

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Monday 14th May 2012 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

594/11 **Attendance Register**

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

595/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bond; R.M. Medlicott; S. Rowlands;

596/11 **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).

Cllr G P Davies	Min No: 602/11
Cllr D Meredith	Min No: 601/11
Cllr J Stubbs	Min No: 602/11

597/11 **Resolutions**

The Resolutions from previous Meetings as at 3rd May 2012 were RECEIVED

598/11 **Message from the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed members to the first meeting of the new Council and it was RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr John Mortimer for his contribution to the Council over the past 17 years.

599/11 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 4th April 2012

600/11 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) Play in the Park provision for 2012. An update from CCBC with regard to the suitability for activities in Gele Park. **It was RESOLVED that the matter is DEFERRED pending a full brief of the plans for Abergele for the 2012 programme from Natalie Hankey of CCBC and to seek her advice.**
- (b) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the post of Administration Officer of the Town Council stating that a meeting of the Staffing Sub Committee to short list candidates will be held on Monday 21st May 2012 at 4:30pm. A request for the Application forms to be sent out on Friday was APPROVED.

601/11 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for May 2012
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees

- (c) Informal notes from the recent Police Liaison meeting
- (d) A letter from a local resident regarding improvements to Abergele Town Centre. Members discussed the issue raised and that the group is to be formalised to protect the Clerk and ensure that the tasks raised are carried out. **It was RESOLVED to write to the resident to update him.**
- (e) A letter from Helping Hand regarding support for a green Olympics
- (f) A letter from a new business to the Town - Spider Technologies was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to send a welcome letter to the Company.**
- (g) A letter from Snowdonia Promotions regarding new contact details. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Town Guide Sub Committee to investigate into the feasibility of the delivery future orders**
- (h) A letter from CVSC regarding renewal of Subscriptions was APPROVED
- (i) A letter from OVW regarding a recent meeting was NOTED
- (j) A letter from CCBC regarding Nomination of Community/Town Councillor for Membership of the Standards Committee. **It was RESOLVED that the members contact the Clerk if they wish to be nominated.**
- (k) A letter from Welsh Government regarding Prayers at Town Council meetings was RECEIVED
- (l) An email request for use of the Chamber for Martial Arts. **It was RESOLVED to forward St. George Village Hall, St Pauls, Mynydd Seion, and Canolfan Dewi Sant to the group as an alternative.**
- (m) An email regarding Denbighshire LDP was NOTED
- (n) Minutes from the recent meeting of the NWATLCC
- (o) A letter from a local resident regarding the area outside the Post Office Abergele. **It was RESOLVED to write to the resident to state that netting has now been erected above the Post Office and the hope is that this has resolved the problem. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to the Post Office for their action with regard to the problem.**
- (p) A letter from CCBC regarding the proposed Cemetery site, Abergele. Members expressed their concern with regard to the request that the Town Council should fund Officer time for tasks that benefit the County. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive to inform him of this matter, stating that the Charter is designed to create better working partnerships between Town and County Councils and should therefore not have to pay for Officer time. If the matter is not resolved then the matter should be referred to OVW and the NWATCC to request that they take up the matter with Welsh Government on behalf of the Town Council to request a Statutory Obligation by County Councils to provide a Burial Ground.**
- (q) An email regarding sponsorship to the IWA
- (r) An email regarding the provision of a bench in the Abergele area and an update from the Clerk regarding the matter. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Wood and Cllr Medicott will investigate the matter on behalf of the resident.**
- (s) Photographs from Cllr Meredith regarding recent tarmacking on Turnberry Drive were discussed. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr T Rowlands will make some initial investigations into the matter.**
- (t) An email from Conwy Feast regarding a forthcoming event
- (u) An email from Local Works regarding support for the Sustainable Communities Act. **It was RESOLVED to inform the Company of the change of Clerk**
- (v) An email regarding the ranking of the Town Councils website
- (w) An email from Nutritionist Resource regarding a link to the Town Councils website

