

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

48/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, S Rowlands;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; J Hudson; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott;
D. Meredith; T. Rowlands (arrived at 7:10pm); R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

49/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: M. Bond; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; A. Wood;

50/15 **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

51/15 **Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2015/16**

Cllr. MacLennan came forward from his seat on the floor of the chamber and he was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.
He then read aloud (in Welsh and English) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.
Cllr. MacLennan thanked the Mayor and his fellow Members for the confidence placed in him and indicated that his wife, Margaret, had kindly agreed to act as Deputy Mayoress.

52/15 **Minutes**

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

- (a) The Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 6th May 2015
- (b) The Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held 6th May 2015
- (c) The Annual Meeting of the Council, held on the 14th May 2015

53/15 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) Members RECEIVED an update from the Clerk stating that Tom Gravett would be attending the next meeting to address members with regard to obtaining Queen Elisabeth II status on Pentre Mawr Park and the current situation regarding Parc Gele. The Clerk informed members that the Queen Elisabeth II status has now closed and a new World War I status was available. It was confirmed that this may be considered as a family member of the Jones Bateman Estate was killed in WWI and has links to Pentre Mawr Park.
- (b) A copy of white paper submitted by ATC for the Reforming Local Government was RECEIVED
- (c) The Clerk informed members that the email from OVW with regard to the electronic publication of information for completion had been redacted and requested that members complete the original document for adding to the website

- (d) A copy of the document from Ombudsman Wales with regard to Code of Conduct was RECEIVED.

54/15 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for June 2015
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC mail from 15th May 2015 to 29th May 2015
- (d) OVW emails from 15th May 2015 to 29th May 2015
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to the advertising of the Placeplan consultation

Cllr T Rowlands arrived at this juncture

- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to amendments to speed limits in the County
- (g) A letter from Google my business with regard to contact details for the Town Council
- (h) A letter from CCBC with regard to the changes in ERF. **It was RESOLVED to copy in ERF when emailing officers.**
- (i) A letter from Business Supporting Communities with regard to their closure
- (j) A letter from CCBC with regard to an Environmental day
- (k) An e-mail from the Planning Directorate with regard to consultation on the new category of planning application: 'Developments of National Significance'
- (l) An e-mail from Streetworks with regard to the completion of the sound barrier works on the A55
- (m) A notice from CCBC with regard to the introduction of parking restrictions in the Library carpark.
- (n) An e-mail from Planning Aid Wales offering training to Town & Community Councillors. **It was RESOLVED to confirm if enough places were available on the course and if confirmed to book the required number places and a place for the two new councillors should they wish to attend.**
- (o) An e-mail from Burbo Bank with regard to Community Funding
- (p) An e-mail from a member of the public offering condolences since the passing of Cllr Gwyneth Davies
- (q) An e-mail from a member of the public offering congratulations to Cllr Rowlands on his election to Town Mayor. The Mayor gave an overview of what had been forwarded to the paper regarding his forthcoming year. Members expressed that they were disappointed that the Daily Post had focussed on attendance.

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.

- 55/15 A proposal from the Town Councils supplier for a new telephone and Broadband system was RECEIVED. Members considered the proposal and as the proposal included a new telephone system, fibre and use of an additional telephone line, plus all the other requirements by the Council at a reduced cost, the proposal was APPROVED.

56/15 **Internal Audit and Annual Return for 2014/15**

- a) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15 was RECEIVED.
- b) A report from the Internal Auditor with an overview of the Annual Accounts for 2014/15 was RECEIVED. Members wished to record a NOTE of thanks to the Clerk for her hard work in preparing the Annual Accounts.
- c) The signing of the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15, subject to External Audit was APPROVED
- d) The signing of the Annual Return for 2014/15 together with the Annual Governance Statement was APPROVED.

57/15 **A request from the Mayor**

A request from the Mayor to set up a Working Group for the Abergele Place Plan in order for members of the Town Council to contribute to the overall plan was RECEIVED and APPROVED. The Mayor informed members that the first meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 29th June at 6:30pm

58/15 **Update from County Councillors**

- Reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:
- (a) St George Road is due to be closed for three weeks due to BT work
 - (b) National Westminster Bank in Abergele is closing – **it was RESOLVED to write a letter to the Area Manager making representation.**
 - (c) The bin problem at Gele House has been resolved
 - (d) Report to be drafted with regard to the stones on Llandudno beach and a special meeting is to be held to discuss Colwyn Bay Pier.

59/15 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 16th April 2015.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 16th April 2015.
 - (c) Confidential Policy & Finance committee held on 16th April 2015
 - (d) Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 3rd November 2015

60/15 **Meeting Notes**

A copy of the Meeting Notes from the following Task and Finish Group were RECEIVED

- (a) Standing Orders Task & Finish Group held on the 26th January 2015

61/15 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) Ombudsman Wales - Code of Conduct
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct
- c) Glasdon
- d) Abergele Town Council White Paper Submission

Meeting closed at 7:50pm

Signed
(Chairman)