

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7th February 2013 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

518/12 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies (retired at 7:30pm); D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock (retired at 7:55pm); B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow (arrived at 7:50pm); R.G. Waters; A. Wood (Chairman)
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

519/12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; T. Rowlands; J.E.H. Pitt;

520/12 **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

521/12 **Chairman**

In the absence of the Mayor Cllr T Rowlands, it was RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor Cllr A Wood would act as Chairman for this meeting.

522/12 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dino Jones-Davies to the Meeting who provided members with an update of the recent activity at Abergele Rugby Club. Mr Jones-Davies explained that the joint Committee was formed back in September but disbanded soon after due to funding problems. The Rugby Club have received £10,000 from CCBC as guaranteed match funding from the Rugby Club funds and have converted a third of the building to date. Labour has been provided free and materials at cost to date. To convert to a licenced bar, toilets and changing rooms will cost £13500. CCBC have offered £5k with the shortfall to be met by the Club.

The aim is to have a facility for daytime public use but require crockery and furniture. The Rugby Club are therefore requesting from the Town Council funding of £1800 for the above. The other Clubs will still be using the facilities as normal, with charges and the Club has been promised further funding from the County Council.

Members raised a question with regard to the Licenced Bar stating that there is a covenant on the park that stipulates no alcohol is consumed and suggested that this be investigated prior to moving forward.

Members thanked Mr Jones-Davies for his attendance and hard work.

Standing orders were reinstated

The Clerk updated members that there was an Enforcement Order on the building due to the work being carried out without the relevant permissions being in place. Planning was not involved but Building Regulations and Property

Services were still to approve the work. Members were informed that Property Services were not looking to obstruct any work as this requirement of the lease and hoped to approve in the near future. **It was RESOLVED that until the situation is resolved that the Town Council could not be seen to be providing funding but would support at the appropriate time.**

523/12 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 3rd January 2013

524/12 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An email update from the Harbour Master regarding the removal of stones from Pensarn Beach. **It was RESOLVED to add this matter to the Newsletter and to the Police Liaison Meeting.**
- (b) The Consultation Document drafted by the Local Government Sub Committee for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme was RECEIVED and APPROVED. Members queried where the £800k that was set aside for Abergele some years ago was spent. Cllr Wood agreed to make enquires
- (c) An update from NW Police regarding the concerns for speeding on Llanfair Road was NOTED and members queried the findings
- (d) An update regarding the requirement for funding for Conwy's Big Voice
- (e) An update from the Clerk regarding the Sustainable Development Bill was NOTED
- (f) A letter of response from CCBC regarding the land at Belgrano. Members discussed the matter and felt that historic planning permission should be superseded by changes to the Planning regulations as this development is to be built on a floodplain. **It was RESOLVED to keep on the Agenda and monitor**
- (g) A letter from the Rt Hon David Jones MP with regard to the warehouse at the rear of Cariad Bride was NOTED
- (h) To receive a letter from the Town Council's Solicitor with regard to the storing of files was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to contact the solicitors to request the return of the file to the Town Council.**
- (i) (i) A letter from CCBC with regard to the proposed changes to the bus service was RECEIVED
- (ii) A copy of a letter sent by a local resident to CCBC regarding the changes to the Bus Service No. 43 was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the CCBC letter to the resident for their information.**

525/12 **Correspondence**

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

- (j) Letters from local residents with regard to dog fouling on a grass verge in Lony Llyn, Pensarn. **It was RESOLVED to forward to CCBC for their consideration and to request that the Dog Warden visit the area.**
- (k) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2013
- (l) The details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees

Cllr Davies retired at this juncture

- (m) An email from NMWTRA regarding the forthcoming work on the A55 was NOTED that an amendment to the route through Abergele had been released to avoid coming through the Town.
- (n) An update from Cllr Wood following the recent site meeting at Pensarn Beach regarding barriers was discussed. Members stated that five years ago funding was diverted from this area to Llandudno and a more permanent solution should be sought. Members requested for an expression of interest in the land to be submitted. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Policy & Finance Sub Committee for consideration.**

