

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

452/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr S. Rowlands (arrived at 6:50pm)
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; J Hudson; A. Hunter (arrived at 7pm);
S. Jones-Roberts; R.M. Medicott;
G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

453/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: D. Hancock; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; A. Wood;

454/15 **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

455/15 **Chairman**

In the absence of the Mayor, the Immediate Past Mayor Cllr Brian Roberts, agreed to Chair the meeting until the arrival of the Mayor Cllr Sam Rowlands, who was stuck in traffic.

456/15 **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 5th November 2015**
- b) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 5th November 2015**
- c) **Special Ordinary Meeting – Grants held on the 12th November 2015**

457/15 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update from CCBC with regard to the proposed waiting times at the Library Car park was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the proposed waiting times had been signed off by the portfolio holder and were now going back to legal for a new order to be drafted and issued. It is envisaged that the new waiting times will be in situ by spring of 2016. Members enquired if the waiting times applied only to Monday - Friday or weekends as well? **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk make enquires.**
- (b) (i) An update with regard to a request from Lyn Davies CCBC for the Council to consider spreading grit salt to areas that are not on the County's main routes but would benefit
(ii) An email from CCBC with regard to the request to receive Salt and a response from another Council
It was RESOLVED to decline the offer at this time, members felt that more yellow grit bins in the Community would serve better.
- (c) A copy of the Council's response to the Consultation on the Wellbeing and future Generations Act 2015 was RECEIVED.

The Mayor Cllr Sam Rowlands arrived at this juncture and assumed the role of Chairman for the duration of the meeting

458/15 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2015. It was NOTED that an additional ten visits had been added to the calendar since the diary had been published.
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC mail from 14th November to 26th November 2015
- (d) OVW emails from 14th November to 26th November 2015
- (e) A Planning pre-consultation letter from Wilkinson Helsby regarding the Bee Hotel, Abergele was RECEIVED. Members discussed the matter and stated that some of the work had already been completed and felt that the installation was in breach of the listed building status by increasing the overall height of the chimney stack. Members had no issue with regard to the installation as long as it does not affect the overall aesthetic view of the building.
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to the road closures were RECEIVED
 - (i) Kingsway
 - (ii) Meirion to Berllan
- (g) A copy of OVW's submission for the Statutory Guidance for the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 was RECEIVED.

Cllr Hunter arrived at this juncture

- (h) A consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.
- (i) An email from Hearing loss UK with regard to a forthcoming event was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to add to the next issue of the Newsletter.**

459/15 A copy of the Draft Minutes from the last Police Liaison Meeting held on the 23rd November 2015, together with an email from Darren Miller AM with regard to Min No: 446/15 (points a) (i) & section 4 (i) was RECEIVED. Bikes on Glanafon and Tower Way were discussed together with the underpass at Maes Canol. Members felt that the matter at Maes Canol was for the Housing Association or a Police Enforcement issue and that a barrier or gate would be create more issues and would be a disadvantage to mobility scooters, prams etc.

460/15 **Housekeeping**

- (a) Members RECEIVED a statement from the Clerk with regard to the issuing of a Summons and Agenda in the post. The Clerk informed members that Lyn Cadwaladr from One Voice Wales had stated that the legislation of issuing a summons is still in situ but that if the Council pass a resolution stating that they will not be issuing a summons through the post and amend the Standing Orders to state that the Council are opting out of the process until the legislation is amended. **The matter was debated at length and it was RESOLVED that the information is requested in writing from OVW and**

FURTHER RESOLVED that from January 2016 that members are issued with one paper summons listing all forthcoming meetings for this municipal year and further summonses will be received by email. A hard copy of the Agenda will be available at the meeting for members and it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the item will be ratified at the Annual Meeting.

- (b) An update from the Clerk with regard to Ipad's was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that all members, with the exception of Cllr Dave Meredith, now either had a County or Town Council ipad, but that Cllr MacLennan was having an issue with obtaining the information to his County Ipad. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to issue an ipad to Cllr MacLennan and Cllr Meredith and to offer additional training to Cllr Meredith in the first instance and to review the matter thereafter.
- The Clerk further informed members that Cllr Wood did not wish to have a Town Council ipad and would prefer emails to be sent to his personal work email. **Members discussed the matter and to ensure that the Council has control of emails issued should matters such as Freedom of Information requests be raised it was RESOLVED to forward all correspondence to the Town Council's email addresses only, with support for Councillors if required.**

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.

461/15 An update from the Clerk with regard to an invoice from Canon regarding the photocopier charges was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that following a meeting with the Account Manager, no decision from Canon had been received to date.

462/15 The Clerk informed members that no update with regard to an ongoing confidential item had been received to date.

463/15 **Matters to Consider**

The Clerk and the Mayor provided members with an update following the recent Masterplan meeting.

464/15 **Update from County Councillors**

- To receive verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:
 - a) A meeting has taken place with the rugby and football clubs to discuss the pitches
 - b) The acquisition of a piece of land in Pensarn was being considered
 - c) A meeting has taken place to discuss home to school transport. Darren Miller AM has been in negotiation with Arriva and the matter is now deferred until September 2016.

465/15 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 17 September 2015.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 17 September 2015.
 - (c) Heritage Sub Committee held on the 10th February 2014
 - (d) Parks and Street Scene Committee held on the 28th September 2015
 - (e) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 21st September 2015

(f) Newsletter Sub Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2015

466/15 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were RECEIVED.

- (a) Conwy Voluntary Access group Minutes

Meeting closed at 7:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)