Would you like to do something positive to help your community?

Becoming a Town Councillor gives you a great opportunity to get involved and influence issues which directly affect the Town of Abergele which include:

- The spending of money on Community Grants and projects;
- Giving your views on planning applications in the Town;
- Working with Conwy County Borough Council, North Wales Police and neighbouring Councils to help to resolve local problems and issues;
- Working with the Local Schools
- Having a say on the future of the Town through the Abergele Placeplan
- Involved in the planning of Town events such as the Christmas Concert, Remembrance service, Christmas lights.
- Representing the Council on the Committees of other organisations.

Facts You May Not Know About Abergele Town Council

- Abergele Town Council is a non-political organisation
- Meetings are held in the Town Hall at 6:45 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month except August and last approximately 2 hours.
- The Town Council has currently 17 elected Councillors (reducing to 16 in 2017). There are currently 8431 (2016) residents eligible to vote in Abergele, Pensarn and St George.
- Abergele Town Council's budget for 2016/17 was £260,943.
- The Council raises funds through its budget to run the Abergele Public Cemetery
- It is responsible for the upkeep of the Mount, as a historic fort and community space.

Town Council's Achievement's in Recent Years

- The Town Council provides grants to Sports, Youth and community groups for equipment etc.
- In partnership with the WREN it has contributed to the funding of the Viewing Platform in Pentre Mawr Park
- Funds have been granted to Fairtrade to assist Abergele obtaining Fairtrade status.
- The Council produces free of charge to the Community a Newsletter and Town Guide.
- Funded Street furniture in the Town.

Cllr Alan Hunter shares his experience on being a new Town Councillor

Having lived in Abergele since 1992 I decided a couple of years ago that I would like to give some of my time to helping make Abergele a better place. I was probably guilty of making the statement "something should be done about that". After considering several options I made up my mind that I could best serve my community by becoming a Town Councillor.

The last 18 months as a Councillor for the Pensarn ward have been both interesting and fulfilling and I have joined several sub-committees which has allowed me to more involved in the decision making process for many of the positive changes to our Town both current and for the future.

Being a member of the Town Council allows members to promote and represent our community while helping promote the viability and vitality of our Town.

How Do You Become a Town Councillor?

- **You need to be 18 years old or over to stand as a councillor, be either a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen, be on the electoral register and have lived or worked in the area for a year.**

- **You will need to complete a Nomination form which can be obtained from the Town Council on 01745 833242 or Conwy County Borough Council 01492 576051 from March 2017 onwards**

Coffee and Chat

Drop in and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and meet a Councillor to chat about what we do and ask any questions about becoming a Councillor on

Saturday 18th February 2017 between 10am and 12 noon

at the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road Abergele

Or contact the Town Clerk

Mandy Evans

on 01745 833242 or

info@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk

Abergele Town Council Needs You

On Thursday 4th May 2017 there will be an election to elect the Town Councillors to sit on Abergele Town Council for the next five years.

The Town Council has agreed to produce this leaflet to encourage local residents consider becoming a Town Councillor for the area.

Inside this leaflet you will find out about the role of the Town Council, what you could be doing as a Town Councillor and you can read the experience of one of our newest members.

Please take a few minutes to read this leaflet and consider whether you could step forward and become involved in how our Town is shaped in the coming years.