

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

233/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae (arrived at 6:55pm); R.M. Medicott; J.E.H. Pitt (retired at 8:05pm); S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Member of the public

234/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; B. Kinsey; M. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow;
A. Wood;

235/14 **Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests
None were declared

236/14 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Michelle Williams and Cath Pickering, from Conwy Connect to the meeting who provided a presentation on the Stigma project to members. Ms Williams explained that the Advocacy had approached Connect to produce a DVD with the help of TAPE called Reducing Stigma, highlighting problems to schools, Councils and Universities to name a few. The DVD is to highlight problems that people with disabilities have on a daily basis.

Cllr MacRae arrived at this juncture

The Mayor thanked the team for their informative presentation.

Standing orders were reinstated

237/14 **Minutes**

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

- (a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 4th September 2014**
- (b) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 4th September 2014**

238/14 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update regarding the path at Ty Crwn was RECEIVED.
- (b) An email from a local resident with regard the relocation of a bus stop on Llanddulas Road was discussed. Members stated that the wall falls within

the conservation area of Abergele and this is probably the reason that the wall cannot be removed. Cllr Rowlands has requested a meeting with the resident and County members together with the Mayor.

- (c) An update with regard to Agency for change on behalf of haymaker Energy regarding a solar panel south of Towyn was RECEIVED:
 - (i) Towyn & Kinmel Bay are still to make a formal decision. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER the item to the next GP&P meeting to consider with the Planning applications**
 - (ii) An email from Cllr Bird for consideration was DEFERRED to the GP&P meeting to consider with the above.
- (d) An update with regard to the Car park in Pensarn was RECEIVED informing that the matter is currently with CCBC legal and a meeting with Parking Services and Legal is scheduled for next week.
- (e) An update with regard to a matter raised to the Mayor by the residents of Hafod y Parc regarding a path into Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request a site meeting with the residents and CCBC.**

239/14 Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for October 2014
- (b) The details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC mail from 11th September 2014 to 22nd September 2014
- (d) OVW emails from 11th September 2014 to 22nd September 2014
- (e) An email from IWA with regard to the Scottish Referendum
- (f) An email and Agenda from OVW for the forthcoming AGM on the 4th October
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to the Welsh Language Commissioners Draft Enforcement Policy was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee
- (h) An email from a member of the Camera Club with regard to a display in a local business
- (i) An email from OVW with regard to a survey by the National Executive Committee
- (j) An letter from Breast Test Wales with regard to a forthcoming screening event in Tesco
- (k) A letter from the Royal British Legion with regard to remembrance
- (l) A letter from Cartrefi Conwy with regard to Environmental SOS was RECEIVED.

Standing orders were suspended

A local resident was present with regard to item (m) below and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Cartrefi to enquire if the residents are able to obtain funding for the matter below.

- (m) An update request from a local resident via Ward Councillors for confirmation of the planned noise mitigation work on the A55. **As Darren Miller has written to the Assembly regarding the matter it was RESOLVED to await the response and return to a future Agenda. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to work with all the relevant groups – Darren Miller AM, County Council and Town Council.**

Standing orders were reinstated

- (n) An email from CCBC with regard to road closure on Pentregwyddel Road
- (o) An email from OVW with regard to the Law of Consultation
- (p) An email from OVW with regard to their AGM on 4th October 2014
- (q) A letter from Hacker Young to confirm completion of the 2013/14 Audit
- (r) A notice of the forthcoming meeting of the NW Association on the 24th October 2014. All representative members agreed to attend the meeting.

240/14 **Meeting Notes from the Clerk**

- (a) A copy of the Clerk's Meeting Notes from the last Community & Town Council Forum. **It was RESOLVED to thank CCBC for the information but to inform that ATC would not be making a contribution at this time and to inform the Town Council if there are any problems with the cameras and they will consider at that time.**
- (b) A copy of the Clerk's meeting notes from the last SLCC meeting. Members discussed the amalgamation of Community Councils and County. **It was RESOLVED to request that the Chief Executive meets with members of the Council to provide an update of the current situation.**
- (c) A copy of webpages from Councils which have a Lengthsman were NOTED

241/14 **Urgent items**

- (a) A matter raised at the last Meeting of the Christmas Decoration Sub Committee regarding the Christmas Concert was discussed. **It was RESOLVED to cancel the concert due to lack of support for this Christmas and to possibly consider holding a service in the spring.**
- (b) A replacement Flood Warden for Cllr M. Roberts, Gele Ward was CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED not to nominate another member at this time but to wait for an update from Natural Resources.**

242/14 **County Councillor**

The Clerk informed members that following the recent County Council elections Cllr. Rick Stubbs was elected as representative on the Pensarn Ward. **It was RESOLVED to invite Cllr Stubbs with an open invitation to attend meetings.**

243/14 **Draft Minutes**

The Draft Minutes of the following meeting was RECEIVED:

- (a) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 11th September 2014. The Clerk provided an overview with regard to the Facebook account following feedback from the tutor of the Facebook course.
It was RESOLVED not to launch the page at present.
Members raised a query regarding the change to .gov.uk and enquired if ATC were considered wales.gov.uk.
It was RESOLVED to investigate.

Cllr Pitt retired at this juncture

244/14 **Update from County Councillors**

- The following report from County Councillors was RECEIVED:
 - (a) Reports of flytipping at St George, and Tan y Fron Road. Please make members and the public aware to report to ERF. **It was RESOLVED to add an item to the Newsletter**
 - (b) A report of a business being run from a residence was investigated and found not to be the case.

- (c) The Annual Audit of the County Council was signed off this week and was positive overall.
- (d) The County Council merger was discussed and County Councillors feel that there are still questions that require answers and should the public have been given the choice. **It was RESOLVED to invite Mr Ken Finch to a meeting to discuss how best to engage with the public on this matter. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to contact OVW for their view.**

245/14 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th July 2014.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th July 2014
 - (c) Police Liaison Sub Committee held on the 10th March 2014

246/14 **Documents for Information**

- The following documents for information were NOTED
- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
 - (b) Screening for Life

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed
(Chairman)