

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council to was held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

442/11 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
A member of the Press

443/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr: J.E.H. Pitt;

444/11 **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).

445/11 **Visitors to the Council**

The Mayor Cllr MacLennan welcomed Mr Jim Jones and Mr Alun Pritchard from Conwy CBC to the meeting. Mr Jones provided an overview of the plans for the Olympics in Conwy for 2012, stating that the achievement should be to provide a positive inheritance for Conwy from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic games. Mr Jones presented the winning piece of film that was shown to the judges when London was competing for the games and provided a slide show of key projects, which is divided into six areas:

- Follow the flame – the display has been in Venue Cymru and will be going to Wrexham in three months' time.
- Adian Arian - Marc Rees won the Artist concept to which will be on display at Venue Cymru on the 8th July for a week and then in local schools and clubs
- Inspire – Sporting heroes, volunteers including thirty clubs
- Bandstand Marathon – Llandudno Town Band are involved in this project.
- Olympic Day – schools adopt a Country and carryout eight Olympic Sports
- Get Set – A request that School Governors make schools aware of this project

There will also be a Party in the Park and the Torch Relay to bring the Olympics to the whole of the UK.

Mr Pritchard, Marketing Officer for CCBC provided an outline with regard to the Relay stating that the torch will be passing through Abergele on Tuesday 29th May 2012. The relay will take place in two modes – torchbearer mode and combo mode. The street level is not yet known but the torch will travel through Conwy, Deganwy, Llandudno, Penrhyn Bay, Rhos on Sea, Pensarn and Abergele, it is expected to take around 10-15 minutes to travel through each area. The officers are looking for community engagement to manage

the relay i.e. road closures. CCBC are looking to ATC to coordinate and engage with the community. CCBC are looking for a representative to sit on a working group to oversee the activities linking with schools, and other organisations such as playgroups, youth groups etc. Looking to celebrate with face painting, sports days, and an Olympic day in Eirias Stadium. The final route will not be known until the end of February but will not be announced until two weeks before. Members asked if there was any funding for the activities and were informed that the only funding available was for the branding. London will make the final decision with regard to the route. Members asked if there would be any funding for schools that are not within walking distance of the torch for transportation. Mr Pritchard suggested that the schools contact the Education Department to see if they can facilitate. **It was RESOLVED that a Representative will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the General Purpose and Planning Sub-Committee. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that a sub-committee is designated the task of engaging the community by writing to the Headteachers of the Primary Schools and other interested groups such as the Carnival Committee to join including the neighbouring areas such as Llansannan and Llanfairtalheuan. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the name of the representative to Mr Jones/Mr Pritchard once decided but before the end of February.**

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Resolutions

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE the Resolutions from previous Meetings as at 26th January 2012

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Minutes

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN as a correct record the following Minutes with one amendment to the Ordinary Meeting Minutes with regard to point 408/11 to read that the required Precept for the Town Council for 2012/13 is £183,000 for 2012/13. When the tax base of £4617.47 the band 'D' equivalent precept will be £39.63 divides this figure. This represents a household reduction from the 2011/12 of .36p.

- (a) The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 5th January 2012
- (b) Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th January 2012 (see separate Confidential file)

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Matters Arising from those Minutes:

- a) Cllr T Rowlands stated that he has not been able to obtain any further information regarding the request for supported for the International Olympics to be held in Abergele which was deferred from the previous meeting and will update members when the information becomes available.
- b) The Clerk provided an update stating that Cogent Research was unable to attend a meeting of the Town Council regarding the Community Benefit fund of Gwynt y Mor offshore wind farm and RECOMMENDED that the matter be REFERRED to the Local Government Sub-committee for consideration.
- c) A copy of a letter from CCBC regarding a commitment made by Abergele Town Council to fund the maintenance of the Medical Centre Bus Shelter was NOTED
- d) A letter of response from NW Police Authority regarding the Review Consultation was NOTED

- e) A copy of a response from One Voice Wales regarding the Local Government Bylaws (Wales) Bill was NOTED

