

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 9th January 2014 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

479/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith (arrived at 6:55pm); M. Roberts; K.J. Sudlow (arrived at 7:40pm); R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Two members of the public

480/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: B. Kinsey; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands;

481/13 **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).
Cllr John MacLennan Min No:

482/13 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVD to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 5th December 2013**
- (b) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 5th December 2013**
- (c) **Special Grants Meeting held on the 18th November 2013**

483/13 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

- (a) Members RECEIVED a statement from the Clerk on behalf of Monitoring Officer following a request from the previous meeting which was NOTED and the matter is now closed.
- (b) An update from CCBC with regard to the Pensarn project from CCBC was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that an incident had taken place this week where a local resident had not been able to get back though the gate as it had been closed by the Camp site owner. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Legal, CCBC to request that they write to the Camp Site owner to request that the gate is kept open or removed.**

Cllr. Meredith arrived at this juncture

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- (c) An email update from CCBC with regard to the provision of disabled spaces on Market Street was NOTED. County Councillors informed members that they had received an email from CCBC stating that the provision of two spaces had been approved. The Clerk enquired with members as to how they wished to proceed with the comment by Cllr Priestley regarding taking over the Library Car Park. **It was RESOLVED to defer to a Task and Finish group for further consideration.**

484/13 Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for January 2014
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees with the inclusion of the Town & Community forum on Monday 20th January in the Llandudno Junction Business Centre
- (c) CVSC mail from Friday 13th December to 2nd January 2014
- (d) OVW emails from 13th December to 2nd January 2014
- (e) An email from OVW with regard to the 1914-18 commemorations was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to contact the schools and the British Legion to arrange a meeting to discuss a joint event.**
- (f) An email from Welsh Government with regard to the Words into action Welsh Language in health, social services and social care Conference and Awards 2014
- (g) A letter from OVW with regard to Partnership with Community and Town Councils
- (h) A Consultation from Welsh Government with regard to Community Polls
- (i) An email from a local resident with regard to the LDP. Members felt that the resident had a valid point but it was now passed the deadline. **It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the letter from Welsh Government recently received for information.**
- (j) One Voice Wales training Courses for North Wales, February to June 2014. Members were requested to add their names to the lists if they wished to attend any courses.
- (k) A letter and Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the NWMWALC was NOTED. Cllr Waters and Cllr MacLennan confirmed their attendance.
- (l) A letter from Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan regarding the nomination for Cllr Wood to be the Community Governor for the Town Council was RECEIVED.
- (m) A letter of response from Carl Sargent AM regarding the LDP. **It was RESOLVED to forward a copy of the letter to the resident in Min No. (i) to information**
- (n) A letter from OVW requesting a revote for the representative on the BCHB. **It was RESOLVED to vote for the same candidate as previously, Cllr John MacLennan.**
- (o) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Open Access play provision for 2014. **It was RESOLVED to request that Abergele receives the same provision as last year for the same cost.**
- (p) A letter from a local resident with regard to work carried out by the Mayor and members was NOTED
- (q) An email from OVW with regard to an appointment of Chair for the Wales Tourism Advisory Board
- (r) An email update from Iwan Davies CEO CCBC following a request to attend a meeting of the Council was NOTED. Members expressed that they were

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disappointed that the CEO was unable to attend a meeting to share thoughts and that he has attended many other Councils to date.

- (s) An email from Always aim high with regard to a forthcoming event in the area. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Rotary, Lions and Rugby Club.**
- (t) An email letter from Darren Miller AM for members' information. **It was RESOLVED to write to Mr Miller and offer the Town Council's support with regard to the matter raised.**

485/13 **Draft Minutes**

The Draft Minutes from the following Meeting/Committee were RECEIVED:

- (a) Estimates Sub Committee held on the 16th December 2013

486/13 **Matters arising on those Minutes**

(a) **Estimates Sub-Committee –**

- (i) Recommendations made by the Estimates Sub-Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2014/15 were CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the Draft Budget.**
- (ii) The Annual Estimates for 2014/15, the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC was CONSIDERED, and it was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the reduction in precept is APPROVED at £38.74

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2014/15 and the level of precept was as agreed by the Estimates Committee, for submission to CCBC, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Financial Plan & Annual Estimates.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to issue a press release informing that the precept has been reduced.

Cllr Sudlow arrived at this juncture

487/13 **Next General Purpose and Planning/Policy & Finance Meeting**

- (a) A request from the Clerk to defer the next meeting by a week in order to receive correspondence for inclusion following the Christmas break was APPROVED.

488/13 **Urgent Correspondence**

- To RECEIVE any additional items of urgent correspondence
No urgent items of correspondence were RECEIVED

488/13 **Update from County Councillors**

- To receive written and verbal reports from County Councillors
- (a) Cllr Priestley emailed County members to inform them that he will be supporting the provision of two disabled parking spaces in Market Street.
- (b) CCBC have purchase the tax office in Colwyn Bay
- (c) The data received following the recent collection for schools was not accurate and has raised concerns with the way that the body has operated. A new body has now been set up GwE to collect data for the whole of the north wales and aims to standardise the data. The Abergele primary schools received high results in the collection.
- (d) Conwy Enforcement are to issue a notice to the shop next door to Snipers as they are in breach of their planning conditions.

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489/13 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 21st November 2013.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 21st November 2013

490/13 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) OVW training courses
- (c) NWMWALC
- (d) Community Polls – Consultation Document
- (e) Gwynt y Mor Newsletter

Meeting closed at 7:55pm

Signed
(Chairman)