each of these has difficulties. Many do not have an adjacent room for a creche and Sunday school, others do not have storage space, few have such good car parking and not all have access for disabled people.

I believe our church makes a valuable contribution to the local community but also that the town of Abergele will suffer greatly if this central community space in town is lost.

Many thanks for your time in considering this important local issue and please could you keep me informed of any future developments about the community centre.

Kind regards,





ATC Placeplan

From: ATC Clerk
Sent: 18 September 2023 08:29
To: ATC Placeplan
Subject: FW: Abergele Youth and Community Centre

Hi Jesse

Can you ensure that Darren's letter is included as part of your pack for members observations please?




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From: Millar, Darren (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd) <Darren.Millar@senedd.wales>
Sent: 15 September 2023 18:41
To: ATC Clerk <clerk@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>
Cc: Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Moorcroft, Tara (Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff) <Tara.Moorcroft@senedd.wales>; Rowlands, Natasha (Staff Cymorth yr Aelod | Member Support Staff) <Natasha.Rowlands@senedd.wales>
Subject: Abergele Youth and Community Centre

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Dear Mandy,

As your Members will be aware, Conwy County Borough Council has indicated that it intends to close and dispose of the Abergele Youth and Community Centre for financial reasons.

Given that the building is an important part of the town's heritage and that it occupies an important location in the town centre I am keen to see the building retained as a publicly accessible community asset for future generations to enjoy.

Having discussed the matter today at length with Cllr Charlie McCoubrey in his capacity as Leader of Conwy County Borough Council I believe that the Town Council should give urgent consideration to taking on the building to safeguard its future.

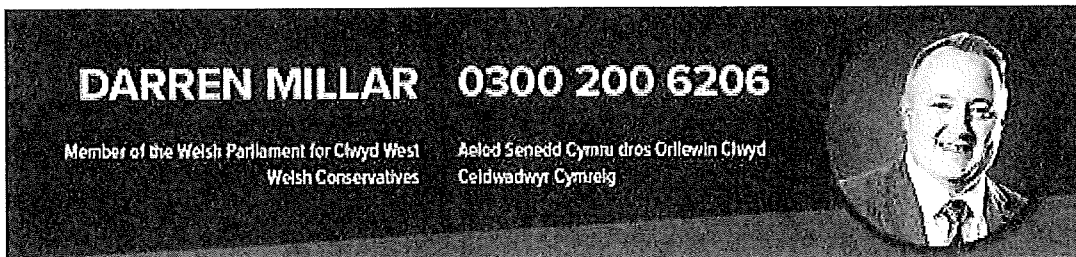
I appreciate that Members will want to consider the financial implications of such a decision and that this may require the relocation and disposal of your current property but I would encourage you to explore these options as soon as possible in order not to miss the opportunity to acquire a unique civic building which will be closer to the heart of the town.

Please bring this email to the attention of your Members. I look forward to continuing to work with them for the benefit of the people of Abergele.

Kind regards,

Yours,

Darren

A black and white banner for Darren Millar. On the left, the text reads "DARREN MILLAR" in large bold letters, followed by "0300 200 6206" in a slightly smaller bold font. Below this, in smaller text, it says "Member of the Welsh Parliament for Clwyd West" and "Welsh Conservatives". To the right of this text, it says "Aelod Senedd Cymru dros Orllewin Clwyd" and "Celdwadyr Cymreig". On the far right of the banner is a circular portrait of Darren Millar, a man with short hair, wearing a suit and tie, smiling.

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ATC Placeplan

From: ATC Clerk
Sent: 18 September 2023 09:17
To: ATC Placeplan
Subject: FW: Abergele Community Centre

Hi Jesse

Can you also add the email below to the pack for Placeplan please?

Regards

Mandy

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From: Bleddyn R. Evans <Bleddyn.Evans@conwy.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 September 2023 09:09
To: Lydia Johnson <lydia.johnson@conwy.gov.uk>; ATC Clerk <clerk@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>
Subject: RE: Abergele Community Centre

Mandy,

Thank you for your email.

The intention is that a report will be presented to Cabinet in mid-October setting out options for the above Council asset, following Youth Services resolving to decommission it as a Council managed facility.

The report will include the option that the Council places the asset on the open market and seeks proposals; those proposals may be conditional on matters such as planning, survey, finance etc. There is nothing preventing a community group or even Abergele Town Council coming forward with a proposal, which could then be measured against what other proposal(s) come forward. If a deliverable proposal comes forward which is at less than market value, it will then be a further Member decision if that proposal is the one which the Council decides to proceed with.

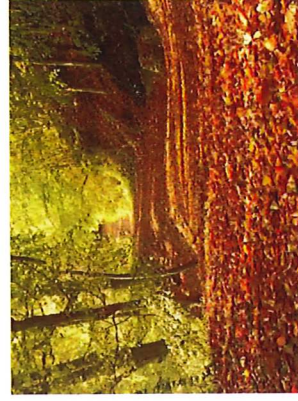
Depending on the nature of the proposals that come forward, the property will be empty and managed by the Council's Facilities Management team as a Vacant Building at Risk. The Grade II listed nature of the asset will shape an element of that management regime. Due to its listed status, as things stand, demolition is not an option.

