

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

630/15 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

Cllrs: J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; R.G. Waters;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

631/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D. Hancock; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; T. Rowlands; A. Wood;

632/15 **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

633/15 **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 4th February 2016, with an amendment to Min No:

634/15 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The Clerk and Mayor provided an update with regard to the proposed waiting times at the Library Car park. **It was RESOLVED to request that CCBC make the order for the original parking as soon as possible.**
- (b) An update from Conwy Planning with regard to the recent request regarding Planning application number 0/40507 was NOTED. Members will make observations when appropriate
- (c) An update from CCBC with regard to a query from members regarding the Consultation on Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to clarify if the funds will be received directly by ATC.**
- (d) An update from NW Police with regard to the request for a report on crime that has been solved with the aid of CCTV was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request further clarification.**
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to the work required for CCBC to adopt Footpath 34 was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to pursue a grant application and to also request that the matter is considered as part of the Placemaking plan

635/15 **Correspondence**

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

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

- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 9th February to 26nd February 2016
- (d) An email from OVW with regard to a presentation made at a recent meeting
- (e) An email from the IRPW with regard to their Annual report
- (f) An email from Ombudsman Wales with a letter regarding good administration and good record management
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure at Bridge Street, Abergele and an email update to CCBC from the Mayor. **It was RESOLVED to express dissatisfaction with regard to the closure and to request that an alternative option is considered, due to the backlog of traffic and the effect on local businesses.**
- (h) An email from CCBC with regard to Play Sufficiency
- (i) An email from CCBC with regard to the Conwy Business awards
- (j) An email from CCBC with regard to Bus Shelter maintenance. **It was RESOLVED to request that the monies held by CCBC from ATC is deferred to the Dundonald Avenue shelter, which is in poor condition.**
- (k) A copy of the Agenda and correspondence for the forthcoming NMWALC meeting on Friday 11th March 2016
- (l) A letter from CCLL North Wales Coast Link with an invitation to members to attend the 30th Anniversary Concert. The Deputy Mayor has agreed to attend in his capacity as Mayor.
- (m) An update from County members with regard to the Placemaking plan and information emailed to members 26/02/16 was RECEIVED. The Mayor informed members that all responses have now been collated and rated in order of feasibility. There will be a further public consultation as part of the process. Welsh Government is keen for the project to be replicated in other Towns, and for the Town Council to be more involved by taking ownership of the project. **It was RESOLVED to request that James Harland attends a meeting to clarify to members**

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Housekeeping

- (a) The schedule of meetings for 2016/17 was RECEIVED and changes to the normal meeting schedule were NOTED.
- (b) The Informal meeting notes from a meeting with NW Police, the Mayor and Clerk with regard to utilities was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request an independent assessment of the utilities and FURTHER RESOLVED to request copies of the utility bills.**

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Nominations

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2016/17, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held in May 2016 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:

With a unanimous majority, Cllr J A MacLennan was offered the role of Town Mayor 2016/17.

Proposed by Cllr B C Roberts

Seconded by Cllr S Jones-Roberts

Deputy Mayor for 2016/17

It was proposed in her absence that Cllr Delyth MacRae is offered the role of Deputy Mayor for 2016/17

Proposed by Cllr R G Waters

Seconded by Cllr R M Medicott

If Councillor MacRae is unable to accept the offer the Clerk will return the item to the next Agenda

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Update from County Councillors

- The following verbal reports were RECEIVED from County Councillors
 - a) There has been a split in the Independent party of CCBC, four members have become Conwy First Independent and the other members are now the Welsh Independent party
 - b) A vote of no confidence in the leader will take place on the 18th March
 - c) Bin collection is moving from 2 to 3 weeks and one area will be trailed for 4 week collections.
 - d) A vote will take place tomorrow (Friday) for a 5% increase in the Council tax Band D figure.
 - e) Ysgol Y Gogarth has made a business case for an additional £300k, which will be allocated from the other schools allocation.

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- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 21st January 2016
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 21st January 2016
 - (c) Parks & Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 9th November 2015
 - (d) Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee held on the 16th November 2015
 - (e) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 13th November 2015
 - (f) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 28th September 2015

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Documents for information

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) Woodberry of Leamington Spa
- (b) Broxap
- (c) Big Dug
- (d) Abergele Placemaking Plan

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)