

Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Pwllgor AMCANION CYFFREDINIOL a CHYNLLUNIO i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 13 Hydref 2022 am 6.45 y.h gyda presenoldeb o bell. A meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES and PLANNING COMMITTEE, was held by remote attendance at 6:45pm on Thursday, 13th October 2022.

272/22 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Mayor: Cllr. A. Hunter

Cllrs: T. Brennan, D. Fetherstonhaugh (Chairman), D. Green, P. Heap-Williams, J. R. Jones, S. Jones-Roberts, P. Luckcock, C. McCoubrey, N. Williams, A. Williamson, K. Yarwood.

273/22 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Davies, R. Griffiths-Williams, G. Hughes, A. Wood

274/22 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

275/22 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan bodolaeth a natur unrhyw fantais personol (gan ddefnyddio'r ffurflen a ddarperir ar gyfer y pwrpas hwnnw). Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

Cllr P. Heap-Williams declared a prejudicial interest for Minute no: 282/22 and retired from the meeting during that item.

Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh declared a prejudicial interest for Minute no: 283/22 planning application 0/50004 and retired from the meeting during that item.

276/22 Visitor to the Council

John Morris, Community Speed Watch Manager at North Wales Police was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that Community Speed Watch schemes have been running for seven years and have been successful. Currently there are 46 volunteer teams.

Police provide training and loan equipment initially. A minimum of two people are required, however, in practice three are better as one person will be operating the radar and two people dealing with registration numbers: one reading the registration number aloud whilst the other notes it down. Once a Community Speed Watch Scheme has been established, the group will be expected to purchase their own equipment. John Morris estimated costs would be no more than £300 for a radar speed gun.

Speeds over 10% plus one are recorded so in a 30mph zone that would be 35mph and in a 40mph zone that would be 46mph. The data is held on a national data

base and advice letters from the Community Speed Watch to speeders. The third time a speeder is recorded, they will be sent another letter and their registration is passed onto NW Police or Go Safe team.

Members raised concerns that volunteers were doing police work and that issues occur in early hours of the morning when it was still dark.

John Morris explained that police only have limited resources. If the Community Watch Scheme identify areas and times where issues occur with traffic, the Go Safe team could make site visits. Go Safe have cameras that can operate during night. Community Schemes should only be operating during the day.

Members thanked John Morris for attending the meeting.

277/22 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the following minutes of the General Purpose and Planning meeting held on:

- a) 14 Gorffennaf/July 2022
- b) 8 Medi/ September 2022

278/22 **Traffic monitoring (PM: 84/22)**

Members were informed that their options regarding traffic monitoring included installing a data collection function to the speed signs at an estimated cost in of £300. Alternatively, members could set up a Community Speed Watch scheme, however, this would have to be Councillor or Community led as the officers do not have the resources for such a project.

It was RECOMMENDED that Members at ATC need to take the lead on the Community Watch Scheme and engage the community. It was further RECOMMENDED to advertise for more volunteers and to get information for speed hot spots via social media and the newsletter.

Cllr A. Hunter and Cllr P. Heap-Williams indicated they would be willing to volunteer for the Community Speed Watch scheme.

It was RESOLVED that members would support the Community Watch Scheme initially; i.e. contact CWS for training and to borrow equipment. If the trial is successful then the Council to consider budgeting about £500 to buy equipment for the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

Proposer: Cllr A. Hunter
Secunder: Cllr J. Jones

LEGAL/FINANCIAL/OTHER OBLIGATIONS:
s. 274A, Highways Act 1980
£500 for Traffic calming measures budget 2023-24

279/22 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

- a) An email response from Conwy County Borough Council regarding the 7.5 tonne weight restriction signage was RECEIVED.

Members highlighted that no date was indicated as to when the restrictions would be put in place. It was RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Clerk emails CCBC for this information.

- b) Traffic Wales Notification of Works and Schedule of Autumnal works on the dual carriageway was RECEIVED and NOTED.

280/22 **Report from Representatives**

The following report from members who are representatives on outside bodies of the Town Council were RECEIVED and NOTED:

- a) Cllr S. Jones-Roberts and Cllr. A. Wood, representatives on the North & Mid Wales Town Councils Forum attended the Annual meeting on 22nd July 2022.

Cllr S. Jones-Roberts RECOMMENDED that members could email her questions in advance as another meeting was going to commence in the following week. Issues to be considered on the upcoming agenda included a request for a free port in Holyhead, Health, Housing and Tourism tax.

281/22 **Litter bins**

The Litter and Dog bin Report conducted in 2021 was RECEIVED by members.

