

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

583/12 Attendance Register

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott;

J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Mr Gareth Jones (Administration Officer)

Two members of the public

584/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M. Bird; R.D. Peacock;

585/12 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).

Cllr: G.P. Davies Min No: 590/12

Cllr J. Stubbs Min No: 590/12

Cllr K J Sudlow Min No: 590/12

586/12 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 7th February 2013

587/12 Matters Arising from those Minutes:

- (a) To consider the funding of a height barrier in Pensarn discussed at the Ordinary Meeting on 7th February 2013 and deferred to the Committee. Cllr Wood provided an overview of the meeting and it was PROPOSED that the existing barrier to the car park is removed and re-installed in place of the gate at the beginning of the path to Ty Crwn and that a new hooped barrier is installed at the entrance to the car park. It was FURTHER PROPOSED that the stones in the car park are replaced and request that CCBC fill in the potholes. **It was RESOLVED to request that the above is carried out and capped at a maximum of £3000 using the funds originally allocated for the Sea Road humps. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to invite the Harbour Master to a meeting of the Town Council.**
- (b) Agenda item regarding the land at Belgrano was briefly discussed and members NOTED that work on the site has commenced. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk requests the reference number for the Planning application from CCBC Planning Department.**
- (c) An update from the Clerk regarding the forthcoming changes to the Planning Applications. Members queried if it was legal for the County to send planning applications out digitally only. **It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate and when the electronic versions are received to forward to all members for their observations.**

- (d) Members considered the request from the Acting Clerk of Llanddulas Community Council for use of a room at the Town Hall. **It was RESOLVED that to inform the Acting Clerk that at present there is no available rooms for their new Clerk in the Town Hall but to request again in the future if they so wish.**

588/12 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2013
- (b) To receive details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) To receive a letter of thanks from Llanfair Talhaiarn Community Council for the recent donation
- (d) A letter from Colwyn Bay, Abergele and District Twinning Assoc.
- (e) An update with regard to the request to contact CCBC regarding a Tree Warden was NOTED. The Clerk informed members that a request had been received today for a Tree Warden and the Clerk will provide an update once further information is received.
- (f) An email from a local resident regarding the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to forward the letter to BCHB on behalf of the resident. Members PROPOSED and SECONDED and RESOLVED to support any Vote of No Confidence made by the County Council regarding the Trust. Members FURTHER SUPPORT the decision to forward the matter to the North Wales Health Alliance.**
- (g) An email from Coleg Cymraeg Canedlaethol regarding a conference on the 14th March
- (h) A email and flyer from CFGA regarding a forthcoming event
- (i) Update with regard to the request to express an interest in obtaining a free Charging Station
- (j) An email from Aqua-Marketing regarding a forthcoming project
- (k) Update email following a site meeting to discuss the installation of bollards on Market Street. **It was RESOLVED to check the restricted times of the blips and to check if CCBC will be informing the Businesses of the restriction.**
- (l) An email from CCBC regarding the forthcoming T&CC Forum Meeting on 26th March 2013. Cllr MacLennan confirmed that he would be attending the meeting.
- (m) To receive and consider a letter from CCBC regarding Members on the Appeal Panel was NOTED
- (n) A letter from CCBC regarding a forthcoming Open Day in Llanrwst was NOTED. A member suggested that a Councillor should attend to gain an understanding of the process.

589/12 **Procedural Matters**

- (a) Members RECEIVED a statement from the Clerk with regard to attendance matters
- (b) The (Draft) Procedure for receiving the Mayoral allowance was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

590/12 **Matters deferred from previous Meetings**

Cllrs: G P Davies; J Stubbs; K Sudlow retired at this juncture

- (a) Members re-considered the grant application submitted by Canolfan Dewi Sant. **It was RESOLVED to uphold the original decision, as a president to overturn the Approved Grants Decisions originally made would otherwise be set.**

Cllrs: G P Davies; J Stubbs; K Sudlow returned at this juncture

- (b) Members received an update from the Clerk with regard to the Neighbourhood Watch application. **As above it was RESOLVED to uphold the original decision as a president to overturn the Approved Grants Decisions originally made would otherwise be set.**
- (c) The Priority list for 2013-2017 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED which was compiled from information received from members. Members were requested to add their support in the 'Your Vote' box to support a project or add any new items to line 24-30 and return to the Clerk by Friday 8th March 2013 for collating.

591/12 **Nominations**

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2013/14, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 9th May 2013 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:

- a) With a majority vote of seven votes, Cllr Andrew Wood was offered the role of Town Mayor 2013/14. Cllr J Stubbs abstained from voting
Proposed by Cllr S Rowlands
Seconded by Cllr R M Medicott
- b) Deputy Mayor for 2013/14 Cllr B C Roberts
Proposed by Cllr R G Waters
Seconded by Cllr D A MacRae.

592/12 **Urgent Correspondence**

- the following item of urgent correspondence was RECEIVED

- (a) A plan from Cllr MacLennan regarding the route for the forthcoming wind turbines through the town. **It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to request information to why the route was coming through the Town and for an alternative be considered.**

593/12 **Membership of Sub Committee**

Members APPROVED a request for Cllr G P Davies to join the membership of the Police Liaison to a Sub Committee

594/12 **Update from County Councillors**

- Written and verbal reports from County Councillors was RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) Council Tax will increase by 3.8%
- (b) The Capital programme is on track
- (c) Revenue Support Grant for Breakfast Club will not be funded by Welsh Government any longer
- (d) Forces for Good is going to Committee next week
- (e) Hafod y Parc is behind schedule by 7 weeks
- (f) Rural Development Plans – Cllr Ronnie Hughes, Business Management has submitted a bid for North Wales and looking for projects that require considerable funding such as underground cables etc.

595/12 **Minutes**

- the following Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 17th January 2013.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 17th January 2013
 - (c) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 8th November 2013
 - (d) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 25th October 2012
 - (e) Local Government Sub Committee held on the 17th September 2013
 - (f) Police Liaison Sub Committee held on the 14th January 2013

596/12 **Draft Minutes**

The following Draft Minutes were RECEIVED:

- (a) Police Liaison Meeting held on the 25th February 2013

597/12 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) Sovereign Play
- (b) CVSC News
- (c) Shaw's Local Council suppliers
- (d) CVSC Mail
- (e) Rhuddlan's First Scarecrow Fair
- (f) Direct 2 Door new address
- (g) Hafan Cymru
- (h) CAB Open door Surgery
- (i) Welsh Government News
- (j) Conwy CBC Benefit Advice Day

Meeting Closed at 8:20pm

Signed:
(Chairman)