



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

Minutes

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 6:45pm by hybrid attendance.

- 681/22 **Attendance Register**
The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: T. Brennan; S. Jones-Roberts; A. Williamson; G. Hughes;
P. Luckock; J. Jones; D. Fetherstonhaugh; K. Yarwood M. Davies; D. Green; A. Wood
Mrs. Linda Tavernor
Mr Neville Eden

Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. J. Lock (Place Plan Coordinator)
Members of the public
- 682/22 **Apologies**
Cllrs: C. McCoubrey; N. Williams; P. Heap-Williams
- 683/22 **Absence with no apologies**
- 684/22 **Declaration of Interest**
Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal and/or prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh – Non prejudicial Minute Number: 686/22
Mr N. Eden – Non prejudicial Minute Number: 682/22
- 685/22 **Minutes**
It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 23th February 2023.
- 686/22 **Matters arising on those and previous minutes**
- a) A report on the internal Place Plan survey was presented by the Place Plan Officer to members.
- The survey raises the question as to whether the place plan consultation is due an update as it has been 7 years since original consultation. There have been a number of significant developments in this time (Covid, cost of living crisis etc)
- JL gave an overview of survey results and priorities – committee member's views only.



The survey results indicate that a majority of committee members agree that Pensarn Beach is the Town's best selling point, and it was suggested that we promote this feature during our events. It was further suggested that Abergele would benefit from project work that links up its core features (Beach, Pentre Mawr Park, High St, Gwrych/Manorafon and the Woodlands.)

Committee members thanked Place Plan Officer for the survey and summary. Many on the committee agreed that it would be prudent to carry out an updated public consultation on the Place Plan. Social media was suggested as an additional form of consultation, alongside more traditional methods of public meetings. Since the 2016 consultation there are many new housing estates and families and it would be beneficial to engage these new residents.

Whilst consultation is carried out it was suggested that regular Place Plan business continue but that we pause beginning any new projects unless they are low maintenance.

It was PROPOSED go out to wider community consultation based on 9 priorities (686/22) with ability for community to suggest other ideas. Consultation work to be carried out by Place Plan Officer.

PROPOSED by: Cllr Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by: Cllr Wood
Unanimously APPROVED

Committee discussed the value and challenges of recruiting more community members to be part of the Place Plan Committee. Place Plan Facilitator will incorporate this in the updated consultation.

Potential free training on Smart Towns is available at the moment. Place Plan Facilitator to follow up and provide more information.

- b) The Place Plan Facilitator presented a report on Section 106 funds and combined with the survey results, collated a list of 9 suggested priority projects.

The Place Plan Facilitator had met with Richard Clarke (Section 106 officer CCBC) and Shane Wetton (Place Plan officer CCBC) to discuss the availability of funds for particular Place Plan projects.

It was PROPOSED to request detailed breakdown of the section 106 funding requirements for each of the funding pots. It was further PROPOSED that the Section 106 officer present the Section 106 Protocol at a future meeting once released.

PROPOSED by Cllr Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr Wood

The Place Plan Facilitator is to follow up on the Menter Iaith project and present findings at the earliest opportunity. Place Plan Facilitator to also look into the possibility of combining funding from Welsh language and Library.



Place Plan Facilitator emphasised the approach to the 9 recommended projects will be for a variety of boards to manage (not just Place Plan committee.) We will need to work with CCBC, Regeneration board, Welsh Gov, community groups and private business owners to develop all projects.

Access and Infrastructure survey results :

- 1. For Pensarn flats I recommend** that **Councillors** continue their good work to engage developers and to facilitate a residents association. The development of a Pensarn In Bloom group will provide practical day to day improvements which will add a sense of momentum whilst the longer term projects are developed.
- 2. Community Schools** - Whilst awaiting the Schools review, Place Plan Officer to work with School leaders on alternative options.
- 3. Traffic Management** part of **Regeneration Board** scope, Councillors on Regeneration Board to report back

Business, Jobs and Tourism survey results :

- 1. Improve Shop fronts** – Potential to combine 4 Highways and 1 Allotments to improve the high street layout and shop appearance.
- 2. Enhance Promenade** – Councillors to pull together a Promenade stakeholders group to discuss developments and potential improvements
- 3. Street Cleaning** – Possible to fund a specific street cleaner for Abergele?

Community, Health and Well-being survey results :

- 1. Community Allotments** – Councillors to work on developing Allotment association
- 2. Improve parks** – Place Plan officer to monitor Green Gele works and assist in development. Place Plan Committee to assess waymarking/pump track/football pitch for remainder of funding and allocate.
- 3. Support and celebrate heritage** – Utilise Library and Welsh Language funds to create a bilingual heritage trail.



Cllr Fetherstonhaugh PROPOSED these 9 go out to community consultation as our Priority Projects.

PROPOSED by Cllr Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr Wood

Cllr Wood retired at 20:22

20:29 Gill Jones and Carl Sauer left

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Resolution:

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, it was RESOLVED that, 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. (Min No: 609/22)

- a) The Place Plan Facilitator provided an update on the EnRAW Green Gele project on behalf of Shane Wetton (Place Plan officer CCBC)

TEP landscape architects provided 3 drawings of event spaces and how they interact with the utilities below ground. It is clear that the most suitable space is at the North Eastern edge of Pentre Mawr park. There is a large sewage drain at site 1 near the rugby club, and multiple utilities across site 3 near the playground. Site 2 also has the benefit of been near to a park entrance for events and will help to link the park to the beach.

Cllr Fetherstonhaugh PROPOSED we accept site 2 as the location for the new event space.

PROPOSED by: Cllr Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by: Mayor Cllr Hunter

Meeting Closed at 8.38pm

Signed
(Chairman)