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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, was held on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

452/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, R.M. Medlicott, (Chairman);
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters; Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

A member of the Press from the North Wales Weekly News

453/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from
K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

454/10 **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).
Declaration was received from Cllr. S. Rowlands

455/10 **Visitor to the Council**

- The Mayor welcomed Mr Alun Jones, Environment Officer from CCBC who provided an in-depth overview of the changes to the recycling system due to commence May 9th 2011. Mr Jones explained 43% of the waste from the 47000 houses in the County is residual waste and that domestic waste costs £2m per annum. Mr Jones stated that pilot schemes had been taking place around the County for food waste and it had been successful. The changes will include the current recycling collection of fortnightly will changing to weekly for cans, cardboard, food waste. Silver boxes and bags will be issued for kitchens for cooked and raw food, 1500 tons of food waste is disposed of every day and gives off gases. The food waste will go to Llangefni and made into compost and issued out to schools. There is also a blue box for food waste which will lock. No plastic bags can be put in to plastic recycling bag as it can cause problems with the new vehicle mechanism. Leaflets and calendars will be issued out mid March. Facilities for batteries will not be ready until September, 2011. The current green box will be replaced with a 'Triple stack' which is front loading and clips together. Elderly and those who are unable to move the bin can arrange for a collect and return. 3000 people already have collect and return and can be arranged on 01492 575337. Enforcement have been involved in areas where bags have been dumped and people have been served notice and fixed penalty fines.

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- It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2011.

457/10 **Matters Arising on those Minutes:**

- (a) Draft Minutes
-It was RESOLVED that an overview of the whole structure of the meetings should be forwarded to the Executive Committee scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th February 2011 was NOTED
- (b) Drivetech UK proposed increase in numbers
 - (i) It was RESOLVED that to increase the numbers was acceptable and the cost of hall hire to be was discussed at the Estimates Committee.
 - (ii) The Clerk investigated into the current Risk Assessments in place and a Health & Safety and Fire Risk Assessments 2002 and found that both are in place and are reviewed annually was NOTED.
- (c) A letter from Gwynedd Pensions
- A letter regarding the Draft Strategy Statement was received and it was RESOLVED that the letter is deferred to the Policy & Finance Meeting after the NW Association of Town & Community Councils Meeting on the 28th January 2011 was NOTED.
- (d) Recycle Bins at Tesco Abergele
- It was RESOLVED that the County Councillors raise the issue regarding the area surrounding the bins with Conwy CBC was NOTED.

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Correspondence

- The following items of Correspondence were RECEIVE and NOTED:

- (a) Estimates Sub-Committee
 - i. To consider any recommendations made by the Estimates Sub-Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2011/12
 - ii. To APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2011/12 and agree the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC, due to the confidential nature of the matter this issue was DEFERRED to the end of the meeting.
- (b) To consider a letter from National Assembly for Wales together with a copy of a letter from WAG regarding the adult neuroscience review was NOTED
- (c) Mayor's Diary - Details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2011 was NOTED
- (d) A letter from WAG regarding the Community and Town Council Survey 2010 was RECEIVED.
- (e) **A letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding the Denbighshire Consultation Draft Residential Space Standards Supplementary Planning Guidance was RESOLVED to DEFER to the Local Government Sub-Committee for further consideration as two sites had been identified for housing development and consideration of reforming the LDP Committee. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards a copy of (CF1 7e) and (CF2 8b) to Abergele Action Group.**
- (f) A letter from Conwy CBC regarding a forthcoming meeting of the Town and Community Council Liaison Meeting to be attended by the Deputy Mayor and the Clerk was NOTED.
- (g) A request from the Mayor and Cllr. Bond regarding accommodation over the Easter period for foreign students on behalf of the Colwyn Bay and Abergele Twinning Association was NOTED
- (h) A letter from Darren Miller AM regarding the North Wales NHS reviews was NOTED

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- (i) A letter and minutes from the October meeting of One Voice Wales was NOTED
- (j) An e-mail from CVSC regarding a forthcoming course for Staff Development was NOTED
- (k) **An article from the Rhyl Journal dated 12th January 2011 regarding Abergele Town Council Grants was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Journal to report that there were inaccuracies in the article.**
- (l) **An e-mail from WAG regarding the plans for a new express rail link between north and south Wales was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to WAG to express that the gaps between stops are not value for money as the train will only stop in Llandudno Junction and then Chester.**
- (m) A letter from Ysgol Sant Elfod regarding muddy paths outside the school was discussed that bollards were required to prevent cars accessing the area. The Mayor informed the Council that he has already spoken to Cartrefi and a meeting is in the process of being arranged between themselves and Conwy CBC. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the boys to thank them for their letter and that the situation would be monitored.**
- (n) A letter from Perfect K9 Owners Club regarding options to make Pentre Mawr Park a safer place for all users was RECEIVED and **it was RESOLVED to copy the letter to Conwy CBC and Friends of Abergele. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write and thank the group for their informative letter and invite them to speak at a meeting of the Town Council**
- (o) **An e-mail from Conwy CBC regarding the path at Tower Hill was RECEIVED and it was RESOLVED that due to the correspondence being lost and forms having to be re-submitted, that maladministration against Conwy CBC should be filled with the Ombudsmen and that the Clerk should write to the Ombudsmen to enquire about the formal procedure.**
- (p) **An e-mail from Conwy CBC Highways regarding the number of bus shelters in the Abergele area for confirmation of accuracy was RECEIVED and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk requests a more accurate list from Conwy CBC**
- (q) **A letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding Consultation: Draft Community Linguistic Impact Assessment of the LDP proposed Key Strategic Site at Bodelwydden was RESOLVED to DEFER to the Local Government Sub-Committee for further consideration.**
- (r) APPROVAL for an invoice from Conwy CBC to for the cost for the carving of the Otter in Pentre Mawr Park – Friends of the Parklands are will to share the cost with the Council was DECLINED **and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquires with Conwy CBC as to who authorised the original agreement.**
- (s) A quotation requested by Cllr. MacRae for a push button timed light in the porch area of the Town Hall at £110 + VAT was APPROVED.
- (t) (i) A letter from Conwy CBC regarding the Alcohol Consumption – designated public drinking places was supported in principal.
(ii) **An update was provided from the Clerk regarding the location map of designated areas and a list of the areas was briefly discussed and RESOLVED that the whole area of Abergele was considered to be the designated area.**

