

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

715/15 **Chairman**

In the absence of the Mayor Cllr S Rowlands, it was RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor Cllr John MacLennan would be Chairman for this meeting.

716/15 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M. Bond; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan (Chairman); C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Mrs L Whalley (Administration Assistant)

717/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
The Mayor, S Rowlands; D. Hancock; T. Rowlands;

718/15 **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 of interest were received from:

Cllr R G Waters	Min No: 724/15
Cllr A Wood	Min No: 724/15

719/15 **Visitors to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

- (a) The Chairman welcomed Mr John Willcock, Planning Consultant for the former Interleisure Site in Pensarn, who provided an overview of the proposed development to members. Mr Willcock firstly provided the background to the scheme, stating that it was a unique scheme by the Frazer brothers who ran parks along the coast and then became developers known as Millcarp Homes. The original planning permission dating back to 1979 was granted to Cheshire County Council for 192 chalet type bungalows would not normally be flagged up for development but through liaison with CCBC and Natural Resources Wales. The 192 permanent residences have no restrictions and the design is not for a temporary structure, and was ahead of its time. In the 1990's fell under the County Council Local Plan and was replaced by the LDP two years ago. The site is for 50% development and 50% employment. A flood risk was carried out on the site 3 years ago with regard to the level of risk and also its probability for the future. Mr Woodcock stated that the site has never flooded; it holds water but sits above the ground level. They have thoroughly researched a fallback scheme, and purchased the site to build chalet bungalows, in the summer of 2014 and a promotion was held with the existing show home, there was interest in the site and asking why traditional homes were not going to be built on the site? Natural Resources agreed that they would prefer traditional properties built to modern and flood resilience standards, similar to what is built in Holland. The preference is for the

affordable end of the market with a starting price of £86,000. As the wind farm goes through the land this reduces the amount of housing on the site by 20 and the configuration is for 131 mixed 2,3 and 4 bed properties, affordable dwellings, with a public open space near the pumping station.

The Chairman thanked Mr Willcock for his presentation and advised members that if they have any questions to forward them to the Clerk who will then forward to Mr Willcock for a response.

- (b) The Chairman welcomed Kimberley Edmunds, Volunteer Coordinator for Leonard Cheshire Homes who provided members with an overview of the organisation stating that Leonard Cheshire set up the first home in Chester in 1948. By the end of the 1960's he had 50 homes across the UK supporting disabled people. Leonard Cheshire Homes work alongside local partners and Ms Edmunds role is to encourage volunteers and Kimberley provided an outline on the important role volunteers play within the service. Volunteers can assist in many different ways, including fund raising. Ms Edmunds hopes that the Council will assist in getting the message out into the public domain and inform local people of future events. Members informed Ms Edmunds about the Town Council's grant funding and requested that an application form is forwarded to Ms Edmunds for consideration. Ms Edmunds was also invited to participate in the Carnival on the 9th July and agreed to forward event information to the Council for the website.

Standing orders were reinstated

720/15 **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 7th April 2016

721/15 **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 signage was now in place and she had received a complaint from a local business. A County Councillor informed members that the order is not yet sealed and should be completed in the next week. Following the sealing Licensing officers will be monitoring the site.
- (b) The Clerk informed members that she had received an email from CCBC with regard to Bus Shelter maintenance stating that due to manpower the work had not been carried out to date. **It was RESOLVED to monitor the matter.**
- (c) A copy of the Planning application as requested by members following a matter raised to ATC by a local resident. **It was RESOLVED to request that the County Council ensure that ATS comply with the regulations and monitor the situation.**
- (d) An update from CCBC with regard to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation was RECEIVED. A County Councillor suggested that members should suggest alternative sites for the County to consider.
- (e) An update from CCBC with regard to a proposed on-street disabled parking bay was RECEIVED.

722/15 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for May 2016

- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 15th April to 28th April 2016
- (d) An email from Cardiff University with regard to a Planning project 2016. The Clerk informed members that several emails had now been received from Cardiff University. Although, she understands that students require this information in order to complete their project, at present did not have any available time to complete. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Waters would complete on behalf of the Council.**
- (e) An email from CVSC with regard to nominations for Volunteers Week
- (f) An email from the Auditor General on the Wellbeing of Future Generations and what it means for your audit. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Local Government Sub Committee and the Clerk confirmed that she had received an extension to the deadline to submit.**
- (g) A request from Homeinstead Conwy & Denbigh to present to members with regard to Abergele becoming a Dementia Friendly Community was RECEIVED. Members APPROVED the request to present and Cllr Medicott agreed to attend the event next Wednesday
- (h) A copy of the Minutes from the last Conwy Voluntary Access group meeting
- (i) An email from CCBC with regard to a recent road closure at Bron Berllan Road
- (f) An email from One Voice Wales with regard to an update to the Model Financial Regulations was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to a Policy Statement suggested for adding to the website with reference to the Pay Policy was DEFERRED to the Staffing Committee.
- (j) A notice from the SLCC of their forthcoming AGM
- (k) The subscription renewal for the DVSC was APPROVED.
- (l) A letter from Kon-x Wales with regard to their recent takeover was RECEIVED.

723/15 **Housekeeping**

An update from the Clerk following the One Voice Wales training session on Chaining Skills with regard to the following points was RECEIVED:

- a) The Clerk informed members that she felt that the course had great value to all members, not just for members who are considering being a Chairman as the session focussed on good practice in the Chamber. The Clerk informed members that another training session is to be held at ATC on the 25th May and anyone wishing to attend should forward their names at the end of the meeting.
- b) The Clerk requested that the Deputy Mayor aids the Mayor at Ordinary Meetings by sitting at the top bench. **It was RESOLVED that the Vice Chairmen of the two standing Committees also aid the Chairmen at future meetings.**
- c) As the Town Council do not have the legislation to add urgent or additional items to the Agenda, for an Agenda item 'Announcements from the Mayor' to be included on the Ordinary Agenda. This was APPROVED by members in order for the Mayor to be able to provide an overview of his activities during the past month. It was NOTED that no new items of business can be raised in this section.

724/15 **Grants**

Cllrs; Waters and Wood retired at this juncture

- (a) Additional information requested from the Abergele Round Table in support of their grant application for 2016/17 was RECEIVED and APPROVED for payment.

Cllrs; Waters and Wood returned at this juncture

725/15 **Update from County Councillors**

- A verbal report from County Councillors was RECEIVED as follows:
 - (a) A recent meeting of the Placeplan was cancelled as a consultation is taking place on what the businesses would like to see developed in the Town Centre. **It was RESOLVED to write to Mr James Harland CCBC to enquire as to why the Town Council were not informed that this consultant would be visiting the Town.**
 - (b) It was NOTED that the matter will be discussed at CCBC meeting on the 10th May, when the Roundabout field will be discussed in Cabinet.

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- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 17th March 2016
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 17th March 2016

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed
(Chairman)