The Deputy Clerk explained that at the Conwy County Borough Council Town and Community Council a presentation was made by the Open Spaces Manager. Attendees were informed that CCBC no longer have internal funding for litter bins and that they would only be able to relocate bins to more suitable areas. Any requests for new bins would have to be funded by Community Councils. CCBC are willing to work in partnership with Community Councils, however, they would only do so as part of a larger scheme.

The Litter and Dog bin Report was NOTED.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL/OTHER OBLIGATIONS:
ss. 5 & 6, Litter Act 1983

282/22 **I'm a Celebrity Bugs & Ghosts**

Cllr. P. Heap-Williams was placed in the waiting room at this juncture and did not participate in any discussions.

Members were informed that the relevant County Borough Council Department was contacted and that no grant stipulations were attached to the model bugs and ghosts created as part of the promotion of 'I'm a Celebrity, get me out of here'.

Members were further informed that the bugs and ghosts were due for collection on 13/10/2022 and arrangements had been made with Cllr. N. Williams to access the storage facilities. The contractor only took down the spider and indicated that they would be returning over the weekend to complete the task. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr. N. Williams who agreed to store the Bugs and Ghosts at no cost to the town council.

The Deputy Clerk explained that, when considering options for the bugs and ghosts' future, the Council does not have the power to make a profit if the items were to be sold. Members considered this and felt that a profit was unlikely to be made. It was RECOMMENDED in the unlikely event that profit occurs from sales, the money would be donated to charity.

It was RESOLVED that officers approach auction houses in view of selling the models.

Proposer: Cllr P. Luckock
Seconder: Cllr C. McCoubrey

LEGAL/FINANCIAL/OTHER OBLIGATIONS:
s. 144, Local Government Act 1972

283/22 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Applications: The planning applications were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as detailed in Schedule A thereon.

Cllr P. Heap- Williams re-entered the meeting at this juncture.

Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh declared a prejudicial interest for planning application 0/50004 and retired from the meeting during that item.

- b) Planning Decisions: The planning decisions issued by Planning Authority, Conwy County Borough Council for the Abergele area as detailed below were RECEIVED and NOTED:

07/09/2022 - 06/10/2022

Application No: 0/49842

Location: Abergele Cars Kinmel Avenue Abergele LL22 7LW

Proposal: Variation of condition no 1 of planning consent 0/44263 (Provision of 5 No. Self contained residential units) to allow for commencement date to be extended.

Decision: Approved With Conditions

Application No: 0/49780

Location: Belgrano Services Towyn Road Belgrano Abergele LL22 9AB

Proposal: Change of use from Existing Car Garage (portion of land within Redline curtilage) to Car sales (Sui Generis).

Decision: Approved With Conditions

Application No: 0/50006

Location: Shadanoba 1 Dundonald Avenue Abergele LL22 7SP

Proposal: Non material amendment to planning approval 0/49770 (Removal of existing front boundary wall to facilitate vehicular access to property frontage, resurfacing of driveway and new parking area and the removal of existing northern boundary fence and its replacement with concrete post and panel fence (in correct boundary location in accordance with Land Registry) to allow for amendment to

proposal to demolish gatepost to allow the dividing fence to be extended to rear of footpath.

Decision: Approved

SCHEDULE A: Planning Applications (Min No. 283/22a)

Ref	Description	Location	Observation
0/50002	Temporary use (4 years) of land as car sales pitch to include office/cabin and part removal of site boundary wall (to Kinmel Avenue) and erection of metal fence.	Abergele Cars, Kinmel Avenue, Abergele, LL22 7LW	Concerns over the following: 1) Metal fence not in keeping with the area. 2) Parking Conditions not being met. 3) Timeframe raised – use of ‘temporary’ being 4 years. 4) Parking on yellow lines/road.
0/50004	Siting of 16 camping pods and compost toilet for a temporary period of time (6 years)	Kinmel Park, Kinmel Hall, Primrose Hill, St George, LL22 9DA	Concerns of the following: 1) Again timeframe & definition of ‘temporary’ being 6 years. 2) Location is a historical house & gardens.
0/50009	Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 0/21384 (Continued Use of Land as a Caravan Site Without Compliance with Condition 1 of Planning Permission Granted Under Code Ref: 5/2115) to allow all year round occupation of caravans for holiday purposes	Morawel, Harts Caravan Park, Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele, LL22 7RB	None
0/50031	Replacement of 12 touring caravans with 8 static caravans currently permitted at Ty Gwyn Caravan Park, together with associated works	Ty Gwyn Chalet And Caravan Park, Towyn Road, Towyn, LL22 9HA	None
0/50073	Erection of extension to the side	34 Lon Glanfor, Belgrano, Abergele, LL22 9YQ	None

Meeting Closed at

Signed.....
(Chairman)