



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cynllun Lleoliad y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 23ed Mai 2024 am 6.45yh i'w gynnal yn rhannol yn y siambr, a phresenoldeb yn bosibl hefyd ar Zoom. The Place Plan Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6.45pm by hybrid attendance.

66/24 Attendance Register

Present: The Mayor, Cllr. D. Green;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Fletcher; P. Heap-Williams;
S. Jones-Roberts; T. Jones: P. Luckock; A. Williamson; K. Yarwood;
Online: A. Wood;
Officers: Ms A. Pilling (Project Management & Funding Officer);
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk); Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

In attendance: Member of the public

67/24 Apologies

Cllrs: A. Hunter; M. Davies; J. Jones: N. Williams; C. McCoubrey

68/24 Absence with no apologies

None

69/24 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).

Cllr. P. Luckock Min No: 73/24 (a) Personal

70/24 Visitors to the Council

The Mayor welcomed Tomos Jones to the meeting, who will be provided an update for Members on the Llenwi project.

Mr Jones gave an overview of the project to date:

It was explained that Welsh Government, as part of its "Brilliant Basics" initiative, would be funding the Llenwi project across four towns, including Abergele. The funding was subject to completion of a consultation comprised of 15 public workshops, with five having taken place already, but not yet in Abergele.

The project would culminate in the creation of thematically linked, but individualised large-scale murals in each of the chosen towns, which would celebrate Welsh language and culture.

Whilst no site had been determined in Abergele, the Plantation wall had been mooted as a site of interest, but workshops would be coming to Abergele soon.

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It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** as a correct record of the meeting, the minutes of the Placeplan Committee meeting held on 25th April 2024.



72/24 **In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 73/24(a))**

73/24 **Matters arising on those and previous minutes**

- a) A request from Ysgol Glan Gele for S106 funding was received and considered. The Mayor welcomed school representatives - Mrs Sian James Faulkner Deputy Head Teacher and Mrs Emma Shiland, Assistant Head Teacher, who will provide an overview.

A proposal from Ysgol Glan Gele was RECEIVED from the Deputy Head, Assistant Head, Secretary, and Family Liaison Officer.

The proposal, which had been developed with assistance from Senior Officers within CCBC's programme management, project management, and planning departments, would serve to enhance and improve the existing space, to accommodate the new playgroup. The proposed project would mitigate the impact of the addition of the playgroup, on the existing classroom spaces, by transforming a previously underutilised space to provide Reception learners with a larger, flexible, multi-purpose learning area. Additionally, the proposal included replacing an existing window with a door, to allow private ingress and egress for families accessing Family Liaison support.

The proposal was discussed at length, and it was considered that the proposal was comprehensive, and given the unlikelihood that the school would be moving within the next ten years, wider considerations and future-proofing had been considered, to accommodate any future housing developments that may come to Abergele and our catchment area.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the S106 funding request in the full amount of £64,727.74.

Proposer: Cllr Dickon Fetherstonhaugh
Seconder: Cllr Pauline Heap-Williams

- b) An update from the Project Manager on the Grant application for the Project Manager and Funding Officer role, and S106 funding was RECEIVED. The Clerk confirmed that £10,000 of S106 funding would come from the Pensarn Flats fund, and would be contingent on the Officer's participation in the Pensarn Flats commission meetings, the rest of the funding requirement had been submitted to CVSC for Gwynt y Mor and Rhyl Flats funding.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the S106 funding.

- c) An update on the Dementia Friends Abergele initiative was RECEIVED from Cllr Jones-Roberts. The group had recently hosted an open Meeting, with strong attendance. Additionally, Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan had designed a logo for the group and there were further events being planned for the rest of the year.
- d) An overview of the Place Plan priorities and proposed action areas was RECEIVED from the Officer and CONSIDERED by Members.



It was AGREED that the Officer should explore the possibility of the Abergele Place Plan being adopted, with a view to enhancing consideration of this plan within CCBC's regional Strategic Development Plan.

It was AGREED that the Officer should undertake a series of Place Plan "re-launch activities", to remind residents and businesses of the Place Plan, following the recent gap in activity, and to begin to use the Place Plan to position Abergele as a "nice place to live, work, and visit" with a view to curating experiences within the town.

The Officer also noted that beyond marketing, the Place Plan included wider programmes of work, but that Abergele Town Council would focus on the elements directly within the town council's remit, per the outputs of the September 2023 consultation, some of which were already developed, such as the events programme, and some of which would require further exploration, such as, the potential for enhancements to the physical environment.

- e) A request from CCBC's Strategic Development Plan with relation to the LoRaWAN, to consider a contribution of £330 for second aerial (30% match funding) was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the contribution of £330 from the Place Plan budget.

- f) A request for the purchase of promotional pop-up banners at £150 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the quotation received at £150 to be funded from the Place Plan budget.

- g) An update on the Beach of Dreams project was RECEIVED from the Project Management Officer confirming that the project aim would be to raise awareness of climate change on a national level, to encourage a connection with our coastline, and ultimately, to provoke change. It was also confirmed that the project was funded by the Arts Council England, via a £400,000 grant, with the aim being to recruit 100 – 200 participating cities and towns, who would host their own events throughout the year, reaching a high point in May 2025, with a national coastal walk, and finally, the project would close in Weymouth in Autumn 2025. The Officer explained that Abergele was one of 25 currently registered participating groups, alongside Colwyn Bay, which, as an early adopter, would be liaising with TAPE, one of the eight artists commissioned by Beach of Dreams (Kinetica) to support participants to convey the project message via art. The Officer explained that as a Beach of Dreams member, the Town Council should consider a broad theme, to ensure inclusion, and allow for organic development of ideas over the year, which could include photography, writing workshops, events on the beach and more. Cllr Brennan also provided an overview of ideas for Beach of Dreams community events and agreed to liaise with the Officer on these.

- h) It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the Fingerposts, to a further meeting, given that new information had been received.

Meeting Closed at: 20:20

Signed

(Chairman)