Thanks

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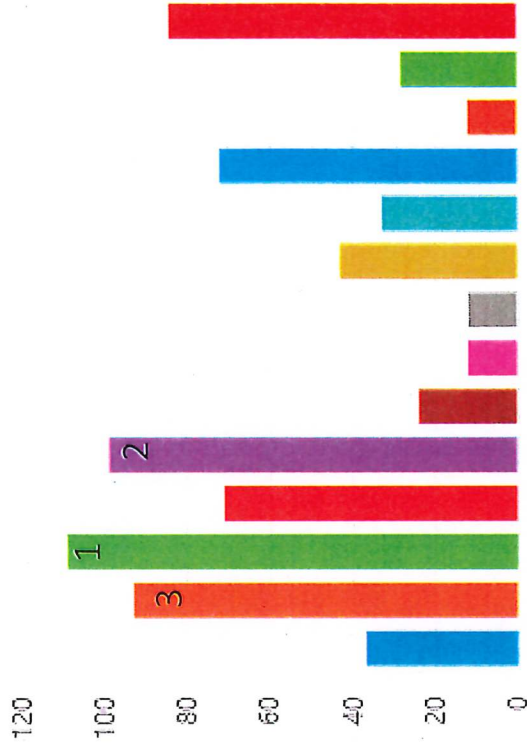
Place Plan Consultation Results

An updated review after 7 years of Place Plan in Abergele



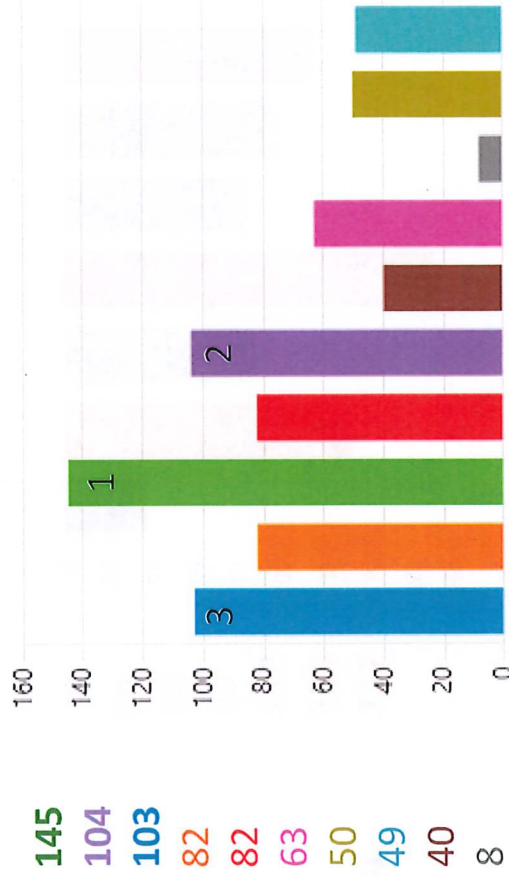
Managed by Place Plan and Abergele Town Council in conjunction with community groups and Conwy Borough County Council.

- 1) **Improve shop fronts** 109
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Regeneration projects managed by Welsh Gov, Conwy Borough County Council and the Regeneration Board.

- 1) **Traffic management**
- 2) **Eastern Gateway development (Old Slaters site)**
- 3) **School capacity and improvement plan**
- 4) Beach management of triple SSI at Pensarn to Ty Crwn
- 5) Pensarn and Belgrano development
- 6) Active travel schemes (Safer pathways for children)
- 7) Pump track – similar to a BMX track
- 8) Sea Road and Primrose Hill Bridges
- 9) 4G Sports pitch and facilities
- 10) Cemetery space

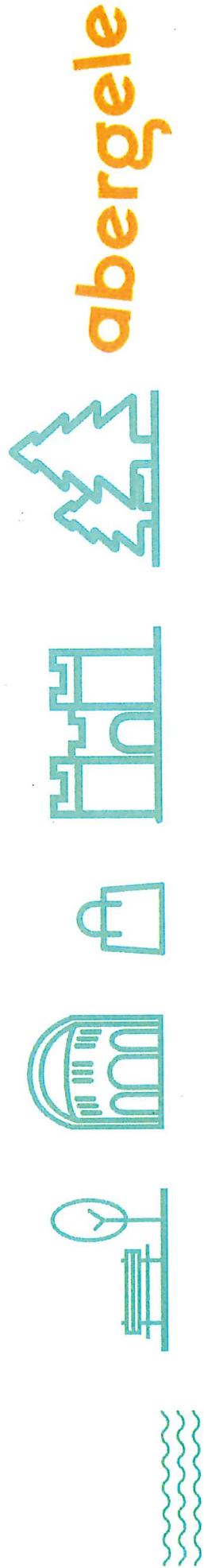
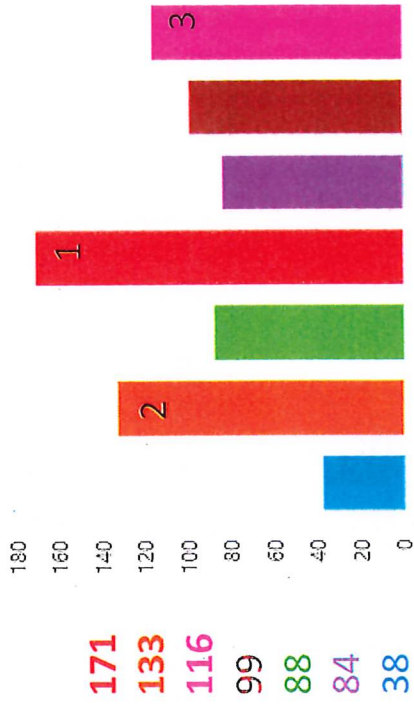


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What are the main areas that Abergele could improve in?

