

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

690/12 Attendance Register

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Four members of the public

691/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; J.E.H. Pitt; S. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow;

692/12 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

693/12 Visitors to the Council

Standing Orders were suspended

- (i) The Chairman welcomed Mr George Frost from Abergele Camera Club to the Meeting who presented a Book and DVD of the Olympic Relay to the Mayor for the Town Council Abergele to mark the historic occasion.
- (ii) The Chairman welcomed Myfanwy Jones, Librarian and Sharon Morgan from Abergele Library who will provided members with information on how the Town Council can assist the Abergele Library Service. Ms Morgan informed members of the various ways that the Library Service was modernising which included partnerships to develop the service. Area Libraries are now located in five areas of Conwy County including the mobile Library to assist small communities develop. There is a review of Opening Times under consultation – the proposal is to open on a Saturday Morning and all day Wednesday.

Outgoing Stock is high and is looking for support to engage with the Community. In addition to the Statutory Service the Library are looking to offer something different. The Abergele Visitor is not yet complete. The national Library is looking to digitise the information.

Some of the ways to move forward is through Wi-Fi, Self Service, opportunities for young people, information skills, developing needs and bridging the gap between Primary and Secondary School Children.

The Library is currently developing an Information Literacy Project in conjunction with Llandrillo College for catchment area children, which will have transition information, e-safety, Youth Service etc. In order to be able to run the project effectively funding is required. The proposal is to have an Author for a day at the Library to assist with Creative Writing at £455 per session. CCBC provide the Staff time and the last week before the end of summer term has been suggested.

A cost for the remainder of the digital newspapers has not yet been received but is estimated at £500. Members requested a formal letter with the final figures.

Standing Orders were reinstated

It was RESOLVED to discuss the matter at the next Policy and Finance Meeting

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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 2013

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Matters Arising from those Minutes:

- (a) Members received an update following a request from Cllr Meredith that CCBC install disabled parking bays on Pensarn Beach. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk requests an update from the Harbour Master and Highways**
- (b) (i) An email update from Peter Barton-Price CCBC following his visit to the Town Council was discussed. **It was RESOLVED to pursue the matter of Trust Status to preserve the parks with Conwy's Legal Section. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to enquire if executive approval was sought previously.**
- (b) (ii) **An email from OVW regarding Custodian of a Park was discussed and it was RESOLVED to obtain further information regarding the status and the cost.**
- (c) An email update regarding the LDP. Members were disappointed that the suggestion is to increase numbers. Next Meeting is 8th May 2013 sites only will be discussed.
- (d) The Clerk read to members the Minutes of the recent Street Scene Sub Committee regarding the Pigeon problems in Abergele. Members requested an update from Mr Williams and felt that it was unfair if the businesses are penalised for the birds. The Street cleaning is to be monitored.

Standing orders were suspended

A member of the public asked if the falcon had been considered. The Clerk stated that it had in the past and the Council were informed that it only works for a short time and the pigeons become wise to when the falcon is present.

Standing orders were reinstated

- (e) An email update regarding the Warehouse at the rear of Cariad Bride was discussed. **Members were disappointed as to the content of the email and it was RESOLVED to return the letter from the Crown Estates to the next Agenda for reconsideration.**

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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 May 2013
- (b) The details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED
- (c) An email from CCBC regarding a new project

- (d) A request from CCBC with regard to the installation of Service Signs for Abergele was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to support the installation of the signs and for the Clerk to contact CCBC to request information regarding what symbols can be included on a sign and how many. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the information is forwarded to the Local Government Sub Committee for further consideration.**
- (e) A consultation from OVW with regard to Social and Environmental Guidance
- (f) An email regarding a forthcoming event at Coleg Llandrillo
- (g) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Gating orders Review for Groes Lwyd to Alexandra Road was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED with a majority vote of six to two to ask if there has been a consideration to open the gates in the daytime for a trial period. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to contact the Community Support Officer to ask if they patrol that area.**
- (h) An event list from the Twinning Association
- (i) A letter of thanks from a local resident
- (j) An invitation from Abergele Youth Club to a Community Party. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor agreed to attend.
- (k) An email from Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.**
- (l) An email from a local resident regarding the local Bus Service. **It was RESOLVED to forward to CCBC for their attention.**
- (m) An email from Welsh Gov. with regard to the Draft Statutory Guidance for Local Government Act 2000 Power of Well-Being
- (n) An email from OVW with regard to the Training Programme for 2013
- (o) An email from NW Police with regard to the Seatbelt Campaign
- (p) An email from CCBC with regard to the parking restrictions in the Town was APPROVED. **It was RESOLVED to request an update with regard to the time constraint for the Library Car Park.**
- (q) A request from OVW to consider hosting a Planning course at the Town Council. **It was RESOLVED to make further enquiries regarding the value of the course.**
- (r) An email from Insp Davonport regard a new twitter address

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Procedural Matters

- (a) The (Draft) Procedure for receiving the Mayoral allowance, deferred to the Executive Committee recommend for approval was CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to RATIFY at the Annual Meeting of the Council** Members considered the Draft Order of Service for the Annual Meeting and concern was expressed regarding the inclusion of Members attendance. **It was RESOLVED by the Mayor's casting vote to include on the table, following an equal vote by members of 6 for and 6 against, not to include on the programme.**
- (b) To receive an email from OVW with regard to the Draft Procedure was NOTED

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Mayor's Chain

- (a) The cost for insurance purposes of the value of the Mayoral Chain was NOTED

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Proposal for a Market in Abergele

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the proposal for a Market to run for a trial period in the Library Car Park. **It was RESOLVED to investigate the option of holding the Market on a Monday.**

- 700/12 **Urgent Correspondence**
 - No urgent correspondence was RECEIVED
- 701/12 **Update from County Councillors**
 - The following verbal reports were RECEIVED from County Councillors
 (a) Bad weather has delayed the Platform in Pentre Mawr Park. The Official Opening is scheduled for 19th June 2013
 (b) Trolley boxes have been despatched in the Abergele area
- 702/12 **Minutes**
 - The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 21st March 2013.
 (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 21st March 2013
 (c) Town Guide Sub Committee Meeting held on the 4th March 2013
- 703/12 **Documents for Information**
 - The following Documents for Information were NOTED.
 (a) Welsh Government News
 (b) A flyer for a new programme 'Y Plas'
 (c) Planning Wales Community Newsletter
 (d) CVSC Mail
 (e) CCBC General flyers
 (f) 2013 Edition of OVW The Voice
 (g) CRP News
 (h) Draft Statutory Guidance for the Power of Well-being
 (i) One Voice Wales – Training Programme

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Signed
 (Chairman)