

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

208/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, S Rowlands;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D. Hancock; J Hudson (arrived at 6:50pm); A. Hunter;
S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott;
G. Maddison; B.C. Roberts; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

209/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: T. Rowlands;

210/15 **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).
Declarations were received from:

Cllr D Hancock Min No: 214/15 (L)

211/15 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr Rhodri Edwards from Fields in Trust to the meeting who provided members with advice and guidance on the criteria for local land to be considered to become a field in trust. The Trust was set up in 1925 and the patron is HM the Queen and HRH Duke of Cambridge. The aim is to maintain quality outdoor space and a facility for sports.

The land is protected under a Covenant Trust, which the landowner must agree to in the first instance. The general rule is 6 acres per area population. The Trust has commented on Planning applications and more recently on the Development Brief for Abergele South East.

Cllr Hudson arrived at this juncture

Parc Gele official name King George V parc was placed in trust in 1939 and is therefore protected for future generations, of which there are 40 sites in Wales. The Queen Elizabeth II scheme was launched and unfortunately CCBC decided not to come on board. The current scheme is World War I Centenary Fields which provide a legacy and is supported by Aled Roberts AM. Cllr Liz Roberts from CCBC is currently in discussion with the Trust to dedicate Cae Llan in Betws y Coed. The site must have a link to WW1 in order to be endorsed by Carwyn Jones AM. The land would then be preserved for recreation. The Trust can then offer advice and support in managing Playing Fields and there is a toolkit online

http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/toolkit/pdfs/Protecting_v3.pdf

and can assist with securing funding and grants to protect a site, free goodies for events held on the protected site. Register for a pack. There is an awards scheme,

promotional material, and social media. There is a restriction that land is used for recreational purposes and there is reluctance by some land owners to release the land. The costs to transfer the land are limited to the fees for the land registry charges and this will then protect the area for future generations. The planning process is open to interpretation and can be a guarantee for the future and applies pressure to apply a covenant. A new Planning Act coming in to force on the 1st October will mean that planners will have to consult with the Community before permission is granted. Rhodri offered the Council support in moving the matter forward.

It was RESOLVED to defer the matter to Parks and Street Scene Committee to arrange a meeting with County members, the Clerk and Rhodri in order to draw up a Notice of Motion for the County Council to consider.

Standing orders were reinstated

212/15 **Minutes**

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

- a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 2nd July 2015**
- b) Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 6th July 2015**
- c) Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 20th July 2015**

213/15 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An email copy of the Consultation submitted to the Post Office regarding the relocation of the Abergele Post Office was NOTED
- (b) An email from Darren Millar AM with regard to the relocation of the Post Office was NOTED
- (c) An email update from CCBC with regard to the proposed waiting times at the Library Car park was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to approve option 1 with immediate effect to benefit the majority of the community.**
- (d) To receive a confirmation from Welsh Government for the consultation on Protecting Community Assets was NOTED
- (e) An email confirmation from CCBC with regard to Llanddulas Coastal Work was NOTED
- (f) An email update from Cllr Hudson following her meeting with the CVSC was NOTED
- (g) An email and letter from Darren Miller AM with regard to Noise Mitigation at Hoel Conwy was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request update in January 2016**
- (h) An email from CCBC with regard to the naming of land off St George Road was RECEIVED. Members were informed that the name Parc Hendre should be amended to Parc yr Hendre as the correct pronoun for the name.

214/15 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for September 2015
- (b) Forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Staffing meeting on Monday will commence at 6pm not 5:30pm as stated.
- (c) CVSC mail from 9th July to 27th August 2015
- (d) OVW emails from 9th July to 27th August 2015
- (e) The Annual subscription for the NMWALC was APPROVED

- (f) An email from a local business seeking a place to store their vehicle. **It was RESOLVED to suggest that they contact Network Rail**
- (g) An email from Cllr Hudson with regard to the bus timetables was RECEIVED
- (h) An email from a local resident with regard to TTIP was DEFERRED to the next meeting in order for members to have time to consider the document
- (i) A letter from WPS with regard to protection cover was NOTED
- (j) A letter from NMWALC with a request to consider the contents before the next meeting was DEFERRED to the next meeting for members to prepare their observations
- (k) An email from CCBC with regard to 5 Locality Plans was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that this is a plan for projects/ideas to be based on locality i.e. along the coastal strip. Matter to be discussed at the next Place Plan meeting at the end of the month