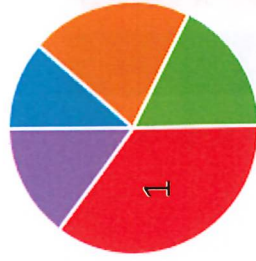
- 1) **The physical appearance of the town centre - a nicer environment**
- 2) **Cultural activities/events (Festivals, parades, fairs)**
- 3) **Access to public services and banks**
- 4) Evening time offer e.g. restaurants, pubs & bars
- 5) Retail offer
- 6) Leisure and sports facilities
- 7) Information on town centre e.g. maps, town guide etc

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In your opinion what is Abergele's best selling point?

- 1) Beach and Promenade
- 2) Tourism offer - e.g. Gwrych Castle and Manorafon Farm
- 3) Woodlands
- 4) Parks
- 5) Independent high street and architecture



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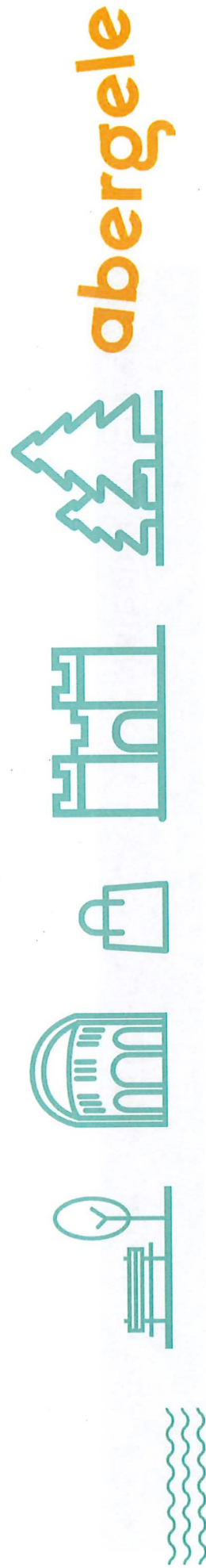
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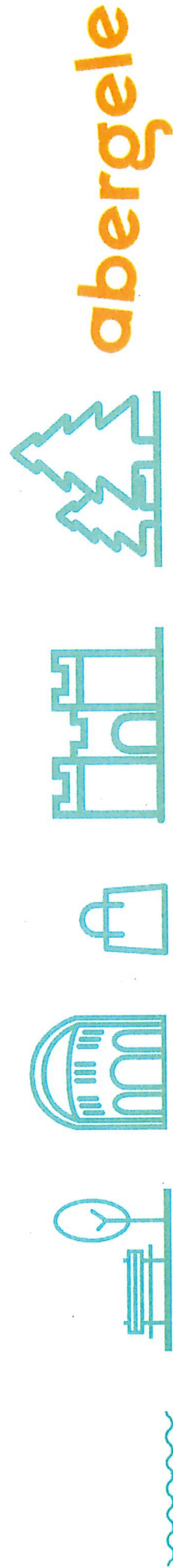
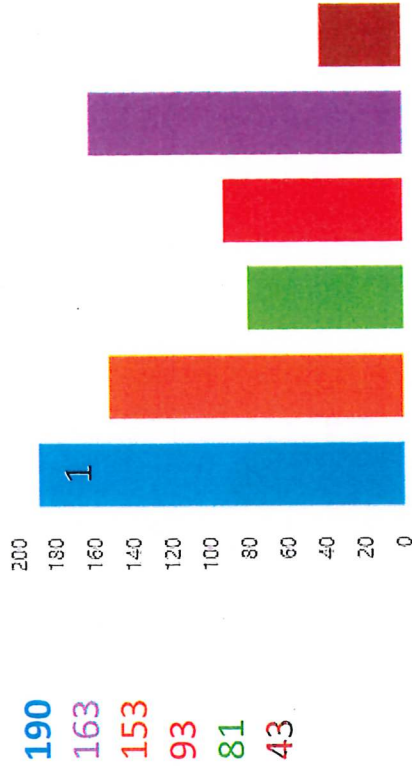
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What feature of Abergele should our events celebrate and promote?

- 1) **Beach and Promenade**
- 2) Woodlands and walks
- 3) Parks and Wildlife
- 4) Cultural and Heritage e.g. Manorafon, Gwrych etc
- 5) High Street and Architecture
- 6) River Gele



Briefly describe what would you improve/add to Abergele to attract more tourism to the area?

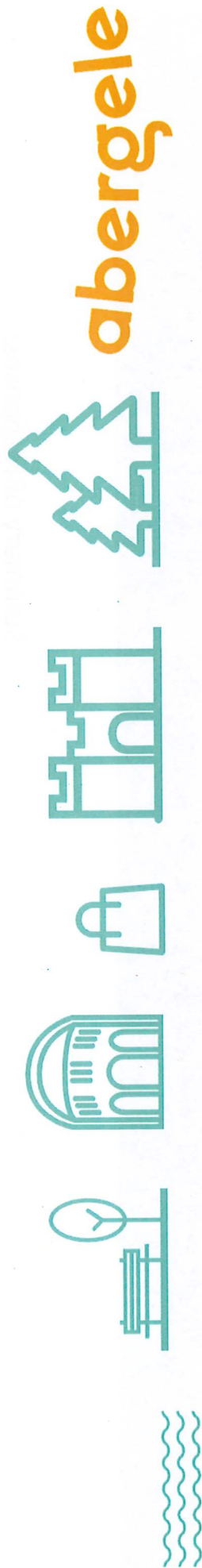
40 respondents (20%) answered shops for this question.

street shops town centre high street
 look of the town need areas shops
 independent shops Abergele parks
 better shops beach area

Bee Hotel Pensarn Beach
 beach shop fronts
 Better Beach promenade
 quality shops tidy up the town

Top Recommendations in summary:

- New Hotels and/or Holiday Accommodation
- Cleaner Streets and Improved shop frontages
- Visitor Centre/Museum



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Briefly describe one thing we could do to improve the quality of life in Abergele?

