

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

595/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

596/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: B. Kinsey; D.A. MacRae; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; T. Rowlands;

597/13 **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

598/13 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr David Smith, Customer Relations Manager, from CCBC to the Council who provided members with an overview of how to file complaints, contact details, leave comments and ask questions through the online system. Mr Smith informed members that CCBC aim to be more customer focussed and that service expectations by the public are high. Mr Smith informed members that there are several different ways of accessing the online forms /contact us/complaints and that there has been an improved response rate since the online forms have been introduced. The response times for correspondence is acknowledgment 5 days, full response 15 days or 10 if a full response is unable to be provided by the 15 day deadline. Complaints are chased on a regular basis by Mr Smith's team.

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith for attending the meeting.

Standing orders were reinstated

599/13 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to receive, approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 6th February 2014

600/13 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The Clerk informed members that she did not have any new information with regard to the provision of disabled spaces on Market Street. **It was RESOLVED to request an update from CCBC.**
- (b) An email update from Natural Resources Wales with regard to planned work at the River Gele was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request that the river is maintained on a regular basis and to request a site meeting when the tree has been removed to discuss the gap under the bridge which is decreasing. Members also stated that the grill near the A55 is getting clogged up and should be monitored.**
- (c) An update with regard to the International Food and Craft Fair in Abergele was NOTED

- (d) An update from CCBC regarding collections of refuse during school opening times was NOTED.

601/13 Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for March 2014
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) The CVSC mail from 14th February 2014 to 24th February 2014
- (d) The OVW emails from 14th February 2014 to 24th February 2014
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to the provision of heritage lamp columns on Llanfair Road was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request an up to date cost for the installation of the new lights and for clarification as to how many columns are required and which will be within the Conservation area. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request information regarding the overall replacement programme. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to enquire as to why the request had not been received before the precept was agreed in December 2013.**
- (f) A letter of thanks from Abergele Golf Club regarding the recent donation for the Junior team was NOTED
- (g) An email from Darren Millar AM and a member of the public regarding flood defences
- (h) An email from Shelter Cymru with regard to an event on the 6th March 2014
- (i) An email from OVW with regard to public appointments in Wales
- (j) An email from OVW with regard to Local Government Wales Byelaws Act 2012 Consultation. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.**
- (k) An email from Conwy Access Group regarding a recent meeting was NOTED
- (l) An email from Towermint with regard to a WWI remembrance Medal. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Task & Finish Group for consideration.**
- (m) An email from North Wales Police regarding their latest campaign
- (n) An email from OVW regarding Training

602/13 Meeting Notes

- (a) Meeting notes for approval from the recent meeting of the Local Government Sub Committee meeting which was not quorum was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations by the Committee. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to Darren Miller AM to request further information with regard to Pub licences and how they information on how they are approved.**
- (b) A copy of the Climate Change Adaptation Project notes from Cllr Waters was RECEIVED. Cllr Water informed members that the project is on track.
- (c) A copy of the Meeting notes from a recent meeting of the Town Centre Working group with recommendations for approval was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations by the Committee.**

603/13 Nominations

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2014/15, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on 8th May 2014 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:

- a) With a unanimous majority, Cllr B C Roberts was offered the role of Town Mayor 2014/15.
Proposed by Cllr J MacLennan
Seconded by Cllr R Waters

b) Deputy Mayor for 2014/15

It was RESOLVED as there were members absent from the meeting that the role of Deputy Mayor for 2014/15 is DEFERRED to the next meeting.

604/13 **Urgent Correspondence**

A message from the Clerk on behalf of the Deputy Mayor was RECEIVED. The Deputy Mayor had requested that members were made aware of a recent approach that had been made by a member of another Council. **It was RESOLVED to write to the Council to clarify the situation.**

605/13 **Update from County Councillors**

- Written and verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED as follows:
 - (a) The Abergele Master Plan is due to commence in the near future
 - (b) CCBC have voted on the 2014/15 budget and the Council tax will raise by 5%
 - (c) The cost for the proposals in the Williams' report are due to be received this summer
 - (d) A briefing regarding Environment, Roads and Facilities has taken place

606/13 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 23rd January 2014.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 23rd January 2014
 - (c) Heritage Sub Committee held on the 10th October 2011
 - (d) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 25 November 2013

607/13 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were RECEIVED.

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) Wales Audit Office

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed
(Chairman)