

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 1st November 2012 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

322/12 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;  
Cllrs: M.D. Bird (arrived at 6:55pm); M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

323/12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; A. Wood

324/12 **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

325/12 **Presentation from the Clerk**

The Clerk provided members with a presentation on the Code of Conduct. With particular attention to personal interest, close personal association, prejudicial interest, Predisposition and Pre-determination. Members thanked the Clerk for the information and requested that absent Councillors be provided with the notes for their information.

326/12 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

327/12 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The third Mayors Surgery was scheduled for 5th November; adverts were placed in the Library, notice boards and local press.
- (b) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the proposal from members who attended the Police Liaison Meeting on 22/10/12 to formalise the meeting in order to be able to have a Joint Working Partnership with the Officers. **It was RESOLVED to formalise to a Closed Committee due to the nature of the items discussed for an initial period of three months to monitor.**
- (c) An update from Alan Thomas, Highways with regard to the Speed humps in Pensarn was NOTED
- (d) An email from the Woodland Trust thanking the Town Council for their support was NOTED
- (e) (i) An email from Cllr Wood regarding Parc Gele was NOTED  
(ii) An update from the Clerk regarding the site meeting on 24/10/12 was NOTED
- (f) (i) An update following a recent meeting with Mr Huw Williams regarding the warehouse at the rear of Cariad Bride on the 23/10/12 was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr Williams to thank him for his site meeting and appreciate his understanding regarding the matter and the offer of writing to the Crown Estates**

on behalf of the Town Council. Debris at the rear of Cariat Bride and Hairaholics requires removal. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED to write to Mr David Jones MP and Mr Iwan Davies Chief Executive of CCBC for their support to bring this matter to a resolution.**

- (ii) An email from Cllr Wood to CCBC following the meeting. Members commented that this is duplication the Clerk's work and compromising the Council. **It was RESOLVED to contact the Monitoring Officer to review the Code of Conduct.**

*The meeting was briefly adjourned at this juncture*

- (g) Members considered the letter of response from Denbighshire regarding the LDP. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes a letter stating that members are very disappointed that they are not able to submit the Consultation Document and feel that this is not impartial. Members felt that Councillors of Denbighshire should NOTE this letter and request a response to confirm how many non-valid responses were received.**

### 328/12 Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for November 2012
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) An email from CCBC regarding young people for a television show. **It was RESOLVED to forward to Emrys ap Iwan for their consideration.**
- (d) An email from CCBC regarding an Archaeological Walk
- (e) An email from CVSC regarding funding
- (f) An email from Celtrica regarding the Rhiannon Wind Farm, the public exhibition on the 23rd November was NOTED.
- (g) (i) An email from a local resident regarding Town Centre matters was NOTED
- (ii) A response from Alun Thomas Highways was NOTED
- (iii) A response from Gethin George Highways was NOTED and members RECOMMENDED to hold until the Annual letter from CCBC regarding the costs for maintaining the Shelters for the forthcoming financial year before moving forward.

*Cllr Peacock retired at this juncture*

- (h) An email from CVSC regarding a Minute, Meeting Course
- (i) An email from CCBC regarding Temporary Road Closure for the Fireworks
- (j) A letter of thanks from Abergele Field Club for allowing them to leave their box in the Town Hall
- (k) An email from CVSC regarding Youth Grants
- (l) An updated list of members for Pentre Mawr Sports Association was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Mr McCoubrey to inform the group that a Council Representative is only able stand if they have been approved by the Council. If the group wish for a Member to represent the Town Council could a formal request be submitted. For the group to be aware that the Town Council wish to support the project but do not want to jeopardise the group from being able to obtain funding by being affiliated to the Council.**

- (m) An email from Conwy Access regarding a recent meeting
- (n) A email from OVW regarding balloon and Chinese Lanterns
- (o) An email from Abergele Theatre Group regarding a forthcoming event
- (p) An email from Gwynt y Mor offshore wind farm with a project update
- (q) An email from CVSC with regard to Trustees Roles
- (r) An email from CCBC regarding Play Rangers Projects. **It was RESOLVED to express an interest.**
- (s) An email from CVSC with regard to Heritage Lottery funding
- (t) An email from CCBC regarding the East Promenade Panel
- (u) An email from Cllr Wood regarding Pensarn Castle Cove Caravan Park. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Mr Paul Evans to inform him that until this item was added to the Agenda that members were unaware of the meeting and therefore request information as to who is funding the project as ATC have no provision set aside for this matter.**

329/12 **Consultation Documents**

The list of Councillors who are willing to receive the initial documents for consideration within their area of speciality was AMENDED.

330/12 **Charity of Robert Roberts (Trustees)**

The Clerk informed members that a completion date has been set for the transfer of the building. Members wished to congratulate the Trustees on their hard work.

331/12 **Priorities List**

Members considered the Priority list for 2013 onwards. **It was RESOLVED that members return their list to the Clerk by next week and to then consider how to best utilise the information at the next meeting of the Council.**

332/12 **Electors Register**

Members were requested to collect and sign their copy of the electors register for their area.

333/12 **Urgent Correspondence**

- The following additional items of urgent correspondence were CONSIDERED:
- (i) The Clerk informed members that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council was to take place on the same evening as the PACE Christmas dinner. **It was RESOLVED to move the next meeting to Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7pm.**

334/12 **Update from County Councillors**

- The following verbal reports were RECEIVED from County Councillors:
- (i) Betsi Cadwaladr consultation form was brought to the Council with changes to the Colwyn Bay minor injuries unit proposed
- (ii) Task & Finish Group for Home to School Transport has been delayed until December

335/12 **Minutes**

- The following Minutes of the Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 20th September 2012.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 20th September 2012
- (c) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on held on the 22nd August 2012
- (d) Confidential Staffing Sub Committee Meeting held on the 28th August 2012

336/12 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government News
- (b) Welsh Government Consultation Document
- (c) IWA update
- (d) Plantscape

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)