

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th December 2013 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

424/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; B. Kinsey; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; B.C. Roberts (Chairman); M. Roberts; S. Rowlands (retired at 8:30pm); K.J. Sudlow (arrived at 7:40pm); R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

425/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

M.D. Bird; J.E.H. Pitt; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs;

426/13 **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).

Declarations were received from:

Cllr Andrew Wood Min No: 427/13

427/13 **Co-option Member for the Council**

As the Mayor declared a personal and prejudicial interest regarding one of the candidates, it was RESOLVED in order to comply with the Nolan Report and to ensure that the Council are open and transparent that the Mayor retire for the duration of the co-option and FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor acts as Chairman for the meeting

Cllr Wood retired at this juncture

- (a) The Chairman welcomed the Candidates to the Meeting, who were then retired to Room 4
- (b) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the applications received for the vacant seat on the Gele Ward
- (c) Each of the candidates met members individually, and following a short presentation, answered a few short questions with regard to becoming a Councillor and then retired to room 5.
- (d) Members voted to elect one of the applicants to fill this vacancy and a unanimous vote for Mr Brian Kinsey was RECEIVED. The three remaining candidates returned to the Chamber and were thanked for their time.
- (e) Mr Kinsey returned to the Chamber to complete the Declaration of Acceptance to Office, and took his place in the Chamber for the Meeting.

Cllr Wood returned at this juncture

428/13 **Urgent item of regarding procedure**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, it was RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable

in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

- (a) The Chairman of the Staffing Committee provided an overview of the matter raised

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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 7th November 2013

430/13 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The Clerk provided members with an update regarding the Pensarn project from CCBC stating that the work should be completed by the 13th December 2013.
- (b) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the North Wales Police GoSafe project on Llanfair Road
- (c) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the Gym at the rear of Market Street
- (d) Cllr Waters provided an overview of the recent meeting regarding the Climate Change Adaption Project Meeting stating that Welsh Government were requesting Councils to be more sustainable and to make the general public more aware. How can we adapt to rising sea levels, erosion of beaches – require constituents who have an interest in bird spotting, gardening, such as garden society, offshore wind farms to be involved in the project. **It was RESOLVED to support the scheme.**
Cllr Waters will liaise with the Clerk with regard to a meeting room.
Members thanked Councillors for attending the recent meeting.
- (e) Copies of the Clerk's notes from the Mayors Surgeries were NOTED
- (f) Cllr Morris Roberts requested an update with regard to the proposed Gele River work. **It was RESOLVED to contact Natural Resources for an update**

431/13 **Update from County Councillors**

With the permission of the Chairman it was RESOLVED to move Agenda item 12 as Cllr S Rowlands required to retire

To receive written and verbal reports from County Councillors

- (a) CCBC has received an unprecedented cut this next year with a £12m saving having to be met. The Budget has been debated
- (b) Conwy County transport has been dissolved
- (c) Recent Audits are showing some poor performances in Departments
- (d) Sound Barriers are to be implemented by Welsh Government
- (e) 5% increase in Council Tax is unsustainable
- (f) There has been an overspend on Colwyn Bay Pier
- (g) Free parking sign to be installed in the Library Car Park
- (h) Footpath at Abergele Hospital is to be considered for repair
- (i) Rugby Club were successful in their WREN grant
- (j) Cllr Jamil has resigned
- (k) Flood Wardens – pumps are on way from South Wales and Centres have been set up. **It was RESOLVED to contact Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council with an offer of support from the Town Council and for the Clerk to provide an update to members as to what their requirements are.**
- (l) Amalgamation of County Councils will take place in the next five years

432/13 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2013
- (b) To receive details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) A letter from CCBC with regard to the mobile Library in Belgrano and St George
- (d) An email from the Daily Post Wales regarding the best in businesses
- (e) An email from a local resident regarding the Bus stop on Llanddulas Road and an update from Darren Miller AM. **It was RESOLVED to relook at the moving of the Bus Stop**
- (f) A letter from Darren Miller AM with regard to the sound barriers on the A55
- (g) An email from Welsh Government regarding Sustainable Development
- (h) An email from OVW regarding recruitment of Chairman and Trustee Directors
- (i) An email from Conwy Access Group regarding a recent meeting
- (j) To receive the CVSC mail from Friday 15th November to 29th November 2013
- (k) To receive the OVW emails from 19th November to 29th November 2013
- (l) A letter from Pentre Mawr House with regard to the provision of a key for the Rugby Club. **It was RESOLVED to write to the residents to inform them that ATC are not responsible for the key and that it has been issued by CCBC. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to suggest that they contact Clwyd Alun with regard to the issues raised.**
- (m) An email from CCBC with regard to the parking order for Market Street. **It was RESOLVED to inform CCBC that that Town Council do not support the provision of only one disabled parking space and the previous RESOLUTION stands with a unanimous vote of 10 for and 1 against.**
- (n) **It was RESOLVED not to place an advert in the St Kentigern Hospice Newsletter at this time**
- (o) An email from Welsh Government with regard to the new Audit regulations were NOTED
- (p) An email update from CCBC with regard to a request for a bus shelter at Abergele Hospital
- (q) An email from RWE with regard to Gwynt y Mor
- (r) An email from a resident who took part in the Olympic Relay in 2012
- (s) An email from OVW regarding war memorials. The Memorial in St Michael's Church yard does not have all the names of the local residents who gave their lives in the war. There had been a request for the memorial to be moved to the bottom of St George's Road and for all the names to be added. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Heritage Sub Committee for further consideration.**

433/13 **Urgent Correspondence**

- The following item of urgent correspondence was RECEIVED

- (a) Cllr Bird submitted a letter for approval on behalf of the St George Village Hall to consider match funding for a refurbishment project subject to other grant funding being approved up to a maximum of £5000. It was APPROVED to consider with the Estimates for 2014/15

- (b) **It was RESOLVED to forward to Mrs Pring the MUGA slip report.**
- (c) Members were informed that the trim trail had been removed from Parc Gele without any information being provided to the Town Council. **It was RESOLVED to contact Mr Lyn Davies to request that in future the Town Council are informed on matters in the local area and FURTHER RESOLVED to contact Mr Iwan Davies to request that he attends a meeting of the Council to discuss matters of local concern, to include a tour with members on matters in the Town.**

435/13 **Town Hall keys**

A request from the Mayor to hold a set of keys for the Town Hall. **It was RESOLVED not to increase the number of existing key holders**

436/13 **Next Ordinary Meeting**

It was RESOLVED to approve the request from the Clerk to defer the next Ordinary meeting from the 2nd January to the 9th January, due to the Christmas break and the preparation of the packs.

436/13 **Minutes**

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

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th September 2013.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th September 2013
- (c) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 11th July 2013
- (d) Executive Committee held on the 21st August 2013
- (e) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 26th September 2013
- (f) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 25th June 2013

437/13 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) Play Wales
- (c) Broxap Litter Bins
- (d) Gwynt y Mor update
- (e) Leafield Environmental

Meeting closed at 9:07pm

Signed
(Chairman)