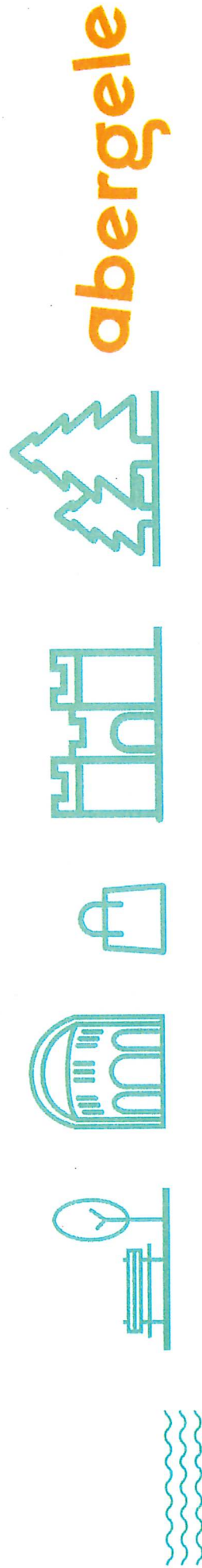
38 respondents (19%) answered town for this question.

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 pump track area school road community centre
 Traffic management **community town traffic** shops town centre
 needs Better people Abergele Pensarn park
 facilities Look after the town traffic lights

Summary of responses:

- Traffic was raised 53 times, too busy, unsafe
- Events and activities was raised 49 times. To breath life into the town.
- Shops/high street/cleaner streets raised 40 times – Important to create a more welcoming high street.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute





SITE INSPECTION REPORT




Job Number	Job Name	Date	Time	Inspector
9388	Green Gele Hardworks Implementation	17/08/23	3.00pm – 3.30pm	Graeme Atherton

Weather Conditions	Ground Conditions	Site Foreman Present	Number of workers on site
Dry and sunny	Soil still damp from recent rainfall	Steve Ellson (Site Foreman) and Debbie Glanville	4 others + Site Foreman

1.0	Photographic Record	
1.1		<p>Gele Park – Timber edgings in and MoT Type 1 hardcore laid on southern/straight path. Hardcore in process of being compacted. Note that southern edge of path (left hand side of photo) does not quite align with edge of wall opening as intended. This should not be an issue provided a min. clearance of 1.5m provided in all directions as part of chicane fence install.</p>
1.2		<p>Gele Park – MoT Type 1 Hardcore installed along southern/straight path. Crossfall of path discussed – will be to the north (toward the left side of the photo). Noted that some localized adjustments to soil levels along path edge will be needed to make sure that surface water can run-off into grassed area.</p>
1.3		<p>Gele Park – Junction of southern/straight path with existing path through park. Contractor confirmed that existing tarmac edge would be cut to create a neat finish and levels tied in.</p>

<p>1.4</p>		<p>Gele Park – Tactile paving delivered to site. Noted that this is the incorrect type – blister paving, rather than corduroy. This was raised with Contractor following visit and has been replaced with the correct paving flags.</p>
<p>1.5</p>		<p>Gele Park – Heras fencing in place and no security issues reported.</p>
<p>1.6</p>		<p>Gele Park – Junction of northern/curved path with existing path through park. Noted that timber edgings are sitting too high to enable smooth tie in. Height of timber to be adjusted to suit.</p>
<p>1.7</p>		<p>Gele Park – Northern/curved path link. Compacted MoT Type 1 hardcore in place along northern/curved path link. As with southern path, need to ensure cross-fall established and that surface water can run-off into grassed area unimpeded.</p>

<p>1.8</p>		<p>Gele Park – Northern/curved path link. Smooth curves achieved with timber edgings.</p>
<p>1.9</p>		<p>Gele Park – Northern/curved path link. Geotextile install below MoT Type 1 hardcore.</p>
<p>1.10</p>		<p>Gele Park – Northern/curved path link. Excavation of path at connection onto High Street. Redundant concrete gate posts to be removed (cut at 50mm below ground) at each of the path entrances off the High Street. Agreed post-visit that Contractor will advise on a price for any making good/mortar repairs to the wall.</p>
<p>1.11</p>		<p>Gele Park – Wagon on site to take excess fill needed for Events Space to Pentre Mawr Park ready for use.</p>

1.12		Pentre Mawr Park – Access in use from the end of the main visitor car park.
1.13		Pentre Mawr Park – Access to Events Space across grass area beyond cricket pavilion. Contractor to ensure adequate ground protection used in vicinity of tree roots and over foul sewer.
1.14		Pentre Mawr Events Space – Heras fencing being installed to secure a smaller area for temporary soil storage, until main Events Space work commences.

2.0	Site Instructions/Actions
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure tie-in of edges/levels where path links connect with existing routes (see 1.3 and 1.6). • Adjust soil levels at path edges to ensure cross-fall drainage (see 1.2 and 1.7). • Post-site visit instruction re correction of tactile paving type (see 1.4). • Post-site visit confirmation re concrete gate posts at Gele Park (see 1.10). • Post-site visit instruction that min. clearance of 1.5m provided in all directions as part of chicane fence install (see 1.1). • Post-site visit note re ensuring adequate ground protection on access to Pentre Mawr Park (see 1.13).

