

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 4th April 2012 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

551/11 **Attendance Register**

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

552/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt;

553/11 **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).
None were declared.

554/11 **Resolutions**

The Resolutions from previous Meetings as at 23rd March 2012 were RECEIVED

555/11 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 1st March 2012

556/11 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The Play in the Park provision for 2012. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts CCBC to request the suitability of Gele Park**
- (b) (i) The Clerk provided an update from the recent meetings of the group, stating that not to be part of the Charter could mean that the Town Council are not able to access procurement and support from CCBC that members of the group are able to. **It was proposed by Cllr S Rowlands and seconded by Cllr Waters, and unanimously RESOLVED to to adopt the Charter.**
 - (ii) Dates for the forthcoming Forum Meetings were NOTED
 - (iii) Action plan following the recent Meeting was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED that a request at the next meeting of the group to include the deadlines for completion of the tasks.**
- (c) A letter of response from CCBC regarding the land at the rear of 35 Market Street, Abergele. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC to with a copy of the letter from the Solicitor stating that the building is under the ownership of the Crown and action is required.**

557/11 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for April 2012

- (b) Forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) Informal notes from the recent Police Liaison meeting was RECEIVED with one amendment to the 'Bee' which should have read the 'Harp'
- (d) Notes following the Holocaust Annual Meeting
- (e) (i) A letter from Darren Miller AM following his recent meeting at the Town Council
- (ii) An email update from Darren Miller AM regarding Sea Road Bridge
- (iii) A letter from Darren Miller AM with regard to Apprenticeships. **It was RESOLVED to monitor the situation**
- (f) North Wales Police Summary 2012-2013
- (g) A request from Talking books Wales for a donation
- (h) The Membership renewal for 2012/13 from OVW was APPROVED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to OVW stating that if the fees are not revised that this will be the last year that the Town Council will be members of the Society.**
- (i) The 2012 membership for the SLCC was APPROVED
- (j) (a) To receive a letter from the NWATLCC regarding the recent Annual Conference
- (b) To receive a copy of notes from Cllr MacLennan following the conference. Cllr MacLennan provided a brief overview of the conference.
- (k) An email from a local resident regarding scrambling bikes on Bryn Helyg. It was RECOMMENDED to monitor the situation at the next Police Liaison Meeting; a further incident had taken place on Tuesday night was NOTED.
- (l) An email from the SLCC regarding Guidance during the election period. The Clerk informed members that they are currently under the restrictions of Purdah and that guidance could be found under point 8 of the notes.
- (m) An email from OVW regarding Guidance & Timetable of the Elections
- (n) An email from CVSC regarding Communities Can 2012 Conference
- (o) An invitation to Burbo Bank Extension to Offshore Wind Farm events
- (p) An email from CVSC regarding a workshop in Llandudno Junction
- (q) An email from OVW regarding the Stakeholder Reference Group
- (r) CCBC Bank Holiday arrangements
- (s) An email regarding Bandstand Marathon 2012. **It was RESOLVED to forward to Friends of the Parklands**
- (t) A request from the Camera Club to use the Town Councils logo was APPROVED
- (u) An email from Diverse Cymru regarding a questionnaire for the Probation Equality Objectives
- (v) A letter from OVW regarding the spring edition of the Voice
- (w) Notes from a recent Sustainability/Strong Roots Course attended by the Clerk. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the evening and stated that she had been in contact with Mold Town Council regarding a scheme to promote local produce. A member of the group to provide an overview of the scheme after the Elections was APPROVED.
- (x) An email from CCBC regarding withdrawing from more than one ward
- (y) An email from North Wales Police regarding Anti-Social Behaviour
- (z) An email from OVW regarding Wales illegal money lending unit
- (aa) Notes from the recent meeting held regarding the provision of a burial site for Abergele
- (bb) Minutes from the recent meeting of the SLCC

558/11 **Nominations**

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2012/13, subject to re-election, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 17 May 2012 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:

- a) Town Mayor 2012/13 Cllr Tim Rowlands
Proposed by Cllr R M Medicott,
Seconded by Cllr Andrew Wood

- b) It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that a secret ballot should be held for the nomination of Deputy Mayor and the Councillor with the most votes would be offered the role.
Deputy Mayor for 2012/13 Cllr Andrew Wood with a majority of eight votes to four.
Proposed by Cllr Tim Rowlands
Seconded by Cllr Richard Waters.

559/11 **Urgent Correspondence**

The Mayor informed members that the Clerical Assistant Mrs Ann Roberts had submitted a letter of her intention to retire at the end of June. **Members accepted Mrs Roberts' letter and RESOLVED that a letter be forwarded to Mrs Roberts stating members appreciation of her service to the Council and wishing her all the best for the future.**

Members APPROVED a meeting of the Staffing sub-committee to take place on the 18th April to discuss the job description.

560/11 **Update from County Councillors**

- To receive written and verbal reports from County Councillors as follows:

- (a) Awel y Mor has now been signed and completed
- (b) CCBC have appointed a new Director of Community and Play - Ms Sasha Davies from Anglesey Council
- (c) CCBC are planning Environmental Schemes with a Solar Panel Scheme on their buildings to be considered.

561/11 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 16th February 2012.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 16th February 2012
 - (c) Christmas Decorations Sub Committee held on the 25th January 2012

562/11 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) Total Security Solutions
- (b) NNDR explanatory leaflet 2012/13
- (c) Welsh Government News
- (d) Guidance for Candidates from the Electoral Commission
- (e) OVW – the Voice
- (f) Boundary Commission Newsletter
- (g) The Strong Roots Project

563/11 **Message from the Mayor**

As this is, the last full meeting of the Council prior to the Elections the Mayor Cllr MacLennan thanked members for support during his year in office and wished them good luck in the forthcoming elections.

To members who are not standing the Council thanks you for your support and Best Wishes for the future.

Meeting Closed at 7:50pm

Signed
(Chairman)