

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th July 2012 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

114/12 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs (arrived at 6:55pm); K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Mr Dilwyn Jones (Administration Officer)

Three members of the public

115/12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D. Meredith;

Members noted that Cllr Meredith was absent due to bereavement and the Town Council would send a card of condolence.

116/12 **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

117/12 **Visitors to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Sophie McKeand, who is the UK Organiser for the Cittaslow project based in Mold to the Council who provided an overview of the project to Members. Ms McKenad stated that the project started with the Slow Food Movement in 1999 with local produce in a slow and timely manner. There are 147 Towns in 24 Countries in the Scheme with one in Scotland, three in England and Mold in Wales.

The aim is a holistic approach for small businesses that are unable to compete in the market place and set routes for Community projects. To join the scheme there are 50 goals to be working towards such as Environmental, Heritage, WI, Churches etc. that has to be Council led and is audited every three years. The fee to join is £1500.

Cllr Stubbs arrived at this juncture

Under the Environmental heading is light pollution, community partnerships, schools, small-scale LED lights. Mold Town Council have formed a Committee to run the programme and are working towards their goals. Perth Town Council has a farmers market with locally produced food and local restaurants which have accreditation for using local produce.

Berwick upon Tweed have chosen the Heritage, Culture and History route and have held festivals under the Cittaslow banner. There must be local groups involved in the scheme in order to qualify as a Cittaslow Town; the aim can be to improve the quality of life for all in the Town.

The offer is an independent quality endorsement internationally recognised to encourage the whole community to join by turning a negative into a positive action.

The Chairman thanked Sophie McKeand for attending and for her engaging presentation.

It was RESOLVED to add the item to the next Agenda to discuss

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DVD Film

It was RESOLVED to run the film at the end of the 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 14th June 2012 with one amendment to Minute number 67/12 (j) to include 'Members support the petition for prayers to continue'.

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Matters Arising from those Minutes:

- (a) An update following a request for a visit by the ICO Advisory was NOTED
- (b) An update from the Heritage Lottery fund regarding the request to attend a meeting of the Heritage Sub Committee. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the Heritage Lottery to request that they attend a meeting at a convenient time.**
- (c) An update from County Councillors regarding the LDP was provided stating that Conwy Council have met with Planners to discuss the Focus Change and move the housing allocation from Llanfair Road to the Business Park. County Councillors, Planners, and members of the Business Park recently met on site. The Business Park are to consider and assess how the housing will affect the Park. There will be no access through Heol Awel. Council members for Abergele are not satisfied with the content of the LDP. There is no restriction on a contractor who wishes to put an application for planning permission prior to the LDP been finalised and members are requesting that they contribute to the regeneration of Abergele. County Councillors for Abergele will meet to discuss further and to draft questions for Mr James Harland's visit at the next meeting. The Business Park obtained Objective 1 funding which had specific guidelines to be adhered to. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk supplies a copy of the Consultant's report with the next Agenda for member's consideration at the meeting.**

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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 July 2012
- (b) To receive details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) Informal notes from the recent Police Liaison meeting were RECEIVED. Members briefly discussed the Parking on the pavement and **it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts CCBC Parking for clarification.**
- (d) Members NOTED that Civic Sunday will take place in St George on Sunday 15th July at 3pm, followed by a Buffet in the Village Hall.
- (e) A letter from CCBC Environmental Services regarding Action Days in Abergele. **A Councillor informed members that the Action Day was 11th July. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk confirms this.**
- (f) A letter from Clwyd Community Chest regarding their forthcoming AGM was NOTED
- (g) A letter from Swansea Metropolitan University regarding Additional Community Governors

