



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

Minutes

A meeting of the Placeplan Committee was held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 6:45pm.

- 534/22 **Attendance Register**
The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: T. Brennan; S. Jones-Roberts; A. Williamson; C. McCoubrey;
N. Williams; P. Luckock
Mrs. Linda Tavernor;
Mr Neville Eden
Mrs R. Parker (Deputy Clerk)
Mr. J Lock (Place Plan Coordinator)
Members of the public
Peter Toohar (Nexus Housing Development)
Andrew Clarke (Nexus Housing Development)
Alex Vogt (Nexus Housing Development)
- 535/22 **Apologies**
Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; K. Yarwood; M. Davies; R. Griffiths-Williams; G. Hughes;
A. Wood; Cllr. P. Heap-Williams; D. Green
- 536/22 **Absence with no apologies**
J. Jones;
- 537/22 **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 T Brennan – Non prejudicial Minute Number: 539/22
Mr Neville Eden – Non prejudicial Minute Number: 539/22
- 538/22 **Minutes**
It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the last Placeplan Committee meeting, held on 26th January 2023.
- 539/22 **Guest Speaker**
A member of the public was given permission to address members by the Chairman about the proposed housing development by Nexus. Questions were raised about the suitability of St George's Road for both the construction traffic and the following additional residential traffic. There were concerns about the impact of further population increase without investment in education and healthcare facilities. Nexus presented their housing development and answered the questions of the public. They have conducted their own traffic survey in September 2022 and the traffic modelling was the same as developments that have already gone ahead such as McBride's. They are following national guidance on construction traffic and it's suitability for smaller roads. Their own traffic survey indicates that the road is at less than 50% capacity. They suggested that if there are concerns they would work with



the highways department to develop a Construction Management plan to impose limits on construction traffic at certain times of the day.

Councillors questioned whether the plans were in line with the upcoming LDP. They also raised the latest Atkins report on traffic in the area which indicated that no further development could be accommodated within the current infrastructure. Nexus were asked to explain why the survey was carried out in September as that would not give a representation of the summer tourism traffic. The response was that September is seen as a neutral month with relatively fewer highs and lows in traffic. It also allows them to measure school traffic in line with National guidance. Their traffic survey was agreed with CCBC in advance. It was asked if the traffic surveys are independent – this one is commissioned by Nexus. There was an ask as to whether the traffic modelling is done for future scenarios and there is a 2032 model completed as part of this consultation.

Mayor Hunter thanked both residents and Nexus for attending. He encouraged residents to feedback to Nexus before March 3rd. Abergele Town Council will feedback once there is a formal planning application made.

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Matters arising on those and previous minutes

- a) An update with regard to the Green Gele project was RECEIVED from the Place Plan Facilitator on behalf of TEP and CCBC. Two paths will now be installed in Gele Park, both at Active travel standard. Welsh Government have indicated they are happy for the project to proceed with the revised proposal but we are still awaiting written confirmation. Officers are now working on the revised delivery profile.
- b) An update was RECEIVED from the Place Plan Facilitator with regards to the CVSC Green Energy Project. The final Q&A was hosted recently and as such the project is now ready to be wrapped up. The Place Plan Facilitator will be completing the project end report for the funders over the coming weeks. Councillors were encouraged to review the energy efficiency report they received as part of the project and to assess the need for phase 2 funding. It was DEFFERED to GP&P.
- c) An update was RECEIVED from the Place Plan Facilitator with regard to the Town team on behalf of Natalie Hughes and Helen Jackson (Creu Conwy.) Creu Conwy will be applying for a grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund over 250k, to facilitate Town Team work across Conwy including Abergele. There will be a second round of funding for grants under 250k so we will have an opportunity to apply for specific projects for Abergele as well as the work Creu Conwy will carry out through the Town Team. Cllr Luckock advised that the Abergele Wheelers will be putting forward a bid for assistance with the pump track.
- d) An update was RECEIVED from the Place plan Facilitator with regard to the Menter Iaith project.
There is some confusion as to the funding process and so it was RECOMMENDED to seek clarity on the matter.
There was a bilingual quiz hosted in Abergele and attended by 49 people.
There is Welsh language comedy night on the 14th April for advertising on social media.
Cllr Jones – Roberts commended the new welsh product section of the post office on Abergele High St.
- e) An update was RECEIVED from the Place plan Facilitator with regard to the Queens Jubilee project. Committee received 3 quotes for interpretation boards.
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the Nature sign quote at £1065 + £95 delivery.
The Place Plan Facilitator requested the option to purchase small scale batches of mulch for the project as each site provides different challenges for the delivery of the



mulch. We may have a simpler process by splitting the order over 3 separate purchases of approximately £300 each. Mayor Hunter PROPOSED committee give PP Facilitator the flexibility to purchase the mulch in whichever method seems most efficient given the large flexibility in the budget. Cllr McCoubrey SECONDED.

- f) An update was RECEIVED from the Place plan Facilitator with regard to the request for a refund for the Daffodil bulbs from TFW. We are still awaiting the refund.
- g) An update was RECEIVED from Men's Shed. They have requested some assistance with promoting the She Shed. Cllr Davies and Williamson raised issues with a wrong address circulating for the location of the She Shed. It was PROPOSED to provide assistance in promoting She Shed by Cllr McCoubrey, SECONDED by Mayor Hunter.

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- a) Following the presentation from Nexus housing and the Residents observations it was PROPOSED by Mayor Hunter that we use the Notice Boards to provide hard copies of proposals and promote the use of Library facilities for returning observations. This will help with digital exclusion issues some residents have reported. SECONDED by Cllr Brennan.
 - b) RECEIVED an email from Conwy CCBC with regard to the installation of the new signage at Pentre Mawr Park.
Members RECOMMENDED that a QR code be added to link to history page on Abergele website so that visitors can read about the history of Pentre Mawr Park.
Members queried whether the Welsh name should have mutated to Barc Pentre Mawr?
It was PROPOSED by Cllr McCoubrey that that their preference is the all in one design rather than the two separate languages. SECONDED by Mayor Hunter.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Signed
(Chairman)