

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

225/11 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;
Cllrs: G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Member of the Public

226/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood

227/11 **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

228/11 **Visitors to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Karen Maurice and Huw Rees from RWE Renewables to the Meeting who providing an informative presentation with regard to the installation of the underground cables in Pensarn. Mr Rees Project Manager for RWE stated that he had worked on the project for a year and Karen Maurice is responsible for Gwynt y Mor, which is owned as part of a joint venture with Seamans and is a £2billion investment. There are currently two wind farms out in the Liverpool Bay – Rhyl flats and Prestatyn, the new farms are located further out to sea and the project was granted in December 2008. The new wind farm will be 163.8 megawatt the same as the existing windmills. Conwy and Denbighshire granted permission for the project to carry out the underground works in 2009. The 11.2 km long cables commence at Pensarn and the National Grid is situated in St. Asaph. The project commenced on site in 2010 and the cables are manufactured by a Wrexham based Company. The cables were pulled through the ground six weeks ago by six teams with 11 sets of four manholes with marker posts to identify running under the railway and the A55. Five cables were installed in Pensarn beach and the land should be reinstated by June 2012. The offshore work will commence next year, the ship will be based in Birkenhead initially and in Mostyn Port at the end of the project. If anyone has any queries they are welcome to contact the information line on 0800 026 0587. Mr Rees stated that they have had a positive response to the open days held last year. Members were offered a question time session and thanked RWE for installing the cabling underground. Underground temperature was raised and Mr Rees stated that there are monitors under the ground. There are no restrictions regarding future use of the land with the exception of buildings. A question was raised regarding the overhead cables from Rhyl flats and was informed that they were a separate company, but Karen Maurice will raise the question and provide a response to the Clerk.

Cllr. D. Meredith arrived at this juncture

