

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

Prior to the start of the meeting and on behalf of the Mayoress Mrs Shirley Roberts, the Mayor expressed his sincere thanks to Members of the Council and the Town Council staff, for their very kind words and condolences since the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

614/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor B C Roberts;
Cllrs: M Bond, B Kinsey; D.A MacRae; R M Medlicott; D Meredith(19:10); S. Rowlands;
T Rowlands; R G Waters
Mrs L Whalley (Administration Officer)
Member of the Public

615/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M.Bird; G P Davies; J E H Pitt; K Sudlow; A Wood

616/14 **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

617/14 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the following meetings:

- i. **Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 5th March 2015**
- ii. **Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 5th March 2015**

618/14 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a. An update with regard to the change of waiting time at the Library Carpark
NOTED
- b. The Administration Officer provided an update with regard to the Casual vacancies in Pensarn and Gele Wards
- c. An email update from a local resident with regard to defibrillators and an offer to present to members was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to invite the resident to present at the July meeting.**
- d. An email from Welsh Government with regard to the recent North Wales Transport Plan was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to write to the WG to express dissatisfaction that North Wales was withdrawn from the plan which has significant implications for the A55**

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a. Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for April 2015
- b. Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED. In addition it was NOTED that the Mayor's Songs of Praise event will take place on Friday 24th April in St Michael's Church Abergele.
- c. CVSC mail from 13th March 2015 to 25th March 2015
- d. OVW emails from 13th March 2015 to 25th March 2015
- e. An email from CCBC with regard to a forthcoming meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum. It was NOTED that this meeting is open to all members should they wish to attend.
- f. A copy of an email from a local resident with regard to the speed limit and hedge verge on the A547
- g. An email from CCBC Legal with regard to Short Stay Pay and Display Car Parks
- h. An email from One Voice Wales with regard to the Motions for 2015 Annual Conference/AGM. It was NOTED that Cllr Waters will be attending the meeting. No motions were proposed to be put forward.
- i. A copy of the Minutes from the recent Special Meeting of the Town & Community forum meeting held on the 25th February 2015
- j. A copy of a Business Workshop with regard to Tendering and a request from the Clerk to attend the Bangor event. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should attend.**
- k. An email from a local resident with regard to an access in the wall on to Eldon Drive. It was NOTED that previous correspondence had been forwarded to CCBC who stated that the proposed alteration to the wall was not feasible. Cllr Sam Rowlands to make further enquiries with CCBC
- l. A letter from a local resident with regard to sponsorship. **It was RESOLVED to inform the resident that the Council does not sponsor individuals.**
- m. An email from a local resident with regard to Streetlife
- n. An email and minutes from the last meeting of the Conwy Access group
- o. An email from CCBC with regard to the Consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance
- p. An email from CCBC with regard to the Consultation on the Conwy Conservation Area Management Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance. **It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Waters and S Rowlands would be submitting a response.**
- q. An email from Fields in Trust with regard to lost playing fields. It is not known if there might exist 'lost' playing fields in the Abergele area, however, **it was RESOLVED to re-examine the possibility of the Town Council becoming the Trustee of the Parks.**
- r. The annual subscription for the Clerks & Councillors Direct for 2015/16 was approved. **It was RESOLVED that 4 copies of the magazine delivered to the Town Hall would be sufficient and that individual Members would no longer receive their own copy.**
- s. A letter from BT Payphones with regard to adopt a kiosk
- t. A letter and Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the North Wales Association and to receive an amendment to the venue location
- u. A letter from the Abergele Field Club with regard to leaving their box in the foyer

TR moved that the public withdraw for the following item

620/14 **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**

A letter from the Town Council's solicitor with regard to the Japanese Knotweed was NOTED (details in Confidential Correspondence)

621/14 **Nominations**
Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2015/16 were discussed, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 14th May 2015, as Cllr Waters is unable to accept the role at this time, it was PROPOSED in his absence that Cllr John MacLennan is offered the role of Deputy Mayor for 2015/16 and the matter is DEFERRED to the next meeting for confirmation.

622/14 **Update from County Councillors**
Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

Gypsy Traveller Sites:
The funding deadline for the St George site has been missed which prevents it from being progressed as a Travellers camp at this time. CCBC is to work closely with Denbighshire CC on a call for alternative sites.

623/14 **Minutes**
The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th February 2015.
a. Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th February 2015.
b. Police Liaison Meeting held on the 16th February 2015

624/14 **Documents for Information**
The following documents for information were RECEIVED:
a. CCBC Schedule 2
b. BT adopt a Kiosk
c. Colwyn Bay, Abergele and district Twinning Association Newsletter

625/14 At this juncture the Mayor informed Council that Cllr Bird had purchased a poppy from the WW1 commemorative art installation at the Tower of London and would like to present it on permanent loan to Abergele Town Council. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter of thanks to Cllr. Bird. It was further RESOLVED to purchase an appropriate display case for the poppy**

Meeting closed :8pm

Signed : (Chairman)