Cllr Sudlow arrived at this juncture

- (o) An email from CCBC regarding a road closure in Llangernyw
- (p) An email from Llansannan Community Council regarding the Town Councils offer of support
- (q) A letter from CCBC Planning regarding Local Authority Planning Applications **It was RESOLVED to request to run both electronic and hard copies for a transition period.**
- (r) A letter from Welsh Government regarding Websites for Town & Community Councils was NOTED
- (s) An letter from OVW regarding the recent meeting on 23rd January 2013

Cllr Peacock retired at this juncture

- (t) A letter from CCBC regarding the Open Access provision for 2013. **It was RESOLVED to continue with the provision in the both parks, with two sessions each per week, to request additional flyers and for a Notice to appear in the Newsletter. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to inform the local schools.**
- (u) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED an amendment to Planning Application 0/39469. **It was RESOLVED to request that the Traffic Lights on Bridge Street be amended as part of the scheme due to traffic management problems in the area.**
- (v) A letter from CCBC regarding an Independent Examination for the Local Development Plan. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Waters would attend the meeting.**
- (w) A letter from Conwy Rural Partnership for the Rural Conwy Business Awards 2013
- (x) A letter for thanks from Antioch following a recent letter of congratulations
- (y) A email from North Wales Police regarding a bike marking scheme
- (z) An email from CVSC regarding a proposal for a study into the third sector in Rural Conwy
- (aa) A CCBC copy of Cabinet Minutes regarding the Council Tax Reduction Scheme

526/12 **Matters Deferred from previous Meeting:**

- (a) **Recording of Council Meetings**
A quotation regarding the recording of Council Meetings was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED not to pursue the matter at present.**
- (b) **Priorities List**
The Clerk provided an update and will collate the information and return to the Agenda.

- 527/12 **Urgent Correspondence**
- Cllr Brian Roberts informed members that previous Mayor and Councillor Billington's wife had passed away. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter of condolence to Mr Billington**
- 528/12 **Members of Outside Bodies**
(a) **Community Governor for Ysgol St George**
It was RESOLVED to write to Ysgol St George to inform that members approved Mr Martin Roberts to become the Community Governor.

(b) **Abergele Joint Burial Committee**
It was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Morris Roberts as the new member of the Committee representing Abergele Town Council
- 529/12 **Membership of Sub Committee**
The revised copy of the Membership to Sub Committees following the addition of the Police Liaison to a Sub Committee was APPROVED.
- 530/12 **Update from County Councillors**
- The following verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED:
a) Betsi Cadwaladr has requested a two-week respite from members with regard to the vote of no confidence.
b) The Gypsy Travel Awareness Report will be released in 2014 with legislation stating that all Counties will have to provide a site.
- 531/12 **Minutes**
- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
(a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 20th December 2012.
(b) Policy & Finance Committee held 20th December 2012
- 532/12 **Draft Minutes**
- The Draft Minutes from the following Meetings/Committee were RECEIVED:
(a) Police Liaison Meeting held on the 14th January 2013
(b) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee Meeting held on the 21st January 2013
- 533/12 **Matters arising on those Minutes**
(a) Members APPROVED the continued installation of Christmas Lights by Denbighshire County Council following a change to the Joint working Partnership between Conwy and Denbighshire.
(b) Members APPROVED the disposal of the Catenary lights held in the store. **It was RESOLVED to offer to Llanfair TH and Llanddulas in the first instance before offering to other Town Councils.**
- 534/12 **Informal Notes**
(a) The Informal Notes from the recent Local Government Sub committee meeting held on the 10th January 2013 were RECEIVED

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Documents for Information

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government News
- (b) CVSC Mail
- (c) Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales Newsletter
- (d) Spring Walks 2013
- (e) Playing Out Provision February
- (f) CVSC News
- (g) Glasdon Flyer
- (h) Conwy Walks 2013

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Signed