

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

514/16. **Attendance Register**

Deputy Mayor, Cllr D MacRae (Chair)

Cllrs: M Bond; S. Jones-Roberts; A Hunter (19:30); C MacRae; R M Medlicott; B C Roberts; R G Waters;

Clerk, Mrs Mandy Evans (19:35), Deputy Clerk; Mrs L Whalley.

Member of the public

515/16. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M Bird; Mayor J MacLennan; G Maddison; D Meredith; S Rowlands; T Rowlands; A Wood

516/16. **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

*18:50 Standing Orders were suspended*

517/16. **Visitor to the Council**

The Chair welcomed Sharon Jones, Business Partnership Director, from Creative Enterprise to the meeting. Ms Jones gave a presentation to highlight the services provided by the Creative Enterprise team which is a social enterprise designed to tackle social need.

Creative Enterprise is a subsidiary of Cartrefi Conwy but is classed as a Property Maintenance Company. It operates like a business with a view to mentoring and training unemployed tenants to help them back into regular employment. They work in the Domestic, Commercial and Local Authority sectors offering services such as void property clearing, painting and decorating, fencing, window and gutter cleaning, garden clearance and plumbing. Currently Creative Enterprise have contracts with several employers in the area.

Recruits are given a 12mth contract to learn new skills and disciplines, they are then given support and help to find meaningful employment.

The Chair thanked Ms Jones for her attendance.

*19:15 Standing Orders were reinstated*

518/16. **Announcements from the Mayor**

(a) A letter of resignation of Cllr Judy Hudson was **RECEIVED**. It was NOTED that a letter thanks and well wishes has been sent

(b) The passing of former Abergele Urban District Councillor Mrs Marian Lyons was **NOTED** – it was NOTED that a letter of condolence has been sent to the family.

519/16.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 was **RECEIVED, APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a correct record

520/16.

**Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for February 2017 was NOTED
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees was **RECEIVED**
- (c) E-mails from CVSC and OVW mail from 13<sup>th</sup> January to the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were **NOTED**

*19:30 Cllr Alan Hunter arrived at this juncture*

- (d) The Minutes from the last meeting of the Conwy Voluntary Access group were **RECEIVED** and the vacancy as the Town Council representative on the group was considered. There were no volunteers at this meeting.

*19:35 Mrs Mandy Evans Clerk arrived at this juncture*

- (e) The Agenda for the Community & Town Council forum meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in Bodlondeb was RECEIVED. The meeting referred to the Placeplans as being led by the Town and Community Councils however as the Place plan for Abergele was a pilot scheme the Town Council had not led the project to this point. **The Clerk's notes from the meeting were RECEIVED.** The ATC representatives for this meeting are Cllrs Maddison and Wood.
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to the Abergele Place Plan was **RECEIVED.** Abergele Town Council is to take the lead in executing the plan and seeing it to its fruition. **A vote of thanks** was proposed for the Clerk's diligence in researching and engaging with relevant parties to protect the Council's interests in the Plan's objectives and to ensure that the Council would have a significant lead role in its execution.
- (g) An email from CCBC with a request for a meeting between relevant parties to discuss a matter in Pensarn regarding the waste/recycling was **RECEIVED.** Cllr Alan Hunter had previously agreed to attend the meeting as ward member.
- (h) An email from WG via OVW with regard to a Consultation into the Trade Union (Wales) Bill was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**
- (i) An email from ERF with regard to the removal of a tree in St David's Road was **NOTED. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk establishes why the whole tree was not removed.**
- (j) An email from Gwynedd Pension fund with regard to Draft Fund's Draft Strategy Statement was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**
- (k) An email from Gwynedd Pension fund with reference to a change in legislation with regard to Investment Strategy was **NOTED**
- (l) A survey from Welsh Government on Town & Community Councils was **DEFERRED** to Local Government Sub-Committee
- (m) The Agenda for the next meeting of One Voice Wales was **NOTED**
- (n) A letter from CCBC with regard to a Planning appeal for Bryn Coed was **NOTED** and supported by the Council.

- (o) The subscription renewal for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to the SLCC was considered and **APPROVED**.
- (p) An email from One Voice Wales with regard to the Innovative Practice National Awards 2017 was **NOTED**
- (q) An email from Cllr Jones-Roberts with regard to overgrown brambles on Llanfair Road – forwarded directly to ERF- was **NOTED** as having been completed.

521/16. **Request from the Mayor**

A request from the Mayor for the Town Council to fund a community skip on the Maes Canol Estate and in the Gele Ward at £185 plus VAT each was **RECEIVED**. Members present considered that as there are numerous facilities available to the public for waste disposal and recycling, there is no necessity for the Council to provide community skips. It was **NOTED** that the skip in Maes Canol has been ordered and was funded from the Mayor's allowance. However, a request was made for the Mayor to consider a skip for the Pensarn Ward on a future occasion after the current waste issues have been resolved, since the recycling bins behind The Original Factory Clearance Shop have been removed.

522/16. **Housekeeping**

A request for the CCTV & Crime Prevention Sub Committee to be re-established was **DEFERRED** to the next municipal year when sub-committees and their membership are considered.

523/16. **Clerks Notes**

A copy of the recent meeting notes from the following meetings attended by the Clerk:

- (a) Placeplan Community meeting **NOTED**
- (b) Remuneration Panel meeting **NOTED**

524/16. **Election Open Event**

- (a) The date for the event to engage with public to raise awareness of the forthcoming elections is set as Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon. Members were requested to attend to provide an overview of the role of a Council.
- (b) A quote for the printing and distribution of the flyer (previously approved under Min No: 340/16 (f) was **RECEIVED, CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED**

525/16. **Update from County Councillors**

The following report(s) were received:

- i) There is an issue with access for the residents at Pen-y-Banc
- ii) The Bryn Awel planning appeal has been withdrawn

526/16. **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were **RECEIVED**:
  - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016
  - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016
  - (c) Local Government Sub Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016
  - (d) Parks & Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

527/16. Letter of thanks  
(a) Hope House

Meeting Closed at 20:00

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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