

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 4th September 2014 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

166/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands (arrived at 7:40pm); J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood (retired at 7:30pm);
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

167/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: G.P. Davies; B. Kinsey; J.E.H. Pitt; M. Roberts;

168/14 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
None were declared

169/14 **Visitor to the Council**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Trefor Roberts; from the Gideon's Society to the meeting who presented the Mayor Cllr B C Roberts will a bible for his municipal year.

170/14 **Presentation of the WW1 Vigil Service**

Cllr MacRae provided a short film presentation from the WW1 Vigil Service held on the 4th August 2014 for members who were absent for the Service.
Members thanked Cllr MacRae for all her hard work in the preparation of the service and **it was also RESOLVED to thank her stepson for his assistance.**

171/14 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 3rd July 2014

172/14 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) Members provided a brief update of the meeting with Natural Resources Wales regarding flood wardens and stated that they are awaiting further information from Natural Resources.
- (b) An update from CCBC with regard to the Path at Ty Crwn was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to contact Right of Way to request that the matter is started and to inform ATC of what the Council can do to facilitate this.
- (c) Cllr Waters provided an overview of the Climate Change project. The final report was drafted in May with presentations. The main issues raised were the Newsletter, Flood Wardens, Solar panels, the school links, footpaths, trees planting, Gele River and Gardening. The questionnaire was not very successful, the school response was better. There had been another presentation in July and Cllr Waters has also been invited to present to the Welsh Audit Office in Llanrwst on the 18th September, regard to reshaping services with the public. OVW are pleased with the progress of the scheme. Members congratulated Cllr Waters on the quality of his Report.

Cllr Wood retired at this juncture

- (d) An email update regarding the relocation a bus stop on Llanddulas Road was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the email to the local resident for his information. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that County Councillors investigate the matter.**
- (e) A request from HMCTS regarding a parking space at the Town Hall. **It was RESOLVED to reiterate the previous response**

173/14 **Correspondence**

- The following items of Correspondence were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for September 2014
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED and the Clerk confirmed that the two provisional meeting dates have now been confirmed.
- (c) CVSC mail from 11th July 2014 to 29th August 2014
- (d) OVW emails from 11th July 2014 to 29th August 2014

Cllr T Rowlands arrived at this juncture

- (e) A letter from SP Energy Networks regarding North Wales Wind Farm Connection Project. **It was RESOLVED to support neighbouring Councils such as Llanefydd, Llansannan and St Asaph.**
- (f) A letter from CCBC with regard to Tour of Britain
- (g) To nominate a Community Champion for North Wales
- (h) An Agenda and report regarding the future of Local Government for the next meeting of the NWMWALC was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Mayor and the Clerk hope to attend the meeting.
- (i) A consultation Document from Welsh Government regarding Devolution, Democracy and Delivery – Reforming Local Government was RECEIVED. **Members discussed the matter at length and it was RESOLVED to forward to the Local Government Sub Committee in the first instance for consideration. If any members wish to have any comments included to forward to the Clerk for consideration at the meeting.**
- (j) An email from an Agency for change on behalf of haymaker Energy regarding a solar panel south of Towyn. **It was RESOLVED to enquire with Towyn & Kinmel Town Council as to what their thoughts are on the matter and it was NOTED that the proposed site is in breach of several conditions.**
- (k) An email from Traditional Market with a request to host in Abergele. **It was RESOLVED to suggest the Promenade in Pensarn, Water Street Car Park, Tesco Car Park, and St George Village as proposed locations for the market.**
- (l) An email update from Gwyrch Castle Preservation Trust
- (m) An email from OVW regarding a consultation regarding the Welsh National Marine Plan
- (n) An email from a local resident regarding the Car park in Pensarn. The Clerk informed members that a site meeting is due to take place on Friday.
- (o) An email from a local resident regarding the exit from Abergele Hospital. Members were informed by a County Councillor that the hedge has been trimmed by CCBC and a meeting is due to be held with BCHB to discuss the matter.
- (p) A letter from CCBC regarding Supplementary planning Guidance
- (q) A flyer from CCBC regarding the CCBC Sports Awards 2014

- (r) An email from Cais regarding Change Step. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Abergele Joint Burial Committee for their consideration.**
- (s) An email from OVW regarding a presentation by the Welsh Audit Office
- (t) An email from Historical Promotions regarding 1914 Christmas events. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the WW1 meeting.**
- (u) An email from OVW regarding the consultation document for Allotments and Community gardens was NOTED
- (v) An email from CCBC regarding the Pat Chown Award
- (w) An email from Bangor University/Llandrillo College regarding courses

174/14 **Urgent Correspondence**

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.

- (a) A leave of absence for the following Town Councillors was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED:
 - (i) Cllr Morris Roberts
 - (ii) Cllr Gwyneth Davies

175/14 **Annual Accounts 2012/13**

- (a) A copy of a letter from Hacker Young was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED.
- (b) The Annual Return for Signing by the Chairman was APPROVED. Members thanked Mr Dave Shore and the Clerk for preparing the return.

176/14 **Matter to consider from the Mayor**

A matter raised by the Mayor on behalf of the residents of Hafod y Parc with regard a path into Pentre Mawr Park. County Councillors informed that they had requested that a new fence and gate post was installed from the residence to the park but the building company would not facilitate this as it was considered to be a security risk. **It was RESOLVED to forward the request to the Project Officer on behalf of members of the Town Council.**

177/14 **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.**

Draft Minutes

The following matters raised on the draft Minutes were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes:

- (a) Staffing meeting held on the 26th June 2014
- (b) Reports to be considered with the above Minutes

178/14 **2014 Schools Grant funding**

- (a) A letter from Ysgol Glan Morfa with regard to their 2014/15 funding was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the funding with a note to be included in the letter that community engagement should be included in their next application.**
- (b) A copy of the funding for 2014/15 was RECEIVED.

179/14 **Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) A new area Library and Archive will be located in Conwy, Deganwy or Llandudno Junction.
- (b) A proposed 20 mile per hour limit outside all schools for Conwy is to be considered on a school by school basis.
- (c) The Rural Development grant is now available.
- (d) Amalgamation of Conwy and Denbighshire Counties has been discussed.
- (e) An audit on Porth Eirias is to take place
- (f) The rocks/stones on Llandudno Promenade is to go to Committee
- (g) A Task and Finish group to look at Tir Llwyd has been set up
- (h) Ysgol Gogarth now only has 12 beds. Ty Na Nog is to close, request that if members are aware of any problems in the Community to bring to the attention of the County councillors.
- (i) Five cases of Councillor Misbehaviour have been presented to County Standards.
- (j) A site visit to Bryn Hyfryd Road to view a planning matter with regard to drainage.
- (k) A Gypsy traveller Meeting has taken place, St George was a favoured location. A new site is proposed for Llandudno Junction, Llansannan or Llanfair TH.
- (l) A fire at Maes Canol which affected adjoining houses, members spent a day at the area and the tenant was pleased with the support and wished to thank the Council.

180/14 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th June 2014.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th June 2014

181/14 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were RECEIVED

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) Play for Wales
- (c) A flyer from Tony Griffiths regarding a presentation at the The Bee
- (d) White Paper – Reforming Local Government

182/14 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- (a) North Wales Deaf Association
- (b) Cantorion Gele Singers
- (c) Victim Support
- (d) SSAFA
- (e) Parish of Abergele
- (f) Cytun
- (g) St George Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed
(Chairman)