

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

493/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

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

C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; G. Maddison;

B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

494/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; D. Hancock;

495/15 **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

496/15 **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 3rd December 2015

497/15 **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 closing date for call was today and the matter can now be forwarded to Legal to processing.
- (b) An update from Conwy Planning with regard to the recent request regarding Planning application number 0/40507 was RECEIVED. Members requested clarification as to why the roundabout does not appear as part of the development, which is situated on the marsh area of the land. Members also requested further clarification regarding the stop up of St George Road, as the matter may not form part of the Anwyl development but sit outside of it and what the difference is? Members requested that the Officer attends a meeting to clarify. Members stated that there were large vehicles travelling from the quarry and leaving mud on the road. **It was RESOLVED that the County members would investigate the matter.**
- (c) An update from the Clerk with regard to arranging a meeting between County Councillors and Fields in Trust was RECEIVED. It was agreed that County members would meet to discuss the matter 1/2 an hour before the next Placeplan meeting.
- (d) An update from One Voice Wales with regard to the issuing of the Town Council's summons via email was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that as it still a legal requirement to issue a summons in the post that paper would continue for the foreseeable future.**

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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 January 2016
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees. The Clerk informed members that the Local Government Committee meeting due to be held on Thursday the 14th January had been rearranged for Monday 11th January.
- (c) CVSC mail from 8th December to 22nd December 2015
- (d) OVW emails from 8th December to 22nd December 2015
- (e) A copy of the Agenda for the forthcoming One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting to be held on the 6th January 2016 was RECEIVED.
- (f) A copy of the Agenda for the forthcoming NMWALC Meeting to be held on the 22nd January 2016 was NOTED
- (g) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to a Road Safety Review
- (h) A letter from the Post Office with regard to the changes at the Pensarn branch was RECEIVED.
- (i) An email from OVW with regard to the Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan
- (j) An emailed letter from CCBC with regard to Consultation on Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule. Members queried if this replaces S106 or runs alongside the Policy.
- (k) An email from the High Sheriff of Clwyd with regard to nominating a community hero
- (l) An email from Welsh Government with an invitation to attend the Engagement Event on the 4th February 2015. Cllr Waters and Cllr MacLennan agreed to attend the event together with the Clerk.
- (m) An email from OVW with an invite to an consultation event in Caernarfon
- (n) A letter from WG regarding the New Year 2017 Honours
- (o) An email from CCBC with regard to CCBC CCTV for 2014/15. **It was RESOLVED to invite the officer to a meeting.**

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.

499/15 An update from the Clerk with regard to an invoice from Canon regarding photocopier charges was RECEIVED, (differed from Policy & Finance Meeting December 2015). **It was RESOLVED to pay the invoice.**

500/15 An update from the Clerk with regard to an ongoing confidential item was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that there is no update and suggested that the item should only appear on a future Agenda when new information is received.

501/15 **Draft Minutes**

The Draft Minutes from the following Meetings were RECEIVED:

- (a) Staffing Committee held on the 7th December 2015
- (b) Estimates Committee held on the 30th November 2015

502/15 **Matters arising on those Minutes**

(a) **Staffing Committee**

A copy of the Minutes and a copy of a report from the Clerk with regard to the appointment of the new Finance Support Officer was RECEIVED.

(b) **Estimates Committee**

- (i) Recommendations made by the Estimates Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2016/17 were CONSIDERED.

Members CONSIDERED the fees and charges for 2016/17 and it was RESOLVED not to increase the fees for forthcoming year and to accept the recommendation to include refreshments as part of the hire. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE the Draft Budget as RECEIVED.

- (ii) The Annual Estimates for 2016/17, the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC was CONSIDERED, and it was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the slight increase in precept is APPROVED at £38.61

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2016/17 and the level of precept was as agreed by the Estimates Committee, for submission to CCBC, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Financial Plan & Annual Estimates.

503/15 **Update from County Councillors**

- A verbal report from County Councillor was RECEIVED as follows:

- a) Gainsborough House is still an ongoing matter
- b) Boundary changes have been deferred till 2020
- c) Gypsy travellers site, to be mindful that the matter is still not resolved
- d) Proposed 5% Council tax rise for Conwy. There is a North/South funding split in Wales. The budget will be finalised in February

504/15 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 15 October 2015.
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 15 October 2015.
- (c) Estimates Sub Committee held on the 8th December 2014
- (d) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 21st September 2015
- (e) Town Guide Sub Committee meeting held on the 16th March 2015
- (f) Newsletter Sub Committee meeting held on the 30th October 2015

505/15 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) CVSC News
- (b) St Kentigern

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

Signed
(Chairman)