



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cynllun Lleoliad y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 27ain Mehefin 2024 am 6.45yh i'w gynnal yn rhannol yn y siambr, a phresenoldeb yn bosibl hefyd ar Zoom yn. The Place Plan Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 6.45pm by hybrid attendance.

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Attendance Register

Present: The Mayor, Cllr D. Green
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Fletcher; A. Hunter;
S. Jones-Roberts; T. Jones; P.E. Luckock; N. Williams; A. Williamson
Mr. N. Eden

Online: Cllrs: A. Wood; K. Yarwood
Mrs. L. Tavernor

Officers: Ms. A. Pilling (Project Management and Funding Officer);
Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

In attendance: Member of the Public

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Apologies

Cllrs: M. Davies; P. Heap-Williams; J.R. Jones; C. McCoubrey

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Absence with no apologies

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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: 121/24(a)	Prejudicial
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No: 121/24(a)	Personal
Cllr. A. Wood	Min No: 121/24(a)	Personal

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Vistors to the Council

- As Mr Johnson was not present at this time, with the permission of the Chairman this items was deferred further down the Agenda under MIN NO: 121/24 (c)
- Richard Clarke, S106 Officer, from Conwy County Borough Council was welcomed and provided members with an update on the S106 funding The Officer presented the up-to-date S106 figures and fielded questions from Members.
A number of queries were raised and debated including the following key points:

Education funds



Members queried the difference between the two educational funds, and whether these could both be accessed by all primary schools, or indeed, by the secondary schools.

Members requested clarification on the impact of allocating these funds from one pot versus the other, on all schools,

- in relation to the previously agreed S106 funding to YGG, and
- in relation to the legalities, and thereby accessibility by all schools, of each fund

Welsh Language funds

Menter Iaith requested further details about the terms of this fund.

Re-allocation of funds

Members sought clarification on the status of funds for the link road, library, and 4G site, given the status of these projects, and queried whether unspent funds would be returned to the S106 funding pots, and whether there would be a new extended deadline of a further five years, with emphasis on reassurance that these funds would return to Abergele.

Assurances that the funding will not be lost if not spent by the deadline i.e. link road could be transferred to affordable housing and would have another five years to spend. It would then become a countywide project.

Members also requested bi-monthly updates on spending, and a summary of negotiated terms of the current S106 funding pots.

The S106 Officer agreed to investigate the points above, and return definitive answers to Member queries.

The Mayor thanked Richard Clarke for his time and attendance.

- c) Tom Johnstone provided information about the proposed Pump Track. Mr. Johnstone stated his aim of creating “the best pumptrack in the UK”, and provided a comprehensive presentation, including schematics and also opportunities for incorporating culture, biodiversity, educational activities, and a plan for protecting existing commemorative stones. Mr Johnstone then responded to Members’ questions with regard to funding, ownership and maintenance, as well as community engagement thus far. He explained that Sport Wales had indicated that it would be willing to provide £300k in funding if he could provide 30% match funding. He had worked with CCBC Officers to bring the project to this point, and completed various community engagement activities, though he agreed wider engagement would be beneficial. Lastly, he confirmed that maintenance had yet to be agreed, but stated that he would be willing to take this on as part of the project moving forward if needs be.



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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 is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 8 (a))

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Matters arising on those and previous minutes

- a) To RECEIVE and CONSIDER a request from Tom Johnstone for S106 funding for the Pump Track.
Following the presentation, question and answer session, and subsequent discussion, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the S106 request, in the full amount of £771.13, subject to the project going ahead.
Proposed by: Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh
Seconded by: Cllr T. Jones
- b) The Place Plan Terms of Reference were RECEIVED.
- c) The Kinmel Bay Coastal Defence Improvement Scheme was NOTED.
- d) Official notice of the cancellation of the Abergele Men's Shed Market Street Project was RECEIVED.
- e) An update on the Pentre Mawr Park events space was RECEIVED.
It was noted that the land was to have been flattened for ease of maintenance, and it was RECOMMENDED that the Project Management Officer follow up on this element with CCBC.
Additionally, booking and usage of the site was queried, in terms of how bookings would be managed, and by whom, and also in terms of whether members of the public would be able to use the events space freely without booking, as it was public space. It was CONFIRMED that this discussion was ongoing with CCBC, and the Officer agreed to follow up.
- f) An update on the status of the Beach of Dreams project was RECEIVED. It was AGREED that Abergele's theme would be "Between the Mountains and the Sea" (bilingual).
Proposer: Cllr A. Hunter
Seconder: Cllr P. Luckock
The Officer explained that a "Beach of Dreams Conwy Network" had been formed with a view to creating a coordinated approach, particularly in relation to the UK-wide coastal walk to take place in May 2025. A joint "early approach" document had been created to encourage regional and local support, and the Officer invited Members to feed in suggestions for potential local partners and activities.
The Officer explained that updated guidance for the creation of the pennant had been received. Per the guidance, the pennant would be inspired by only two photographs, one wide-shot and one close-up. Therefore, this project was no longer suitable for primary schools, but could be taken to secondary school-age children who would better understand the concept and process. It was suggested to contact Emrys ap Iwan and GLLM and the Officer agreed to follow up.
- g) An update on the Abergele Placeplan's adoption as SPG was RECEIVED.



The officer explained two meetings had been held that month, and that at this time CCBC and PAW were in the process of developing updated criteria and a conformity document, which would be available in the Autumn.

In the meantime, CCBC had facilitated the creation of a Conwy Network for the three towns who currently have Placeplans, one of which had been adopted as part of current SPG, and one of which had previously been adopted and would be looking at porting this adoption across when the new criteria and conformity document were ready.

The first meeting, hosted at Abergele Town Council, had been useful, and had highlighted common challenges, as well as opportunities, and the group had agreed to meet quarterly moving forward.

Meeting Closed at 20:46

Signed
(Chairman)

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