3.0	Materials on Site
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tactile paving at Gele Park.

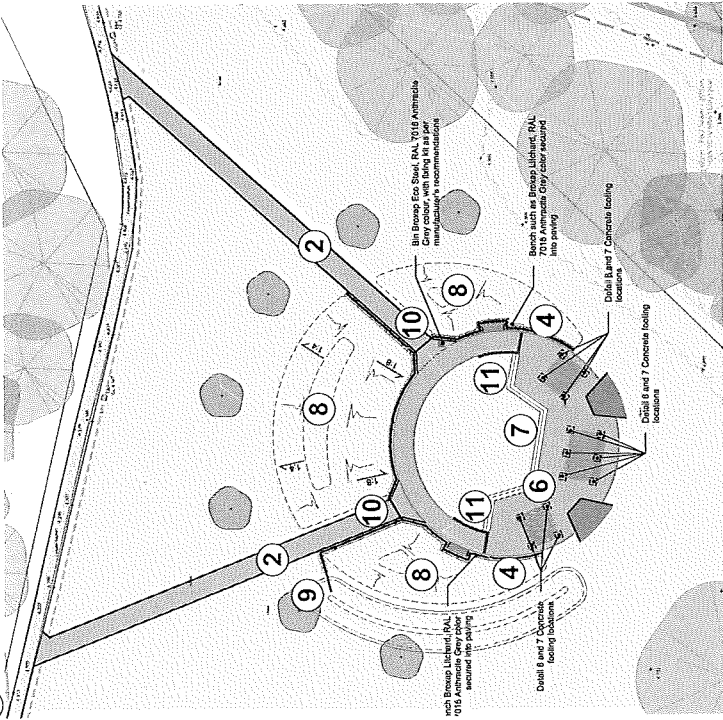


	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporary soil storage at both parks.
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4.0	Health & Safety Issues
4.1	None.

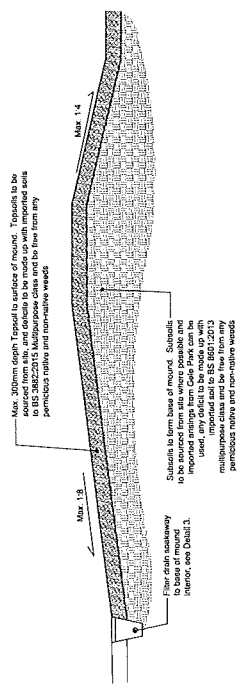
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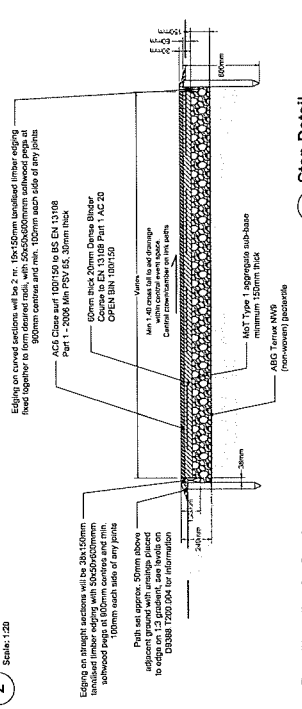
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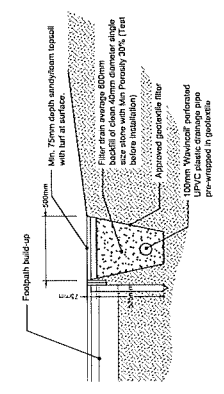
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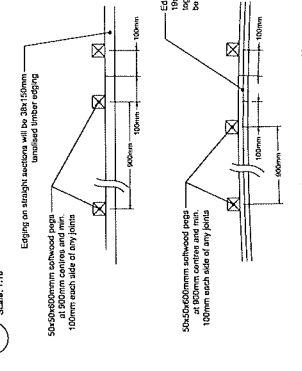
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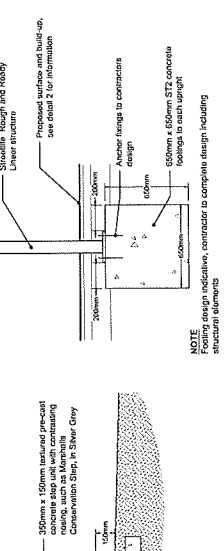
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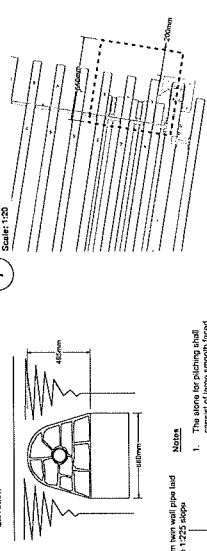
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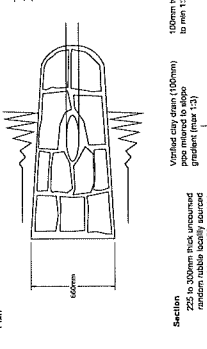
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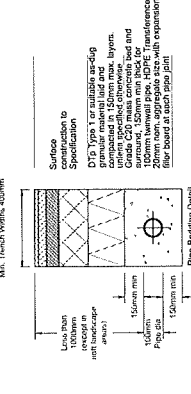
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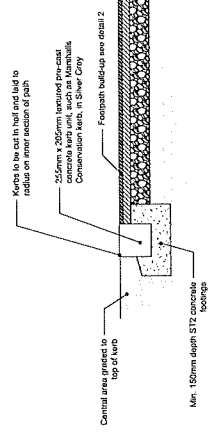
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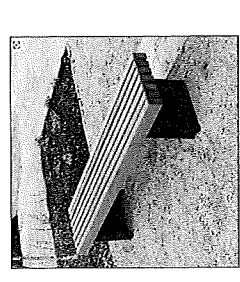
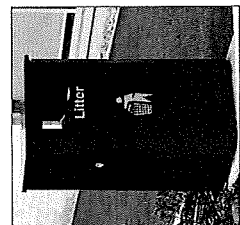
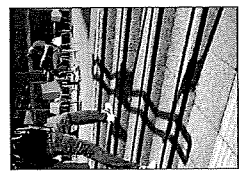


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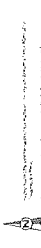


- At gips and pipe fittings shall be HDPE bentwell and new current British Board
- Blanketing to pipe trenches beneath footpaths to be DT5 Type 1 granular material up to formation level from the top of specified pipe (beyond well)
- No mechanical compaction techniques to be used within 300mm of the crown of any Footpath



Brook Eco Shelter bin, RAL 7016 Anthracite Grey, with handpainted seat.