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To receive any items of Urgent Correspondence

- a) The Clerk provided an update regarding the Pensarn Barrier Project to date and that the project was to commence immediately with funding from Conwy CBC and Abergele Town Council.
- b) An e-mail and attachments from Bodelwydden Development Action group was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub-Committee, to be progressed as soon as possible.
- c) Copy of an e-mail from CCBC via Cllr. Tim Rowlands regarding the footpath at Tower Hill was discussed as part of 458/10 item (O).
- d) **A letter from CCBC regarding Pubic Conveniences transfer/Closure Process was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub-Committee. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquires with other Councils who run toilets as to what costs and implications are.**
- e) **To receive a letter from Howell Jones & Co. regarding registration with the Land Registry for the two sections of land at the Mount was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Howell Jones & Co to request a site meeting as the plan does not appear to be correct. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter is DEFERRED to the Local Government sub-committee.**
- f) Informal notes from the Police Liaison Meeting held 2nd February, 2011 were NOTED and requested that if any issues require raising prior to the meeting please inform the Clerk. It was also NOTED that the Police should be congratulated for the handing out of the packs for cold calling.

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Update from County Councillors

- A verbal report from County Councillors stated that the Abergele Councillors were against the proposed LDP plan for Towyn & Kinmel Bay due to the amount of houses that were proposed for the area, which was considered to be too many for the area and jobs should be considered before houses. The Gypsy site was not accepted and playing field was preserved. A consultation process will take place in March and the County Council are open to an alternative site. Brown field site have to be considered, and green space preserved. It was also reported that many units on the Tir Llwyd Industrial Estate were empty and a new Act was coming into force to prevent further development.

Cllr. Pitt retired at this juncture

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Additional Urgent Item

- a) At the request of Cllr. MacLennan an additional urgent item was discussed regarding the NWATCC and the adoption of Policies for the organisation. The request was made for a mandate for Cllr. MacLennan to be able to act on behalf of Abergele Town Council. **It was RESOLVED to approve the polices in principal and was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr. MacLennan to act on behalf of Abergele Town Council.**

- b) It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Small Group, looking at partnerships will be held in Rhyl on the 23/2/11.
- c) The Mayor wished for it to be NOTED that Cllr. Hastings had arranged for the safe pathway installation work to be completed in Water Street and wished to thank him for all his hard work.
- d) **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to PeBel to congratulate them on their recent award from Cardiff.**

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Minutes

- Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting held 5th July, 2010
- (b) Town Guide Sub-Committee Meeting held 12th July, 2010
- (c) General Purpose & Planning Meeting held 18th December 2010
- (d) Estimates Sub-Committee Meeting 18th January, 2011
- (e) *Draft* Minutes of the Estimates Sub-committee Meeting 24th January, 2011

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Forthcoming Meetings

- A schedule of the forthcoming Meetings for February 2011 was NOTED

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Planning / Licensing

- (a) Planning Applications, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- (b) Planning decisions issued by C.C.B.C., as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached were NOTED.

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Documents for Information

The following documents for information were NOTED:

Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life 2011
Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2011
One Voice Wales – The Voice December 2010
The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend 2011
Clerks & Councils Direct – 2011 Guide
Dignity News – January 2011
The Craft Company – 2011 Program
Colwyn Bay, Abergele & District Twinning Association News
Tidy Towns Community Group 'Stories' – January 2011
North Wales Police – Campaign Information as at 26/01/11
Work Based Football Training Programme
Extract from the NWWN 3rd February, 2011 regarding the LDP development at Abergele

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Resolution:

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.

The Council returned to Min no: 458/10 (a) on the Agenda

(a) Estimates Sub-Committee

- i. The recommendations made by the Estimates Sub-Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2011/12 was considered. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report regarding Gwynedd Pension Fund and the situation was NOTED.
- ii. **It was RESOLVED to amend the Other Capital Projects heading from £7000 down to £4000 and to create a new heading for Bus Shelters for £3000 in anticipation of any costs that may be required if the Town Council become responsible for the provision of Bus Shelters.**
- iii. **It was Proposed and Seconded to RESOLVE to APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2011/12 and the level of precept was as agreed by the Estimates Committee, for submission to CCBC, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Financial Plan & Annual Estimates.**

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)