

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

356/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;
Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies (arrived at 6:50pm); D.A. MacRae (arrived at 6:50pm);
R.M. Medlicott; M. Roberts; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

357/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
M.D. Bird; B. Kinsey; J.E.H. Pitt;

358/14 **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

359/14 **Message from the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Davies and Cllr Morris Roberts on their return to the Council after their leave of absence

360/14 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 6th November 2014

361/14 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update regarding the matter raised to the Mayor on behalf of the residents of Hafod y Parc regarding a path into Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to thank them for their letter and to inform them that the Council is delighted with the result.**
- (b) A report from a Pest Control Company regarding the pigeon problem in the Town was RECEIVED. Members NOTED that there more is than one pigeon fancier in the Town Centre and requested that if members have any knowledge of who they are to inform the Clerk so that they can be informed of any plans before they are carried out. **It was RESOLVED to request that the Pest Control Officer attends a meeting of the Council to discuss moving forward as members are not prepared to continue with the problem. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to set a budget for the work to be carried out in 2015/16 of £2000.**
- (c) County members had no further update with regard to .gov.uk / .wales domain names. **It was RESOLVED to move forward with the .gov.uk domain name at this time.**
- (d) A letter from Bevans regarding knot weed and an update from the Clerk was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to put the matter on hold until further communication is received from the company.**

- (e) An update from CCBC with regard to a request to place a lock on a gate in Parc Gele was RECEIVED and NOTED. The matter is now closed.

362/14 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2014.
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees was RECEIVED
- (c) The CVSC mail from 13th November 2014 to 26th November 2014
- (d) The OVW emails from 13th November 2014 to 26th November 2014
- (e) An email from Gwynedd Council with regard to a Consultation on the Draft North Wales joint local transport plan 2015-2020 was RECEIVED
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to the One Conwy and the Corporate Plan
- (g) An email from Venues4hire with an invitation to include the Town Hall was APPROVED.
- (h) An email from CCBC with regard to Armed Forces Awareness Workshop on Friday 12th December 2014
- (i) An email from NW Police with regard to their annual Carol Service in Bangor
- (j) An email from DVSC with regard to Capital funding available
- (k) A copy of a Facebook post for members information was NOTED
- (l) A letter from CCBC with regard to Supplementary Planning Guidance update
- (m) An email from CCBC with regard to Council Tax Reduction Consultation. **It was RESOLVED that should members wish to respond they will reply individually.**
- (n) An email from Cllr Phil Edwards regarding a Christmas Carol Concert in Colwyn Bay
- (o) A letter from Conwy Walks requesting a donation. **It was RESOLVED to write and inform them that unfortunately they have missed the grant deadline for 2015/16**
- (p) A letter from Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan with regard to the Remembrance parade. Members wished to NOTE congratulations the Clerk and staff for all their hard work in making this the best attended parade by the schools and other parties.
- (q) A letter from St Kentigern with regard to their Christmas Draw

363/14 **Other Matters arising**

- (a) A Statement for consideration from the Clerk with regard to services offered by Banks to the Town Council. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE to switch banks as RECOMMENDED by the Clerk to ensure that the Town Council are compliant in order to move forward with electronic banking to save costs following new legislation.**
- (b) The Clerk provided an update regarding attendance of Council Members. **It was RESOLVED to review the position of the attendance register on the website with a view of placing in a more prominent position.**
- (c) The Meeting schedule for the 2015/16 was APPROVED, with one amendment to the meeting scheduled for the 7th May, as this is the day of the General Election the meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May 2015.

364/14 **Draft Minutes**

- (a) **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 recommendations from Draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on the 27th November 2014 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and NOTED on the confidential minutes.

- (b) The recommendations from Draft Minutes of the Local Government Sub Committee held on the 1st December 2014 were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED AND APPROVED

365/14 **Urgent items**

With the permission of the Mayor an urgent item regarding the proposed gypsy and travellers' site in St George was CONSIDERED.

An overview of the County Council decision was discussed. The matter will be discussed by Cabinet on the 9th December 2014, Abergele County members will request a call in and a Public meeting has been scheduled for 9th January in St George Village Hall at 7pm. A flyer for distribution in the Gele, Pentre Mawr and St George area was APPROVED and around the local Abergele Businesses. A petition has also been completed.

366/14 **Update from County Councillors**

- No written and verbal reports from County Councillor was RECEIVED.

367/14 **Minutes**

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

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 16th October 2014.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 16th October 2014
- (c) Local Government Sub Committee held on the 15th September 2014

368/14 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were RECEIVED.

- (a) St Kentigern Raffle tickets

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)