Marshall Conservation X Step with contrasting line and footing



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Client: **Pentre Mawr Park Community Event Space - Details**
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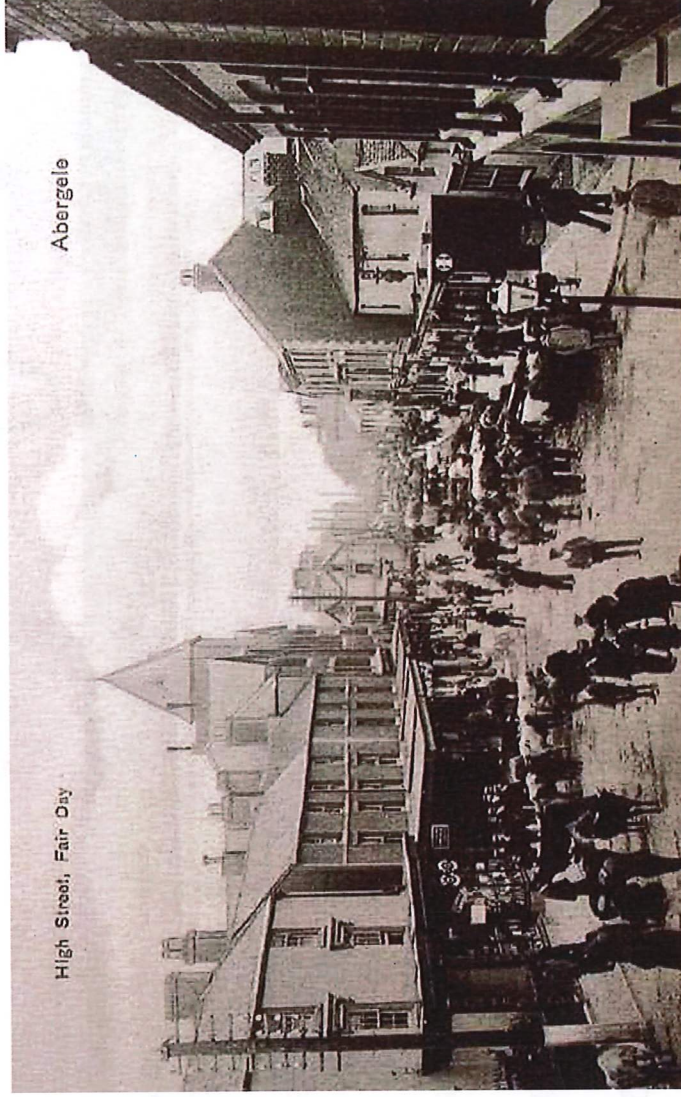
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Green Gele - Pentre Mawr Park Events Space

Market town

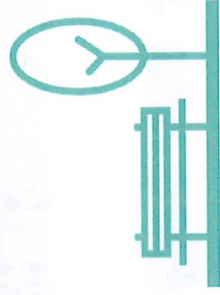
Abergele has a long history of hosting markets, the long accessible pathways will provide ample space for approximately 20 stalls to be set up. The business forum would be a good organisation to lead on this – offering first option on stalls to local traders who could develop the market as they see fit.



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Community groups

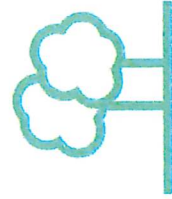
- Incredible Edible – Seed sharing fair. Sowing and planting workshops.
- Abergele District Action Group – Shakespeare in the park
- Youth shed – Out and about group – engaging with hard to reach demographics. Cinema evenings. Forest school.
- Scouts/Cubs/Girl Guides – Outdoor activities
- Women's Institute – Fair
- Rugby and Cricket Clubs – Celebrations and fundraising events (all sports clubs welcome of course)



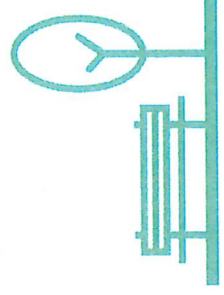
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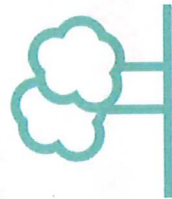
Regular musical performances

- Beulah Brass
- School choirs
- Partnership with Hoptonist
- Community Choirs – from Dewi sant centre and other churches
- Busker slots
- Menter Iaith gigs
- Night Out - arts council Wales and ADAG
- Sioned Terry
- Youth shed club night

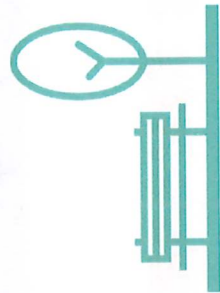
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Green Gele - Pentre Mawr Park Events Space

Carnivals/Festivals/Fairs

- Bringing back the Abergele Carnival but with a sea themed twist
- Sea food festival
- Parades from park to seafront
- Fun runs
- Park runs
- Midsummer music festival
- Youth shed/Abergele Community Action summer fair
- Pre Fireworks parade/workshops?
- Beach of Dreams – celebrating our coastal history and features



