

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6th February 2014 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

530/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae (arrived at 6:47pm); R.M. Medicott; J.E.H. Pitt (retired at 7:55pm); B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands (arrived at 6:50pm); J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

531/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M. Roberts; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow;

532/13 **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).

None were declared

Cllr MacRae arrived at this juncture

533/13 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 9th January 2014

Cllr S. Rowlands arrived at this juncture

534/13 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update from CCBC with regard to the Pensarn project from CCBC was RECEIVED. The Mayor informed members that the lock has been changed and that it was the Dog Bin Wagon that had left the barrier open. Castle Cove have a key and the Mayor has the Town Council's barrier key and will return.
- (b) An email update from CCBC with regard to the provision of disabled spaces on Market Street. **It was RESOLVED to request that a new order is issued for the two spaces to be together at the west side of the parking strip near Orchid House.**
- (c) An update from CCBC with regard to the Play provision for 2014 was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to continue with the same provision as last year.**
- (d) An email update from Andrew Wilkinson CCBC with regard to the cost for hire of the Library Car Park was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an overview of the situation to date. **It was RESOLVED to defer to the Town Centre Working group for consideration and for a decision to be made at the end of the financial year.**
- (e) An email from Traditional Market.org with regard to hosting a market in Abergele. **It was RESOLVED to make enquiries regarding the possibility of holding the market in Abergele.**

- (f) The Draft Equal Opportunities Policy and Welsh Language for the Town Council, recommended from the Rural Development Grant funders in order to access grant funding for the walks leaflet were ADOPTED.

535/13 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2014
- (b) A copy of the notes from the recent Mayor's Surgery
- (c) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (d) CVSC mail from 17th January to 30th January 2014
- (e) OVW emails from 17th January to 30th January 2014
- (f) A consultation document from Gwynedd Pension Service with regard to the fund valuation
- (g) An email from a local resident and an update from CCBC
- (h) An email from Theatre Bara Caws with a request for funding
- (i) An email from Atos Assessment Centre regarding a national demonstration
- (j) An email from BCCHC with regard to a press release
- (k) An email from Diverse Cymru with a request for support
- (l) An email from WG with regard to the William's report
- (m) An email to OVW with a request for information
- (n) A letter and Agenda for the forthcoming NWMWALC Meeting on the 21st February 2014. Cllr John MacLennan agreed to attend on behalf of the Town Council.
- (o) A letter from the Planning Inspectorate regarding footpath number 34 on the definitive map and an email from CCBC was RECEIVED. Members thanked Cllr Medicott for all his hard work.
- (p) An email from OVW with regard to an invite to a workshop regarding the Neonatal unit. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Morris Roberts would attend the workshop as he had expressed an interest in attending.**

536/13 **Draft Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to DEFER the item to the end of the meeting

537/13 **Guest Speaker**

- (a) Members considered guest speakers for future meeting and the following individuals were suggested:
 - (i) Mr Iwan Davies – County Councillors to contact Mr Davies to arrange
 - (ii) Mr Ken Finch
 - (iii) Marian Jackson CCBC
 - (iv) Peter Jones-Hughes CCBC
 - (v) Tom Gravatt CCBC
 - (vi) Dyfed Rowlands CCBC

Cllr Pitt retired at this juncture

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Meeting Notes

- (a) The Meeting notes from the Clerk following the recent NWALCC meeting was RECEIVED
- (b) The Meeting Notes from the Local Government Sub Committee held on the 28th November were APPROVED as the meeting was not quorum

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Membership of Sub Committee

To receive a copy of the Membership to Sub Committees following the recent co-option and to consider members to fill vacancies on the following Committees:

- (a) CCTV & Crime Prevention – **It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Committee is dissolved at the Annual Meeting and incorporate any matters arising with the Police Liaison Meeting.**
- (b) Christmas Decoration. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Medicott and Cllr Kinsey join the Committee**
- (c) Local Government - **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bond and Cllr Tim Rowlands join the Committee**
- (d) Police Liaison – **It was RESOLVED that Cllr MacLennan joins the Committee**

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Police Liaison Sub committee

- (a) A request from the Mayor for the Committee to be an open meeting to the public. Original resolution passed under Min No: 327/12 (b).
It was RESOLVED that the Committee should remain a closed meeting as the Police felt that they discuss matters that should not be generally released into the public domain if required.

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2014/15 Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for 2014/15 was APPROVED.

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Urgent Correspondence

- At the request of the Mayor the following items have been included:

- (a) Members were informed that there was a vacancy on the Joint Burial Committee. **It PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that Cllr Bryan Kinsey joins the Committee.**
- (b) An email from the Mayor regarding Abergele Car parks was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to approve the swapping of the car parks for free and chargeable around.**
- (c) An email from the Mayor regarding the provision of yellow lines at Ffordd y Morfa was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the suggestion by Cllr Wood for the yellow lines to be reinstated and extended around the corner of road. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request that the recycling should not be collected during school drop off times.**

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Update from County Councillors

- To receive written and verbal reports from County Councillors

- a) CCBC Budget has £14m saving this year
- b) Porth Eirias has received a grant of £10-£12m from Welsh Government to improve Colwyn Bay
- c) The Williams' report – CCBC have resolved to continue as they are until further information is received.

- d) Conwy Planning has received an application from Denbighshire regarding the Bodelwyddan site – Cllr Waters will provide evidence to support the Abergele situation.
- e) LDP – Shane Wetton CCBC to clarify what the LDP means to the East of the County and Cllr MacLennan has requested an update with regard to the Masterplan.

544/13 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th December 2013.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th December 2013
 - (c) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 8th November 2013
 - (d) Town Guide Sub Committee held on the 6th November 2013
 - (e) Police Liaison Sub Committee meeting held on the 16th September 2013
 - (f) Staffing Sub Committee held on the 2nd December 2013
 - (g) Estimates Sub Committee held on the 17th December 2012

545/13 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) St Kentigern Annual Report 2012/13
- (c) Gwynedd Pensions Funding Strategy

546/13 **Differed from Min No: 536/13 above**

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.

The DRAFT CONFIDENTIAL Minutes were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED by Members of the Committee present.

- (a) Staffing Sub Committee held on the 28th January 2014

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)