

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, was held on Thursday 6th January 2011 at 6.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

405/10 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan (Chairman); D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; Cllr. B.C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Member of the Press

406/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:
The Mayor, Cllr R.M. Medicott;
Cllrs S. Rowlands; K. J. Sudlow

407/10 **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).
None were recorded.

408/10 **Minutes**

- It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd December 2010

409/10 **Matters Deferred from Policy & Finance Meeting 16th December 2010:**

(a) **Draft Minutes**

- a request was made by Cllr A. Wood that the Draft Minutes only be submitted when due for signing, not at prior meetings.

Following a brief discussion by Members it was RESOLVED that an overview of the whole structure should be carried out and forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk reviews the Policy regarding the submission of Minutes.

(b) **Letter of Thanks**

- A letter of thanks from Macmillan Cancer Support was NOTED

(c) **North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils**

-A copy of the notes of the meeting with representatives of One Voice Wales held on 26.11.10 and notice of meeting to be held on 17.12.10 was NOTED and Members thanked the Chairman for attending on their behalf. It was NOTED that the next Meeting will be held on the 28th January, 2011

- (d) Society of Local Clerks
 - A request for the Annual Subscription of the Town Clerk to the Society was APPROVED
- (e) Car Park / Access to Town Hall in Icy Conditions
 - What action should be taken during icy conditions was considered regarding the surface of the car park and access to the Town Hall. It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that a Risk Assessment is carried out and that the Clerk should investigate into options of an individual who may be able to facilitate by gritting the car park. It was further PROPOSED that until an action plan is in place that if the unprecedented whether reoccurs that the car park is temporarily closed to the public and a pathway is created to the main entrance for pedestrian access.
- (f) Pensarn Beach Car Park
 - A letter was RECEIVED and NOTED from Crispin Jones Labour Assembly Candidate for Clwyd West and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr Jones advising him that the situation is as it was at the Meeting he attended.
- (g) Drivetech UK proposed increase in numbers
 - The Clerk gave an overview of cost to hire a similar Hall other venues and an update regarding the contract for Drivetech to increase their numbers to a maximum to 28. **It was RESOLVED that the numbers can be increased and FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter of hall hire is referred to the Estimates Committee for consideration for 2011/12. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk investigates into the Fire Risk Assessment that currently in place for the Town Hall.**
- (h) Letter of Thanks
 - A thank you letter from Hope House Children's Hospices was NOTED

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Correspondence

- To RECEIVE and CONSIDER the following items of correspondence:

- (a) Play Wales Membership Registration Form was APPROVED
- (b) Invitation form the HMD Rhyl Commemoration for the 28th January 2011 was NOTED
- (c) Mayor's Diary
 - Details of the Mayor's engagements for January 2011 was NOTED
- (d) A letter from Gwynedd Pension regarding the Draft Strategy Statement was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED that the letter should be differed until after the NW Assoc. of Town & Community Councils Meeting on January 28th. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Gwynedd Pensions to advise that the Council is currently debating the matter.
- (e) Hackney Carriage Stand Market Street, Abergele

- A response from Paul Evans CCBC to letter dated 29th November, 2010 was NOTED and a County Councillor will raise the issue with CCBC.

- (f) A letter of thanks from St. Kentigern was NOTED.
- (g) A letter from Mrs. Janet Williams regarding her intentions on reaching retiring age was NOTED and the Council are happy that Mrs. Williams wishes to continue in her employment.
- (h) Details of forthcoming training events by the North Wales Play Forum were NOTED.
- (i) A letter from Abergele Extra Care Housing Scheme regarding a new name for the ECH Scheme was NOTED and it suggested that names are forwarded to the Clerk to forward on the behalf of the Council.
- (j) Temporary Traffic Notice from Conwy CBC for Meirion to Berllan Link Path, Pensarn, Abergele was NOTED.
- (k) The Clerk gave a verbal report regarding the lease for Awel y Môr. Outlining the advice given by the Solicitor of One Voice Wales regarding the 999 lease.
- (l) Letter and plan from CCBC regarding Disabled Parking Bay in South Parade Pensarn was NOTED
- (m) An e-mail was sent to CCBC on behalf of Cllr Bond regarding the area surrounding the Recycle bins at Tesco Abergele and the Clerk gave a verbal update regarding the arrangements currently in place for clearing the area. **It was RESOLVED that County Councillors raise the issue with Conwy CBC on behalf of Abergele TC.**
- (n) Letter from Conwy CBC regarding Walking week 2011 was NOTED

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Update from County Councillors

- No meetings of the County Council have taken place since the Christmas break.

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Planning / Licensing

- a) Planning Applications: - One planning application, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached, was considered and concluded as recorded on that schedule.
- b) Planning Decisions - The planning decision(s) issued by C.C.B.C. for the Abergele area, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached, were NOTED.

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Documents for Information

- (a) Play for Wales Winter Issue 2010 was NOTED
- (b) Dignity News December 2010 was NOTED
- (c) ICO e-newsletter December 2010 was NOTED

Meeting Closed at 7:40pm

Signed

(Chairman)

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Schedule 'A' - Planning Applications

Date Considered	Planning Ref No	Description	Applicant(s)	Determination Level	Observations
06.01.11	0/37542	Construction of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling at 38 Ffordd Tan'rallt Abergele	Mr Ian Walker		No objections provided it does not have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.
06.01.11	0/37550	Remove re-growth and shorten branches on 1 x Holm oak at Flat 3 Brynhyfryd House, St George Road, Abergele			Refer to Tree Warden's recommendations.

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SCHEDULE 'B'

Planning Decisions issued by Conwy County Borough Council from 29.11.10 to 12.12.10

0/37359 Display of 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non-illuminated hanging sign at 5-7 Market Street, Abergele

Decision: Refused