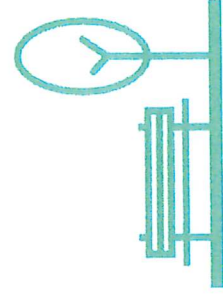
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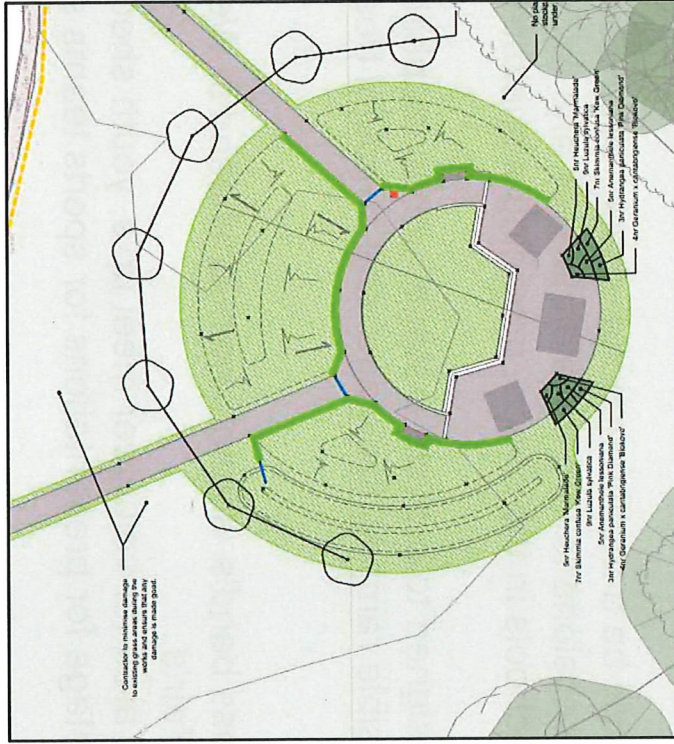


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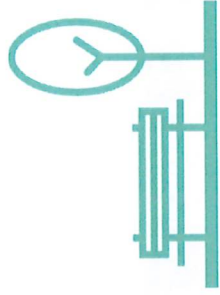
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Aspirations for the space

The community event space will be a multi functional space, capable of hosting a variety of events from small scale informal busking sessions to large scale markets and fair's.

We aim to engage our local schools in the space, providing a sheltered space to host outdoor classroom sessions.

The layout of the space is designed to provide a stage, gentle amphitheatre turfed viewing area, 2 accessible paths, with accessible ramp to the stage, and beautiful trees to enclose the space.

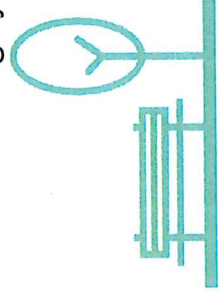
- ❖ Craft and food markets
- ❖ Musical performances, brass band's, school choir, local band's, Welsh language performances
- ❖ Carnival's, Festival's and Fair's
- ❖ Community group's – host area for volunteer meet up's, youth shed/scouts/brownies activities.
- ❖ Sporting celebrations – a stage for presentations for sports teams such as the Rugby and Cricket club



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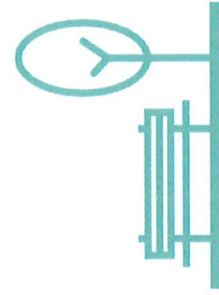
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ATC Placeplan

From: Andrew Wood <andrewwood@woodsmotorcycles.co.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2023 08:01
To: ATC Placeplan; ATC Clerk
Subject: Allotments letter of support

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Abergele Residents Allotments Association and Biodiversity area--
accepted planning number 0/50163

Dear Jesse

-and Abergele Place plan members

As you are aware we have received planning permission on July 14th for the allotments next to Manorafon Farm Park.

The allows will deliver approx 50 allotments of 50 sq meter and a storage shed on each plot, and we hope will benefit many people not just with cultivating but also with a sense of community and well being.

We hope that the eventual number of people, through sharing and community use projects will be in excess and involve 500 local residents, with like minded local groups, food banks, ADAG etc all sharing and enjoying this much needed allotment project.

We hope to add in Cllr Ann Williams proposal of registering Abergele- in the "In Bloom" competition and could even grow our own plants and flowers for the town year round.

This is an exciting project and should be fully available by the start of spring 2024.

We are currently seeking funding for materials for raised beds, sheds, materials for a biodiversity area, water harvesting equipment, cycle racks, two composting toilets, hand washing station, compost and recycling areas and a shelter for owners against the elements. We need timber to support the bases for the sheds and fence off the exit and entrance. Also some materials for a pond, such as a liner etc for a further biodiversity area.

We are asking you and members, please for a letter of support, towards the project and the further community use of residents groups

If you could give us a brief few lines of support for the above as we look to third parties funders, I would be very grateful.

Regards

Andrew Wood (cllr)

Treasurer Abergele Allotments

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ATC Deputy Clerk

From: Shirley Jones-Roberts
Sent: 05 August 2023 12:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Abergele Men's Shed
Attachments: 230720 AMS Information.pdf

Hello all,

Could this request for a letter of support be added as an Agenda item on the next appropriate meeting please.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,
Shirley.

