

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th November 2015 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

367/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

Cllrs: M. Bond; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan;

C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; D. Meredith; B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters;

A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

368/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; D. Hancock; G. Maddison; R.M. Medicott;

369/15 **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

370/15 **Visitors to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Mayor welcomed Mr Steve Jones, Mr David Jones and Mr Paul Medley from North Wales Fire and Rescue, to the meeting and provided a brief background to their long service. Cllr MacRae also provided a brief comment. The Mayor then presented each of them with a plaque for their long service to the Community of Abergele.

Standing orders were reinstated

371/15 **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 1st October 2015

b) Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 1st October 2015

372/15 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

(a) An update from CCBC with regard to the proposed waiting times at the Library Car park was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request a further update regarding the matter**

(b) An email update from CCBC with regard to SPG on Fences and an update from Cllr Hancock with regard to the process was RECEIVED.

(c) An update from CCBC Planning with regard to a request for further clarification regarding application no: 0/42053 Supported Living Property at Slaters Garage Abergele. An extension to the closing date for observations to 6th November 2015 was RECEIVED. The matter was debated at length and members stated that they understood the concerns of the public.

Members were given to understand that the proposed residents would have mental health and disabilities.

It was RESOLVED to request further information from CCBC Planning before members make their observations and clarification to the following was requested:

- (i) **Why was this property not in the original Planning document?**
- (ii) **Can Wales & West liaise with the residents in the surrounding area to put their minds at rest?**
- (iii) **With regard to paragraph 3 - members request clarification if ex-offenders are in this category?**
- (iv) **Previous objection upheld until the above is clarified**
- (v) **Members request that an officer attends the meeting to provide information to members directly**

- (d) An email update from Derek Vaughan MEP with regard to TTIP was NOTED. Members thanked Mr Vaughan for taking the time to respond.

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Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for November 2015
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that there will be a Local Government Sub Committee meeting, in addition to the list next Wednesday.
- (c) CVSC mail from 9th October to 23rd October 2015
- (d) OVW emails from 9th October to 23rd October 2015
- (e) A letter from RBL with regard to the Remembrance Sunday arrangement for the 8th November 2015 was RECEIVED.
- (f) A letter from SP Energy Networks with regard to compulsory application for additional land near St Asaph was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to support Llanefydd and Henllan Community Councils.**
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closures for the following was RECEIVED and NOTED:
 - (i) Abergele Fireworks
 - (ii) Remembrance Sunday parade
- (h) An email from CCBC with regard to a review of Pay and Display Car Park's in Water Street. **It was RESOLVED to forward to members to complete and forward to CCBC individually and for paper copies to be available if required. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to inform CCBC that ATC consider that all car parks should be free.**
- (i) An email from CCBC with regard to review of Free Car Parks in Market Street and Pensarn Prom. **This item was RESOLVED in item (h) above.**
- (j) An email from BCUHB Disability Resource Centre regarding their forthcoming AGM was RECEIVED.
- (k) An email from CCBC with regard to the forthcoming Sports Awards. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Mayor for consideration.**
- (l) An email from Welsh Assembly with regard to Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) bill was NOTED
- (m) A Consultation document from the Post Office with regard to Marine Road, Abergele was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request that a mobile unit is provided to restrict inconvenience for the residents.** Members felt that

the 6-7 day opening would have an impact on the residents and that 11pm with full service was a risk.

- (n) The Clerk provided an update on behalf of Cllr Medicott with regard to the locking of the barrier at Pentre Mawr Park and informed members that the lock had now been returned. A copy of a letter from CCBC to David Jones MP with regard to pitches was RECEIVED. Members stated that there is a meeting on Wednesday 11 November at the Rugby Club to discuss the matter. **It was RESOLVED to defer the matter until after the meeting.**

374/15 A copy of the Draft Minutes from the last Police Liaison Meeting and correspondence from North Wales Police with regard to the Council assisting with funding for a project. Members of the Council RECOMMENDED that the Police contact the Police Commissioner's Office for funding as they have a budget for schemes such as this.

375/15 **Procedural Matters**

A statement from the Clerk with regard to attendance matters was RECEIVED.

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.

376/15 A copy of the Draft Minutes from the last Staffing Meeting was RECEIVED and members RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED the recommendations by the Committee (Min No: 356/15 (a) and (b) and 357/15, being the purchase of office furniture for the proposed new Finance Officer and the provision of Financial software. (Details NOTED on Confidential Minutes)

377/15 An invoice from Canon was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The Clerk provided members with the background to the recent invoice. (Details NOTED on Confidential Minutes)

- 378/15 (i) A letter from the Town Council's Solicitor was RECEIVED and members APPROVED the payment of the invoice.
(iii) An email, letter and report from the Town Council's insurance company was RECEIVED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes.

379/15 **Matters to Consider**

Information from the Clerk following the recent Clerk's Forum Meeting with regards to following was RECEIVED:

- (a) The Community maintenance Scheme. Members did not wish to join the scheme at this time.
(b) A request from Lyn Davies CCBC for the Council to consider spreading grit salt to areas that is not on the County's main routes but would benefit. The Clerk read out an update to members of questions raised by other Councils. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER a decision until the additional information is received.**

380/15 **Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED:

- a) CCBC Planning has been informed that Conwy are not building enough housing and all the contingency sites are now available. Speculative Planning

applications outside the LDP area are also considered. Speculative Planning Guidance is now being drafted.

- b) Gainsborough House is allocated for 68 houses, this is a windfall site and not in the LDP Settlement boundary.
- c) Complaints have been received with regard to mud on the wheels of the vehicles on St George Road. Vehicles are now receiving a wheel wash
- d) Principal Scrutiny has received information that Social services have an overspend of £1m
- e) Legal action against the Health Authority is been considered by CCBC due to inaccurate information being received.

381/15 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 16th July 2015.
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 16th July 2015.
 - (c) Parks and Street Scene Committee held on the 11 June 2015
 - (d) Heritage Sub Committee meeting held on the 10 February 2014
 - (e) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 22nd July 2015
 - (f) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting held on the 13th July 2015
 - (g) Newsletter Sub Committee meeting held on the 22nd June 2015
 - (h) Confidential - Staffing Sub Committee meeting held on the 7th September 2015

382/15 **Documents for Information**

The following documents were NOTED

- (a) CAB AGM – Invitation to Councillors
- (b) Twinning Association – Invitation to France
- (c) Clerk & Councils Direct magazine

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)