

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 10 May 2018 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

1/18 **Welcome & Opening Prayers**

The retiring Mayor, Cllr Delyth MacRae welcomed Past Mayors; Distinguished Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen; and Fellow Members to the meeting. The Opening Prayer in Welsh and English was offered by Y Parchedig/Rev. Kate Johnson and Brian Churchill.

2/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, D A MacRae;
Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; M.D. Bird; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medicott; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

3/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bond, M. Richards
Rev Glyn Thomas,
Mayoress Mrs Mandy Evans

4/18 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 11th May 2017 (which were approved and signed at the following Ordinary Meeting of the Council) were RECEIVED.

5/18 **Annual Report**

The 2017/18 Annual Report APPROVED by the Town Council Min No: 810/17 (a) was ADOPTED.

6/18 **Policies**

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the following Policies APPROVED by the Town Council during 2017/18 be ADOPTED

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| a) Code of Conduct | Min No: | 810/17 (b) |
| b) Financial Regulations | Min No: | 810/17 (c) |
| c) Standing Orders | Min No: | 810/17 (d) |

7/18 A copy of 2017/18 Inventory of Contents for Abergele Town Council was RECEIVED

8/18 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The retiring Mayor Cllr Delyth MacRae provided an overview of the activities and events that she and the Mayoress had attended over the last year. Cllr MacRae stated that she had received many messages of thanks and stated

that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor for a second occasion. Cllr MacRae stated that she has enjoyed attending the Civic engagements and has many happy memories. During the year Cllr MacRae has met many people and would like to thank all the Community Volunteers and the new Councillors, stating that all parties should work together for the betterment of the Town.

Cllr MacRae informed the meeting that she still has one more fundraiser to carry out and all the funds raised will be donated to the Breast Cancer Unit in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Cllr MacRae thanked her Mayoress Mrs Mandy Evans and her husband Chris for all their support and passed on the Mayoress' thanks to the Council.

Cllr MacRae then outlined that the Town Council is facing challenges and constrains for the future but there are also exciting times ahead for the Town. There are traffic and infrastructure issues and the closure of Slaters was a shock to the town, which had been an employer in the town for over 100 years. The mural from outside the garage has been saved and is in storage for repair and a new location.

Finally, Cllr MacRae thanked Rev Glyn Thomas, Rev Kate Johnson, and Brian Churchill for their support and wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor a good year.

9/18 **Election of Town Mayor for the year 2018/19**

- The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2018/19.

The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mike Bird, was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr R G Waters, who provided a brief overview of the long linear in Cllr Bird holds and was then seconded by Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. Mike Bird indicated his willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect her as Town Mayor for 2018/19.

10/18 **Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. Bird with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. Bird read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was then countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The new Mayor then took the Chair and invested the retiring Mayor with a Past Mayor's medallion, and thanked the Mayoress in her absence on behalf of the Council. Cllr Bird then gave thanks to the Retiring Mayor for all her hard work.

11/18 **Address by the New Mayor**

Cllr Bird then thanked members for the confidence placed in him and looked forward to the forthcoming year and getting the Abergele Place Plan off the ground. Cllr Bird thanked Chris Jones Regeneration and Shane Wetton

CCBC for their hard work and urged guests to read the Annual Report. Cllr Bird then outlined the projects of the Council which include – free car parks, a partnership between the County to adopt the bus shelters, a new cemetery, and allotments. Cllr Bird also stated that we was aware of the pressure on the schools and medical services and assist through various projects supported by the Council such as the Summer Playschemes, Flood Wardens, Fairtrade, Dementia status, WW1 100 Anniversary and the adding of names to the war memorial.

Cllr Bird then thanked the Town Council staff, Rev Kate Johnson and the community of Abergele for hard work and support.

Cllr Bird then indicated that his wife, Anthea, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress and she was duly invested with the Ensignia of Office.

12/18 Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2018/19

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19. Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. R M Medlicott and this was SECONDED by Cllr. G Frost.

There being no further nominations, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Jones-Roberts as Deputy Mayor for 2018/19.

13/18 Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Jones-Roberts came forward from her seat on the floor of the chamber and she was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office. She then read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

Cllr. Jones-Roberts thanked the Mayor and her fellow Members for the confidence placed in her and indicated that her husband, Cllr Brian Roberts had kindly agreed to act as the Deputy Mayor's consort. The Mayor invested Cllr Brian Roberts with the Ensignia of Office.

14/18 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

- It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 7th June 2018.

15/18 Appointment of Committees

- It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to confirm continued delegation of full decision making powers to the Standing Committees of the Council:

- (a) General Purposes and Planning Committee
- (b) Policy and Finance Committee
- (c) Place Plan Committee

The election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each of these Committees will take place at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders was NOTED

16/18 **Conclusion of Meeting to be followed by photographs**
The Mayor thanked everyone for attending, and invited guests to join members for refreshments.

Meeting closed at 7:15pm

Signed
(Chairman)