Cllr Hancock retired at this juncture

- (l) An email from Cllr Hancock with regard to a fence at 96 Lon y Gors was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to allow the normal process to proceed in the first instance and await an outcome if the matter is not in line with Council policy. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to contact the Cabinet Member to suggest that Supplementary Planning Guidance on Fences should be considered.**

Cllr Hancock returned at this juncture

- (m) A letter from CCBC with regard to Supplementary Planning Guidance update
- (n) An email letter from CCBC with regard to a road closure in Rhyd y Foel
- (o) An email from CVSC/CHC with regard to the proposal for temporary changes to Women and maternity Services in North Wales. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to the Local Government Sub Committee for completion**
- (p) An email from OVW with regard to Procurement amendments to Standing Orders was DEFERRED to the Clerk to review
- (q) An email from CCBC with regard to Recycling
- (r) An email from OVW with regard to Consultation on Tax Collection and Management
- (s) An email from OVW with regard to the BBC Charter Review
- (t) An email from CCBC with regard to a new bin for Pentre Mawr park
- (u) An email from CCBC with regard to the inclusion of the key centre in the Conservation area. Members of the Town Council stated that the Key Centre is an integral part of old Abergele and should be reinstated within the Conservation area at the next review. Members of the Town Council suggested that the building should be Grade I listed and to consider funding through the Place Plan. **It was RESOLVED to defer to the Heritage Sub Committee and invite Mr Huw Davies CCBC Officer to the meeting.**
- (v) A letter from Careers Wales with regard to H&S assessment of school work
- (w) A change of address for CVSC
- (x) A letter from Dial a Ride with a request for a member to join as a Director was NOTED
- (y) A letter from SP Manweb with regard to upcoming hearings with regard to NW Wind farms connection project
- (z) A letter from UHY Hacker Young confirming the conclusion to the 2014/15 Audit was RECEIVED. Members thanked the Clerk for completing the Annual Audit
- (aa) A letter from OVW with regard to motions

- (bb) An email from CCBC with regard to Rural Community Development fund. **It was RESOLVED to consider the item together with the Priority list and the Placeplan**
- (cc) An email and letter from Welsh Government with regard to Playing Fields was RECEIVED.
- (dd) A letter from CCBC with regard to Local Government Reform – map for North Wales was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that Members of the Council support the document
- (ee) An email from Welsh Government with regard to The Local Government Wales Act 2013. The Clerk informed members that most of the requirements are currently being carried out by the Council and that the only item outstanding was the correspondence file, which will now be added at the same point as the Agenda is forwarded to the website company.
- (ff) An email from Cllr Hancock with a request from residents to install a bus shelter near Pensarn Post Office was CONSIDERED. **Members support the item in principal and it was RESOLVED to forward CCBC for clarification of suitability of location.** Forward to Estimates for inclusion in the next budget.
- (gg) Letter from the British Weights & Measures Association with regard to units of measurement used for garden allotments was NOTED
- (hh) A letter from Abergele Golf Club regarding grant funding for 2015/16 was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED request that a form is completed for next financial year.**

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.

- 215/15 A cost for the painting of the wall at the rear of the Town Hall following the rendering work and to receive an update from the Clerk with regard to the pipe was APPROVED. The Clerk informed members that the pipe had now been removed and replaced.
- 216/15 An update from the pigeon Company with regard to the progress of the work to date was RECEIVED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes
- 217/15 Quotations for additional I Pad's for the new members were RECEIVED. The quotation from PC World was APPROVED as the lowest price received. Cllr S Rowlands wished for it to be NOTED that he voted against the proposal.
- 218/15
 - (i) A copy of a letter from the Town Council's Solicitor was RECEIVED and NOTED
 - (ii) A letter from the Town Council's Insurance Company was RECEIVED and NOTED
 - (iii) A copy of the report had not been received for the meeting
- 219/15 **Update from County Councillors**
 - As the Council had been in recess during August no written and verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED except an update to state that the Bus Timetables have now been replaced and the Chief Executive had been on a visit to Pentre Mawr Park with the local members.

220/15 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 18th June 2015.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 18th June 2015.
 - (c) Executive Committee held 21st October 2014
 - (d) Parks and Street scene Sub Committee held on the 23rd April 2015
 - (e) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 15th June 2015

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Documents for Information

The following documents for information were NOTED

- a) Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 14-20 – Guidance Notes
- b) Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 14-20 – Criteria
- c) SP Manweb – Notice of hearing
- d) A flyer from Abergele Community Action Ltd
- e) The Yardstick

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

Signed
(Chairman)