

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3rd October 2013 at 6.45p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

299/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;
Cllrs: G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Two members of the public

300/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J.E.H. Pitt;

301/13 **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

302/13 **Visitor to the council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Ms Jane Carey Evans, from Contact the Elderly to the meeting who provided an overview of a new project set up in the Abergele area. Ms Carey-Evans informed members that she had received an excellent response to the article that was placed in the Newsletter. Ms Carey-Evans showed members a short video of the service they provide. The aim is to organise Community teas once a month, there are fifty areas in Wales that are currently running such as scheme. Ms Carey-Evans provided the background to the project, the aim is to have 6 to 8 guests for the tea's, to qualify they must be over 75 and be living alone with no support. The guests must be mobile enough to get into a vehicle. They require 6 to 12 hosts to hold either an annual or half yearly tea. Hosts must have a down stairs toilet and not too many steps. There are four drivers signed up to the scheme. Please let Ms Carey-Evans know if you are aware of anyone who may fit their criteria.
Ms Carey-Evans requested if an update can be in the next Newsletter, this was APPROVED.

The Chairman thanked Ms Carey-Evans for attending.

Standing orders were reinstated

303/13 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 5th September 2013

304/13 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update regarding the Pensarn project from CCBC was RECEIVED. Members informed that the large rocks were still not back in their original position. **It was RESOLVED to request an update regarding the matter.**
- (b) The Clerk informed members that no update had been received with regard to the North Wales Police and the GoSafe project on Llanfair Road.
- (c) An update with regard to the Gym at the rear of Market Street was NOTED.

305/13 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for October 2013
- (b) To receive details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) A request from CVSC to nominate a member of the Council to join the Board of Trustees. It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that Cllr Davies is the representative for ATC
- (d) An email from Cllr Bird and subsequent response from CCBC with regard to the condition of the road in St George was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Quarry Liaison Committee.**
- (e) An email from CVSC regarding the forthcoming AGM
- (f) An email from Llyr Gruffydd Assembly Member with regard to 20mph zones
- (g) An email from CVSC with regard to Work Experience Stakeholder event
- (h) An email from OVW with regard to the Electoral Review Programme
- (i) An email from OVW with regard to the Stakeholder Reference Group
- (j) An email from CVSC regarding the DBS update Service brief
- (k) An email from OVW with future Meeting dates for 2014
- (l) An email from OVW with regard to the new North Wales Development Officer
- (m) A letter from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd with regard to their Annual Report 2012/13
- (n) A letter from Action for Market Towns regarding a forthcoming course
- (o) A letter from CCBC regarding Conwy Walks
- (p) A letter from Abergele Field Club with thanks for allowing their box to be left in the Town Hall
- (q) A letter from CCBC regarding Small Business Saturday was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED not to participate in the scheme as the shops already participate in the Christmas Window Competition with the Town Council.**
- (r) A letter from a local resident with regard to the LDP was NOTED. Members discussed the matter. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Waters will draft a letter on behalf of the Town Council. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that CADW are contacted to register the area for historic interest.**
- (s) An email from PCSO Parker regarding the latest crime figures
- (t) An email from a local resident regarding the hedge at Abbeyfield. **It was RESOLVED to forward to Environmental Services and Pest Control.**
- (u) An email from the Daily Post regarding Wales Business Awards 2013
- (v) An email from OVW regarding Consumer Council for Water Wales
- (w) An email from CCBC regarding the forthcoming Christmas lunch
- (x) A letter from Urdd Gobaith Cymru

306/13 **It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the end of the Agenda**

307/13 **Standing Orders**

(a) A copy of the Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for consideration from NALC and OVW was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to forward to a Task & Finish Group lead by Cllr T Rowlands.

Members who wished to be part of the group were as follows:

Cllr A Wood, Cllr B Roberts, Cllr J MacLennan, Cllr T Rowlands, Cllr Waters, Cllr MacRae.

308/13 **Item to consider from the Town Guide Sub committee**

(a) **It was RESOLVED to accept the RECOMMENDATION by the Town Guide Sub Committee to reconsider the company chosen to be email host for the Town Council due to recent advise from CCBC IT section. It was RESOLVED that when the Ipad's are released that a press release is issued.**

309/13 **Members of Outside Bodies**

(a) **Abergele Joint Burial Committee**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that Cllr M Roberts join the Abergele Joint Burial Committee as a representative for Abergele Town Council.

310/13 **Membership of Sub Committee**

Cllr Morris Roberts agreed to join the Parks & Playarea's Sub Committee, CCTV and Crime Prevention, and Police Liaison Sub Committees following the recent co-option

311/13 **Urgent Correspondence**

- No items of urgent correspondence was RECEIVED

312/13 **Update from County Councillors**

- Members received the following reports from County Councillors

- (a) Tan y Gopa hedges Highways is dealing with this matter
- (b) Parking on the old ATS site has now come to an agreement
- (c) CCBC Audit Committee have met to receive the 2012/13 Accounts and are happy with the report
- (d) Resource shortfall is £7.1m and has the lowest reserve in Wales of £3m.
- (e) 2014/15 has a shortfall of £10m
- (f) Principal Scrutiny had a walk in Pentre Mawr Park
- (g) Fire strike had no incidents.
- (h) Cllr Wood has been in touch with Nick Jones regarding the pigeons and Mr Jones has agreed to write to the property owners

313/13 **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.**

Members of the public retired at this juncture

- (a) Members received the confidential Document and NOTED its contents. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the RECOMMENDATIONS of the Committee.**

314/13 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 18th July 2013.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 18th July 2013
 - (c) Staffing Sub Committee Meeting held on the 11th July 2013
 - (d) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 24th June 2013
 - (e) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 22nd July 2013

315/13 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Welsh Government Newsletter
- (b) Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd Annual Report
- (c) A letter of thanks from Ysgol St George
- (d) Conwy Walks
- (e) Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- (f) SLCC Financial Regulations
- (g) NALC Model Standing Orders 2010
- (h) OVW Model Standing Orders
- (i) ATC Standing orders and financial regulations 2005

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed
(Chairman)