- (x) An email from Welsh Government regarding Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (y) An email from CCBC regarding the former Awel y Mor was RECEIVED and RESOLVED to monitor the progress
- (z) An email from OVW regarding the Model Concerns and Complaints Policy and Guidance was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (aa) An email from CVSC regarding Small Capital Grant Scheme 2012/13. It was RESOLVED to forward to the Friends of Abergele Parklands.
- (bb) An email from the Clerk regarding bridge/path to Ty Crwn. The Clerk provided a verbal update regarding the matter and it was RESOLVED to chase up Network Rail and CCBC regarding the matter.
- (cc) An update from Cynnal Cymru regarding the Strong Roots Programme
- (dd) A letter from CCBC regarding the Draft Corporate Plan was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee
- (ee) An email from the Heritage Environment regarding VAT on listed buildings
- (ff) A copy of a letter sent to CCBC regarding a recent walk
- (gg) An email from Wales GSI regarding Marine Conservations Zones. Members CONSIDERED this item to be a County Council issue.
- (hh) An email sent to CCBC by a local resident. It was RESOLVED to request an update from CCBC regarding the matter
- (ii) An email from Chrysalis – Family Services
- (jj) An email from SLCC regarding the payment of Councillors
- (kk) An email from a local resident regarding culvert Turnberry Drive was dealt with under Min no: 601/11 (s)
- (ll) An email from Burbo Bank regarding the offshore Wind Farm
- (mm) An email from a local resident regarding issues with neighbours was discussed and members considered that CCBC and the Police were the best recommendations to the resident. A request for the member to declare an interest was made

Cllr Pitt retired at this juncture

602/11

Grant requests for Olympic Relay and Jubilee Celebrations

The authorisation of the additional grants requests RECEIVED and CONSIDERED by the Olympic Torch Working Group was APPROVED. An additional request from Canolfan Dewi Sant was CONSIDERED and the amount of £250 was APPROVED. It was RESOLVED that posters are sent to inform the public that the event is taking place. The cost to hire a Cherry picker at £400 was APPROVED.

Cllr Wood stated that he had placed a letter in tomorrow's Daily Post with a request for marshals for the Olympic Torch Relay and the Carnival. Members requested information regarding Public Liability Insurance with regard to the Relay and were informed that this was in place. Cllr MacLennan stated that the arrangements for marshals for the Relay was to be arranged by Conwy CBC and therefore only the Carnival is required.

603/11

Charity of Robert Roberts (Trustees)

To receive a copy of the recent Meeting Notes regarding the transfer of the Church Street property into the ownership of the Town Council. The following points raised were CONSIDERED as follows:

- (xii) It was RESOLVED to APPROVE a maximum amount of £500 for any maintenance work required
- (xv) It was RESOLVED that an amount not in excess of £1000 was APPROVED for Legal costs, and Land Searches fees. It was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the last four words of the paragraph should be removed (and any other expenses).

- (xvi) The Clerk provided an outline of Section 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 stating that the Town Council are not able to receive the property as a gift if the property is to be used for the benefit of the poor. Members AGREED that this is not the case as the Property is for the use of the residents of Abergele regardless of their financial status.

An additional item of correspondence from the Solicitor was considered and it was RESOLVED to confirm that the Mayor, Chairman of the Trustees and the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Sub Committee would sign the document. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that a resume to date of the events that have taken place is provided to members. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council must hold a majority vote on the Trustees.

604/11 **Nominations**

- It was RESOLVED that Cllr R G WATERS would act as Proposer and Cllr D. Meredith will act as Seconder for Deputy Mayor 2012/13, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 17 May 2012.

605/11 **Urgent Correspondence**

- A request from the Clerk to amend the date of the next meeting from the 7th June to the 14th June was APPROVED.

606/11 **Update from County Councillors**

- As the new Council has not yet held its first meeting no update from County Councillors was RECEIVED

607/11 **Minutes**

- The Minutes from the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 15th March 2012.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 15th March 2012
 - (c) Staffing Sub Committee held 25th November 2011

608/11 **Documents for Information**

- The following Documents for information were RECEIVED.
- (a) Welsh Government letter re: carrier bags
 - (b) Clerks Direct
 - (c) CVSC News
 - (d) Darlington Crystal
 - (e) Play for Wales
 - (f) Eisteddfod yr Urdd
 - (g) Welsh Government News
 - (h) CVSC Mail
 - (i) Town Council products
 - (j) LDP Newsletter
 - (k) Play Wales Bulletin
 - (l) CVSC Capital Grant Scheme
 - (m) North Wales Skill building day
 - (n) Welsh communities action against climate Change
 - (o) The Ombudsman's casebook
 - (p) Local Government Press Notice

- (q) Countryside for Wales Funding Newsletter
- (r) SLCC Newsletter

Meeting Closed at 8:20pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)