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Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2012 was NOTED
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED with one amendment to the date of the Newsletter Sub-committee, which will now be held on the 23rd February.
- (c) Notes from the Police Liaison Meeting on Monday 23rd December. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Police to request reassurance with regard to the issue raised in the notes and to request that a greater Police presence is required in the Town on Friday and Saturday nights.**
- (d) A discussion took place with regard to the notes received from the Abergele Community Development Team. A County Councillor outlined the plan that Cartrefi Conwy were looking for a new base for their Headquarters and the current areas under consideration are Abergele Business Park and Colwyn Bay. If Abergele is selected then the group hope to be able to link with other groups such as Itaca and Llandrillo College to provide apprenticeships to the local young people. A Business plan is to follow. **Members expressed concern that the new building would be sited on the Business Park located at the west end of the Town. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Cartrefi Conwy to inform them that the Town Council are pleased that they are considering Abergele for their new site. As most of their clients are based to the east of the Town, would it be better to consider an existing site within the Town or to the East side of Town in order to assist regeneration of the Town Centre. This would then not add to the congestion created by through traffic in the Town Centre.**
- (e) The following Abergele TC meeting dates were APPROVED:
- i. Amendments to the dates in May 2012 due to Elections
 - ii. To approve the Meeting dates for Abergele TC for 2012/13
- (f) A letter from Welsh Government regarding the proposed change to the Local Government Elections in Wales was NOTED
- (g) A consultation document from the All Wales Joint Arson Group was NOTED
- (h) Training Opportunities from OVW were NOTED. **It was RESOLVED that any member wishing to participate should contact the Clerk.**
- (i) A book 'The Time of my life' gifted to the Town Council from Mr Ron Wade was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to write to Mr Wade to thank him.**
- (j) E-mails from a local resident regarding the proposed footpath were RECEIVED. Members discussed the matter at length and a County Councillor confirmed with copies to the Clerk of emails that he had forwarded to the County Council regarding the proposed alternative path for their consideration. Members of the Town Council and County Councillors confirmed that they are in favour of the original proposed footpath as a safety measure for the greater population of Abergele and that there is local support for the path from many residents of Eldon Drive. The work is scheduled to commence on the 9th February 2012.
- (k) A notice of temporary traffic regulation at Turnberry Drive, Abergele was NOTED
- (l) To receive an email from CVSC regarding intergenerational projects was NOTED

- (m) An email from the RNLI regarding an event on the 28th January 2012 was NOTED and the Mayor stated that he had attended the day, which raised over £4000.
- (n) An email from CVSC regarding Concessionary Fares was NOTED and Members expressed that they supported the petition.
- (o) A letter from a local resident regarding Bus Service 43. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC for their observations regarding the matter.**
- (p) To receive a letter from CCBC regarding the provision for Open Access Play. The Clerk provided an update stating that the Conwy Play in the park scheme will be changing for 2012 and was similar to the Scheme that the Town Council were proposing the fund. **It was RESOLVED that the invitation for an Officer from CCBC to attend a meeting to provide an update is accepted.**
- (q) (i) A copy of the notes from the recent Code of Conduct Course attended by the Clerk and Cllr MacLennan
(ii) A copy of the sample Scenarios from the course
- (r) A letter and correspondence from OVW regarding a meeting on the 30th January 2012. The Mayor provided a brief update stating that Charters, Councillor training and financial matters were discussed among others. Members' fees for 2013/14 were also discussed and informed that OVW were to offer a reduction to new members of 50% but existing members fees will remain the same. Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive agreed to attend a meeting of the Town Council to explain the reasoning and a letter is to be sent out to each Council to clarify.
It was RESOLVED to wait for the receipt of the letter before contacting Mr Cadwallader to attend a meeting.
Cllr Waters stated that they had requested support from OVW with regard to the LDP and Welsh Government.
- (s) A letter from CCBC regarding a request to allow fishing in Council owned ponds. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC to confirm that the Town Council support the proposal in principal but request that consideration be given with regard to sustainability, licencing and wildlife for the scheme**
- (t) To receive notes from the Clerk regarding the recent Town & Community Councils Forum Meeting held on the 24th January 2012

450/11 **Urgent Correspondence**

- Members were informed that the Town Hall Administration Assistant is currently off sick and will not be in work next week. Members thanked the Clerk for her hard work while staff members have been off and AGREED to assist wherever possible. **It was RESOLVED to send a card to the Administration Assistant.**

451/11 **Update from County Councillors**

- A County Councillor informed that the LDP open day will be held on Tuesday 7th February and comments can be made and will be noted.
- The Council tax for Conwy will be set in the near future, 4% is the maximum that can be proposed.

452/11 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 15th December 2011.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 15th December 2011

453/11 **Documents for Information**

- The following documents for information were NOTED.

- (a) Welsh Government News
- (b) CVSC Mail
- (c) Departure Lounge December
- (d) Sustainable Gov
- (e) WPS Risk Management Guide
- (f) Welsh Government Consultation Newsletter
- (g) British Heart Foundation Snowdon Walk
- (h) The Time of my Life by Ron Wade

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)