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: Paul Frost <frost.paul@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:59:50 AM
To: Paul Frost <frost.paul@hotmail.co.uk>
Cc: Pauline Heap-Williams (ATC) <cllr.p.heap-williams@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Cllr Andrew Wood <cllr.andrew.wood@conwy.gov.uk>; John Jones <Cllr.J.Jones@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Shirley Jones-Roberts <cllr.s.jones-roberts@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Keilah Yarwood <Cllr.k.yarwood@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Cllr Paul Luckock <Cllr.Paul.Luckock@conwy.gov.uk>; Nick Williams <cllr.n.williams@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Tracey Brennan <cllr.t.brennan@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Cllr Alan Hunter <cllr.alan.hunter@conwy.gov.uk>; Maria Davies <cllr.m.davies@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Diane Green <cllr.d.green@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Ann Williamson <cllr.a.williamson@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Dickon Fetherstonhaugh <cllr.d.fetherstonhaugh@abergeletowncouncil.gov.wales>; Cllr Keith Eeles <cllr.keith.eeles@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Ros Griffiths-Williams <cllr.Ros.Griffiths-Williams@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>
Subject: Abergele Men's Shed

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Dear Councillor,

You will be aware that Abergele Men's Shed acquired the dilapidated building behind 35 Market Street for refurbishment as a community building, as a base for its activities and a base for the newly formed She Shed. The building will also be available for small community bookings and meetings. The attached sheet give more details about what is proposed.

To undertake the refurbishment we will be making an application for a National Lottery People and Places Grant in the next few weeks. The outcome is not a forgone conclusion and very much depends on community support. Hence, I am writing to ask for your support in a couple of ways:

- In the short term I would appreciate a short letter of support acknowledging our efforts and the benefit the project will bring to the people of Abergele and particularly the town centre. Please attached your letter of support to a reply to this email.

- If, in the course of your work in the community you happen to know people who might benefit from being members of either the Men's Shed or the She Shed please ask them to contact us.
- In a similar vein, if you feel there are any local organisations with whom we might be able to work, please let me know.

If you want any more information please feel free to contact me either by replying to this email or by phone [REDACTED] (please note, I don't have a landline).

Diolch, Paul

Paul Frost
Trustee, Sied Dynion Abergele Men's Shed
(Charity No: 1197478)

[REDACTED]

"The greatness of a community is measured by the actions of its members" (C Scott-King 1927-2006)

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Sied Dynion Abergele Men's Shed

Chairman: Doug Jackson

Secretary: Gareth Boyes

Treasurer: Mike Bird



Background & Information

Abergele Men's Shed is a not for profit Charity registered with the Charity Commission serving the Abergele, Pensarn and Llandulas area. The charitable purpose and primary value of the Men's Shed is to promote social inclusion for men who may be vulnerable or lonely by providing activities and a safe place to meet. Abergele Men's Shed is one of 84 Men's Sheds in Wales. Every Men's Shed is different and reflects the interest and skills of its members. In Abergele the current focus is on woodworking, domestic repair and recycling. It receives donations of materials and equipment to support these activities. In time it is envisaged the range and scope of the activities can develop and expand depending on a suitable premise. It does not charge for its services but receives commissions and donations to support its costs.

The Men's Shed started Abergele in 2016 in a wooden shed on a café car park with 6 members. In 2020 the café was sold and its equipment had to be moved to a steel container. During the first period of the COVID pandemic lockdown a permanent premise was sought. After much negotiation a dilapidated building at the rear of 35 Market Street was purchased from the Crown Estates. Planning consent was granted to become a multi-purpose community hub.

In the interim between lockdown and refurbishing the Market Street premises, a temporary location was set up in the former St. Michael's Church Hall, Groes Lwyd, now in private ownership. Here activities expanded, membership grew and a parallel She Shed was set up. The She Shed has recently formed its own committee but remains under the Men's Shed charitable banner for the time being. Currently, both Men's and She Sheds are relocating to the Worsley Wear site at the end of High Street as this provides more space and is more suited to the activities, albeit at a higher rental cost.

In order to refurbish the site in Market Street a National Lottery Development Grant Of £126,000 was awarded. This allows plans and tenders to be drawn up to enable us to apply for a Lottery Capital grant, anticipated in the region of £500,000. Plans, designs, specification and tender work is nearly complete and the Lottery application will be submitted in the next few weeks.

The refurbished building will comprise 2 storeys; with a workshop, craft area and relaxation area at ground floor. The first floor will be open plan, multi-use for a range of community activities and meetings for up to 35 people. The building will be fully compliant for disabled access. Situated immediately off Market Street the activity will increase foot-fall in the town centre.

In the past few months a number of consultation events have taken place with the community. Local businesses have also been kept aware of the plans. There has been fantastic support and interest in the project.

For further information please contact the Chairman Doug Jackson – **01745 825085**

Thank You.



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ATC Placeplan

From: Tavernor Linda <linda@abergeledistrict.foodbank.org.uk>
Sent: 14 August 2023 11:27
To: ATC Placeplan
Subject: Community Larder

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Dear Jesse

I hope you are well.

I would very much appreciate a letter of support please in your capacity as a Place Plan coordinator using your knowledge of the local area and levels of deprivation etc.

I have the opportunity of applying for a grant from the Community Regeneration Key Fund which is part of the UK Government Leveling up grant. It is being administered by CVSC.

As you know we have operated the Abergele District Foodbank for 10 years and have for some time planned to establish a community larder. This is a good opportunity to buy equipment and run our pilot scheme over the next 12 months.

This will be a good opportunity to help low income families that don't necessarily need a food parcel to access affordable food and you know as well as anybody that the need is great in this area. Not only does a scheme of this kind restore dignity but it also combats food waste.

The turn around is quite quick so the bid needs to go in as soon as possible. If successful, we hope to be up and running by 1st November.

I hope that you can help by providing a letter of support.

Thanks

Kind regards,

Kind regards,

Linda

Linda Tavernor (Principal Project Manager, Abergele Community Action Ltd)
Please note that my usual working days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
[Opening hours and contact details](#)

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