

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

267/12 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan (arrived at; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

268/12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bond; B.C. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow;

269/12 **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).

270/12 **Visitors to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Paul Levy from Livetech to the meeting who provided an overview of the style of websites that are available for Town Councils. Mr Levy stated that the company was established in 2000 and is based in Deganwy. Mr Levy recommended that for an updated website photographs are essential and can facilitate as part of the package. Areas to consider are for the visually impaired and legislation regarding cookies.

Cllr MacLennan arrived at this juncture

Other considerations are ease of updating the site, the more modern sites are much easier to update and news/bloggging and online diaries. Maps can also be incorporated which can be built on top of the Google infrastructure. The use of Twitter, Facebook and the possibility of running a photo competition for the website was discussed.

Current system that Livetech host has its security on Web servers and they are responsible for managing the Town Council's email system.

It was RESOLVED to transfer to the Town Guide Sub Committee for consideration.

271/12 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the following Minutes:

- (i) **The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 6th September 2012**
- (ii) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th September 2012**

272/12 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) Update from CCBC regarding parking on the pavement was NOTED
- (b) The second Mayors Surgery was scheduled for 1st October, adverts were placed in the Library, notice boards and local press was NOTED

- (c) Cllr Wood reported that the redundant posts on the beach, will be removed at the end of October and new posts will be installed at the east end of the beach to prevent parking on the beach. Cllr Wood will update members with further information when received. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Alan Thomas, Highways regarding the reduction of the height of the speed humps on the road.**
- (d) As no further update was received, the lighting for the perimeter path at Pentre Mawr Park was DEFERRED to the next meeting.
- (e) A letter to CCBC regarding the LDP Focussed Changes was APPROVED for submission.

273/12 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for October 2012
- (b) To receive details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) The informal notes from the recent Police Liaison meeting were NOTED and members discussed the information received during the meetings. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to North Wales Police to request that a closed meeting with a higher-ranking officer take place.**
- (d) A letter from a resident regarding the cuttings of grass in Pentre Mawr Park was NOTED
- (e) A request from the new Community Capacity Building Officer to attend a meeting to bring him up to date with projects was APPROVED
- (f) A email from OVW regarding Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
- (g) The Minutes from the recent meeting of Conwy Access were RECEIVED
- (h) An email from a local resident regard paths in the area
- (i) A email from CCBC regarding Learning Small Grant Programme
- (j) A date change for the next Town & Community Council Forum and to note that the next meeting will take place in Abergele Town Hall

Cllr Pitt retired at this juncture

- (k) A letter from Derek Vaughan MEP regarding an event in St Asaph
- (l) A email from CCBC regarding the Pat Chown Award
- (m) An email regarding the proposed changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies
- (n) An email from OVW regarding Stakeholder Reference Group
- (o) An email from CVSC regarding Ethical Property Foundation
- (p) An email from a local resident regarding Community facilities was NOTED.
- (q) An email from CCBC regarding a fit for work course
- (r) Temporary Traffic notices from CCBC
 - (i) Junction of St George to Junction of Tan y Fron Road
 - (ii) Abergele remembrance parade
- (s) An email from CVSC regarding Age Friendly Communities
- (t) An email from CVSC regarding Excel
- (u) An email from CCBC regarding the forthcoming East Promenade consultative Group
- (v) An email from CVSC regarding Llysfaen Village Hall
- (w) An email from the Woodland Trust regarding Y Gopa Improvement Project. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk sends a letter of support to the Trust on behalf of the Town Council and that individual members may also wish to do so.**

- (x) An invitation to the CVSC AGM on the 10th October
- (y) Cllr Wood accepted the invitation to the CAB AGM on the 11th October
- (z) An email from a visitor to Abergele via Cllr Stubbs regarding signage for Pensarn. **It was RESOLVED to transfer to the Town Centre Working Group Sub-Committee and to have a Strategic Plan for Signage**

274/12 **Request from Councillor**

Cllr Morris Roberts provided members with an overview of the problems faced by the River Gele in the Parc Gele area following the heavy rain. Following recent work, the area has been left in a poor condition and Cllr Roberts requested support for the area to be cleared by the Environment Agency. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Dyfed Rowlands CCBC and Meic Davies of the Environment Agency and requests a Site Meeting to discuss the matter. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environment Agency are approached to contribute to the replacement of bins and benches in the park.**

275/12 **Consultation Documents**

Members APPROVED the suggestion that the Clerk creates a list of Councillors who are willing to receive the initial Consultation Documents for consideration within their area of speciality and a list of names was provided.

276/12 **Charity of Robert Roberts (Trustees)**

An update regarding the Red Cross building transfer to the Town Council was NOTED

277/12 **Urgent Correspondence**

- No items of items of urgent correspondence were received

278/12 **Update from County Councillors**

- (i) The Audit Committee have met to discuss the home to school transport overspend – looking into recommendations, the minutes are on the CCBC website.
- (ii) Colwyn Bay Pier - CCBC have set a sum of money aside for the demolition of the Pier.
- (iii) Principal Scrutiny has met and energy consumption has been reduced by 15% in County buildings.
- (iv) A report with regard to Gipsy travellers is to be released soon
- (v) The Standards Code of Conduct Course was well attended
- (vi) Cycle path committee will raise an issue regarding the lack of barrier at the old Colwyn area.

Cllr MacRae retired at this juncture

- (vii) Cabinet restructuring taken place – Cllr McCaffrey is Communities portfolio, Human Resources, and IT
Cllr G Rees – Tourism and Major Events
Cllr Dave Cowens – Finance and Asset Management
Cllr Priestly – Environmental and Highways
- (viii) The Election of the new Police Commissioner to replace Mr McCabe is to take place on the 15th November
- (ix) The new Recycling triple bins are to be piloted in the new year

279/12 **Minutes**

- Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 19th July 2012.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 19th July 2012
- (c) Local Government Sub Committee held 25th June 2012
- (d) Executive Committee held 13th October 2011

280/12 **Informal Notes**

The Informal Notes from the recent Town Centre Working Group Meeting were RECEIVED and members briefly discussed item E, provision of a Market in the Town, and felt that a street Market may be more appropriate and that a Sunday may not be the most suitable day. **It was RESOLVED to defer back to the Working Group for further consideration.**

281/12 **Message of Condolence**

Members requested that letters be sent to the Manchester Metropolitan Police and to Machllynllech Town Council following recent instances.

282/12 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED
(a) A letter of thanks from Ysgol Llansansior
(b) A letter of thanks from Ysgol Sant Elfod

283/12 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government News
- (b) Welsh Government Consultation Document
- (c) Russell Play
- (d) CVSC Mail – Effective Services for Vulnerable Groups
- (e) Livetech News
- (f) WCVA Newsletter September
- (g) WCVA Funding Conference 2012
- (h) Leafield Environmental
- (i) CVSC Mail WCVA drop in events
- (j) CVSC AGM pack
- (k) CAB AGM pack
- (l) Twinning Association Autumn Events
- (m) Abergele Hospital League of Friends 2012 Calendar

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

Signed