- (h) A letter from the Public Service Ombudsman regarding their Annual Report 2011/12
- (i) A letter from the NWATLCC regarding a forthcoming meeting was NOTED. The Clerk queried if Members required all document in future and it was APPROVED to only include the main items.
- (j) A letter from CVSC regarding Business Supporting Communities (B2C) Project
- (k) An email from a local resident regarding no path from Abergele Hospital. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Medlicott and Cllr Wood arrange to meet with the resident to discuss the matter and the option of accessing the RDF for maintenance of the path and FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter is kept on the Agenda**
- (l) An email from Gwynedd Pensions regarding Consultation review of the Gwynedd Pensions Fund's Statement of Investment Principles
- (m) CCBC Notice of Temporary traffic regulation on 2nd July, 2012 for Emrys ap Iwan parade
- (n) An email from Gwynedd Pensions regarding Consultation on the proposed new scheme to come into force on the 1st April 2014. The Clerk informed members that she had received an invitation to attend a Seminar on Monday 16th July and members gave APPROVAL for the Clerk to attend.
- (o) An email from Conwy CBC regarding Pinders Circus at Pentre Mawr Park. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk requests a percentage of the income is allocated to the Town Council for use in the Park**
- (p) An email regarding Clwyd Community Chest AGM on Wednesday 25th July 2012
- (q) An email from CVSC regarding Crest Community Fund
- (r) An email from NW Police regarding School Watch. **It was RESOLVED to add to the next Police Liaison Meeting**
- (s) CCBC Temporary Traffic Notice for the Carnival on July 7th
- (t) A request from the Clerk for support from County Councillors regarding the on-going matter of the installation of a map in Belgrano. **Members considered the matter and it UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the sign be installed.**

122/12 **Town Centre Project**

Members NOTED that the first meeting of the Town Centre Working group would take place on Monday 9th July at 5pm

123/12 **Mayor's Surgery**

Members APPROVED a request from the Mayor to set up a monthly surgery commencing in September for the public to be able to attend. Members stated that they would also be happy to attend. Advertisement in the Newsletter, local press and a bilingual Councillor should be present at the Town Hall. Members UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED the plan.

124/12 **Charity of Robert Roberts (Trustees)**

The Clerk provided an update stating that the transfer of the building from the Red Cross to the Town Council had still not taken place. The matter was in the hands of the Solicitor and the Red Cross.

125/12 **Councillor ID Badges**

Members RECEIVED the new Councillor ID Badges 2012-2017 and NOTED how impressive the new style was.

126/12 **Membership of Sub-Committees for 2012/13**

The revised Sub Committees for 2012/13 was RECEIVED AND APPROVED

127/12 **Representation on Outside Bodies**

- The revised copy of the Council's representatives on Outside Bodies for 2012/13 was RECEIVED. Members queried the School Governor list and the Abergele Youth Action Group. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk investigates.**

128/12 **Urgent Correspondence**

- The following item of urgent correspondence was RECEIVED:
A CCBC Planning Site Visit at Abergele on Tuesday 10th July was RECEIVED

129/12 **Update from County Councillors**

- The following report from Members was RECEIVED:

- (a) Principal Scrutiny has met to discuss the overspend of £300k for School Transport, the estimated overspend is £500k. A task and finish group has been set up to investigate
- (b) Capital – it was NOTED that funds are not allocated to the east of the County, a report will be drafted.
- (c) Extra Care Housing – Demolition of Awel y Mor will take place in July
- (d) County Councillor MacLennan is meeting with Marianne Jackson regarding the Rural Development Grant.
- (e) Standards Committee have appointed a Lay Member Cllr Glyn Jones

Cllr Peacock retired at this juncture

- (f) A new care plan for the adoption of Looked After Children is to be developed and a new policy for the elderly to assist with keeping them in their own homes
- (g) Waiting times in Glan Clwyd hospital was discussed and it was NOTED that Darren Miller AM is looking into the matter. **It was RESOLVED to write to Mr Miller regarding this matter and Cllr MacLennan will provide figures to the Clerk.**
- (h) Mr Phil Rafferty, Head of Regulatory Services passed away recently. **It was RESOLVED to write a letter of condolence to Mr Rafferty's family.**
- (i) A meeting has been arranged for 1pm on Wednesday to discuss footpath at Bryn Twr and the erosion at the back of the properties caused by the river. The Clerk will confirm the meeting place members when known.
- (j) Cllr MacLennan is to meet with the Environment Agency regarding the riverbank at the back of Tannery Court.

130/12 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held 24th May 2012.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held 24th May 2012
- (c) Staffing Sub Committee held 18th April 2012

131/12 **Letters of Thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED:

- (a) Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre (Jubilee Party)
- (b) Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan (Olympic)

132/12 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Ombudsman Public Services for Wales Annual Report 2011/12
- (b) J Parkers wholesale catalogue
- (c) Quality Hardwood Bus Shelters
- (d) Welsh Government News
- (e) OVW July Funding Newsletter
- (f) CVSC Sustainable Funding
- (g) Institute for Welsh Affairs
- (h) Cyan Civic Benches
- (i) CVSC Mail
- (j) Play & Leisure Newsletter
- (k) Arien Signs
- (l) Action for Market Towns

Meeting Closed at 8:20pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)