

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

385/16 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae;
D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands;
T. Rowlands (arrived at 8:00pm); R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

386/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: J Hudson; D. Meredith; A. Wood;

387/16 **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

388/16 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Mayor welcomed Mr Chris Jones, from Chris Jones Regeneration, Mr Chris Wade and Mr Shane Wetton CCBC to the meeting who provided members with an update regarding the Abergele Placeplan. Mr Jones informed members that they will have two weeks in order to comment on the plan and then provided an overview of the plan to members which included the rebranding of the Town to emphasize its features. These features included the surrounding hills, a small Town Centre, shops both old and new, overall appearance, and the parks. The current overall appearance was discussed and the issues of the traffic in the Town together with the need for a Transport Assessment. The Town Council were considered to be a key partner in the Town and their role is to shape the brief for the Community. Parc Gele could promote community growing. The old Cinema was considered a key building and the Bee Hotel which was due for refurbishment next year. Shop frontage and Pensarn were also discussed. This is a 5 to 10 year project for the Town and hope to have an immediate improvement with joint working with the businesses and the Community. Good local engagement is key and how this is to be delivered. Members asked what was the role of the Town Council and were informed they would be responsible for shaping, and leading the plan as a local driver. The Mayor stated that it was vital that the Town Council lead with support from the County Council. The matter of resources was discussed and Mr Wetton stated that there was no reason why funding could not be obtained for a coordinator/facilitator/project Manager to ensure that the relevant experts all are around the table.

It was RECOMMENDED that this item be added to the next Agenda on the 15th December 2016 for observations to be submitted to Mr Jones on the 16th December 2016.

The Mayor thanked the visitors for their time.

Standing orders were reinstated

389/16 **Announcements from the Mayor**
There were no announcements from the Mayor

390/16 **Housekeeping**

- (a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the correct procedure for submitting absence for meetings was RECEIVED.
- (b) The Clerk reminded members of the correct procedure for Councillors to raise an issue for the Council's action, stating that members should write or email their request to the Clerk for adding to the next appropriate Agenda. Members were reminded that it is a serious breach of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders for any member to issue orders, commit Council funds or carry out any action in the name of the Council. Section 60 of the Standing Orders states that the council may only authorise a committee, Sub Committee, Clerk or other officer to act on behalf of the Council.
- (c) The letter of resignation from Cllr Hancock was NOTED. **It was RESOLVED to write a letter of appreciation to Cllr and Mrs Hancock.**

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.

(d) A statement from the Clerk and Cllr Bond with regard to Cllr Dave Meredith was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward a card to Cllr Meredith.**

391/16 **Minutes**
It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 3rd November 2016

392/16 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update from Mold Town Council with regard to the Dementia Friendly Awareness session and to consider the resolution Min No: 133/16. It was RECOMMENDED that if individual members wish to volunteer for the group that they should contact the Clerk directly.
- (b) An update from County members with regard to the CCBC Car Parking Strategy was NOTED as no resolution has been passed by the County Council to date.
- (c) An update from CCBC with regard to an email received from Cllr Dave Cowans in response to an open letter from a local resident at the last meeting Min No: 255/16 (f) was NOTED
- (d) An email update with regard to the proposal to merger Local Justice Areas in Wales Min No: 256/16 was NOTED

- (e) A copy of letters of objection from a local resident with regard to Planning application number 0/42148 were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Council will support the residents with any future Resolutions.

393/16 **Correspondence**

- the following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:
- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2016
 - (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
 - (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 12th November to the 24th November 2016
 - (d) A letter from CCBC with regard to current consultations
 - (e) An email from Cllr Wood with regard to Town Council business for 2017, together with a response from CCBC with regard to the Abergele Placeplan was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an overview of the procedure that has been followed in previous years following an election, and suggested that the matter of priorities is deferred until after the next election and public consultation has taken place. The Clerk also confirmed that projects cannot be delegated to individual Councillors and must be carried out through a Committee or officers. It was NOTED that many of the items raised will fall under the forthcoming Abergele Placeplan.
 - (f) An email from Cllr Wood with thanks for the organisation of the Remembrance Sunday event was NOTED and a vote of thanks to the Clerk and her team was NOTED from the Council, with a special thanks to the apprentice for all her hard work. A matter regarding the amount of work that the event was adding to the Office work load was raised and it was RECOMMENDED that the matter is discussed at the forthcoming Events committee meeting.
 - (g) An email from Welsh Government with regard to Electoral reviews, Policy and practice. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Local Government Sub Committee**
 - (h) An email from OVW with regard to the Future Generations
 - (i) An email from the Urdd Eisteddfod with regard to Anglesey National Eisteddfod. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the next Grants or Policy & Finance meeting together with the date for when the funding is required.**
 - (j) An emailed letter from a local resident with regard to Planning application number 0/42975 was NOTED

Cllr T Rowlands arrived at this juncture

- (k) An email from Conwy Voluntary Access Group with details of their meeting on the 15th November was RECEIVED. The Council representative was not present to provide an update.
- (l) An email from WG via OVW with regard to a consultation on the Draft account and Audit Wales Regulations 2016 was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee
- (m) An email from Cllr Wood to the County Council regarding the provision of toilets at Pentre Mawr Park was NOTED as RECEIVED with item 393/16 (e) above.

394/16 **Request from the Mayor**

A request from the Mayor Cllr John MacLennan for the Town or County Council to fund an additional CCTV camera, in the Pensarn area, or to relocate a camera to

the area, to reassure the public following a recent incident and an update from CCTV with regard to the cost of a camera was RECEIVED. Cllr MacLennan suggested that the camera is located at the top of Sea Road. It was NOTED that the camera near the Yacht was not effective, and should include the Pensarn shops. It was RECOMMENDED that a PCSO is requested to discuss the matter with members and for the Town Council to pursue funds from the Police & Crime Commissioners fund, Go Safe or the Wind Farm. **It was RESOLVED to include £5000 in the Estimates as a provision towards the grant funding and FURTHER RESOLVED to make an application to the NW Police Anti-social behaviour group to request that the camera is relocated. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to forward the matter to the Parks & Street Scene Committee for further consideration.**

395/16 **Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillor was RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) A request for any members who may be able to offer any information on flooding in St George Road
- (b) Any information with regard to nappy collections as members of the public have reported to County Councillors that this is not getting carried out on a regular basis.
- (c) Revenue Budget will be considered on Monday, with cuts in Education and Social Services.

396/16 **Minutes**

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

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 20th October 2016
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 20th October 2016
- (c) Parks & Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 12th September 2016
- (d) Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee held on the 14th March 2016
- (e) Events Sub Committee held on the 28th July 2016
- (f) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 26th September 2016

397/16 **Documents for information**

- The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Play for Wales
- (b) Christmas jumper day for Save the children

Meeting closed at 8:25pm

Signed
(Chairman)