

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

294/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; J.E.H. Pitt; S. Rowlands (arrived at 7pm); T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow;
R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
County Councillor Rick Stubbs
Member of the public

295/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: G.P. Davies; B. Kinsey; A. Wood;

296/14 **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

297/14 **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 2nd October 2014

298/14 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) A letter from CCBC with regard to a matter raised to the Mayor on behalf of the residents of Hafod y Parc regarding a path into Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED
- (b) An update from Cartrefi Conwy with regard to Environmental SOS was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to notify the resident of the decision and to inform the press to be able to forward the matter to the public.**
- (c) A copy of a letter from Darren Millar AM following a request from a local resident via Ward Councillors for confirmation of the planned noise mitigation work on the A55 was NOTED
- (d) An email from CEO of CCBC regarding a request by members to attend a meeting regarding the Reforming of Local Government was RECEIVED.
- (e) An email from OVW regarding the merger of Local Government was RECEIVED.
- (f) A report from a Pest Control Company regarding the pigeon problem in the Town. **It was RESOLVED to forward the report to CCBC for their observations and action**

Cllr S Rowlands arrived at this juncture

- (g) An update from the Clerk with regard to .gov.uk/.wales domain names was RECEIVED and DEFERRED until the .wales is confirmed by County Members.

- (h) A letter of response from Bevans regarding Knot weed was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to obtain a copy of the treatment reports from CCBC and to advise the Insurance Company of the situation.**
- (i) A letter from a local resident regarding planters in Pensarn. **It was RESOLVED to write to the resident to inform that the land highlighted does not fall under the ownership of the local authority and therefore the Council cannot place a planter on private land. The Town Council do sympathise with the resident's request and will look for alternative land but are mindful to respect Pebel's work.**

299/14 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for November 2014 was RECEIVED. Members NOTED that they prefer the new format
- (b) Forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED.
- (c) CVSC mail from 10th October 2014 to 24th October 2014 was RECEIVED
- (d) OVW emails from 10th October 2014 to 24th October 2014 was RECEIVED
- (e) An email from Abergele Camera Club regarding the 2014 grant funding
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to Remembrance Sunday Parade on the 9th November was RECEIVED
- (g) A letter from the National Assembly for Wales regarding speed limits on Trunk Roads was NOTED
- (h) An Agenda and Minutes for the recent meeting of OVW
- (i) A letter from St Kentigern with regard to their annual report
- (j) A letter from Royal British Legion regarding the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Parade was RECEIVED
- (k) Troli bocs will be distributed in the Abergele area from the 10th November 2014 was NOTED
- (l) A letter from Ysgol St George regarding grant funding was APPROVED. **It was RESOLVED to check the terms of the letter for future information.**
- (m) An e-mail from North Wales Fire and Rescue regarding a public consultation on Fire and Rescue Services 2015-16 and beyond. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to the Local Government sub Committee for consideration and add recommendations to the Dropbox for members' consideration before the following Ordinary meeting.**
- (n) A letter from SP Energy Networks regarding Wind Farms Connection Project. Members of the Town Council noted that a Notice of Motion had been passed in CCBC to go underground but the final decision was over ground.

300/14 **Other Matters arising**

- (a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the iPads was RECEIVED. Members NOTED that at the next Ordinary meeting members who have an iPad will not receive a paper copy of the correspondence file. If members wish to receive paper correspondence they will be required to return their iPad for redistribution to those members without an iPad before the next meeting
- (b) Members considered the appointment of a Vice-chairman for the General Purpose and Planning Committee. Cllr Bond agreed to act as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of this municipal year.

Cllr Pitt retired at this juncture

301/14 **Draft Minutes**

- (a) A copy of the Draft Minutes from the last Police Liaison Meeting on the 13th October 2014 was RECEIVED
- (b) A matter arising on the Minutes was CONSIDERED regarding the provision of a lock for a gate at Parc Gele, as the current lock is considered to be inadequate. **It was RESOLVED to contact CCBC and request if the Town Council can have permission to install a more substantial lock.**

302/14 **Meeting Notes**

A copy of the following Meeting Notes were RECEIVED

- (a) WW1 Task and Finish group to consider the matter raised in point 6 -A request from the Mayor to consider a Christmas tree of Remembrance for the public to add a poppy with a message. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and the Mayor have delegated powers to install a tree as requested and to be funded from the WW1 budget.**
- (b) The Notes from the Community & Town Council forum meeting held on the 23rd October 2014 was RECEIVED.

303/14 **Urgent items**

No urgent items were RECEIVED

304/14 **Update from County Councillors**

- The following verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED:

- (a) Gypsy Travellers Site – two sites have been identified, one is a small area outside St George, Smithy layby for a transition site for 7 caravans. Regional consideration and landowners consent on each side of the land must be agreed. Next meeting will take place on the 20th November
- (b) Place Plan meeting will take place on Thursday 20th November at 1pm in the Red Cross Building
- (c) Scrutiny has been discussing the 2015/16 Budget with a shortfall of £16m. Schools and other departments will all be effected and Council tax is set to raise by 5% year on year
- (d) New Offices will be built in Colwyn Bay and leased back to the council.
- (e) Community Scrutiny Committee meeting took place and comments have been made that no Abergele Councillors were present. The matter is only going out for Consultation at this stage, but the public should be aware that the plan has changed. The matter will be discussed in Cabinet on November 11th.
- (f) School Modernisation Programme – the proposed amalgamation of St Elfod and Glan Gele. The Abergele Place plan states that the schools will change. The school governing body were not aware of the plan and Mr Richard Ellis Owen has been invited to a meeting to discuss the matter in the near future
- (g) To note that CCBC have refurbished a public convenience in Llangernyw for future reference.

Standing orders were suspended

- (h) The newly elected County Councillor for Pensarn Cllr Rick Stubbs thanked members for the invitation to the meeting and hoped to attend again

Standing orders were reinstated

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

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 18th September 2014.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 18th September 2014
- (c) Local Government Sub Committee held on the 24th July 2014
- (d) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 21st July 2014
- (e) Police Liaison Sub Committee held on the 10th March 2014
- (f) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 13th January 2014

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Documents for Information

The following document for information was NOTED

- (a) St Kentigern Annual Report

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)