

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

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

313/16 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae;  
D.A. MacRae (Chairman); R.M. Medicott;  
G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands (arrived at 8:15pm); R.G. Waters;  
A. Wood;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

314/16 **Chairman**

**In the absence of the Mayor it was RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor Cllr Delyth MacRae would be Chairman for this meeting**

315/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; M. Bond; D. Hancock; D. Meredith; T. Rowlands;

316/16 **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

317/16 **Announcements from the Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor congratulated Cllr Alan Hunter on his recent appointment as County Councillor for the Pensarn ward.

318/16 **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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with one amendment to Min No: 253/16 to include 'Ysbyty' Glan Clwyd.**

319/16 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) A summary from the Deputy Clerk from the recent Dementia Friendly Awareness session and to consider the resolution Min No: 133/16 was RECEIVED. Members requested more information regarding what a volunteer would be expected to undertake if they joined the Steering group. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts other Dementia friendly Town Clerks to gain further information.**
- (b) (i) A summary from the Deputy Clerk from the recent meeting with the Fields in Trust representative and to consider how the Council would like to proceed was debated. **It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC Lyn Davies and Andrew Wilkinson to request that they reconsider Pentre Mawr Park having Field in Trust Status.**  
(ii) A copy of the Conveyance Parc Gele was RECEIVED
- (c) An update from County members with regard to the CCBC Car Parking Strategy was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

- (d) A 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 RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request figures for all of the development sites for the December meeting and FURTHER RESOLVED to request the figure of Capital receipts that the County will obtain from the developments.**
- (e) An update from the GPO and Pensarn Ward members with regard to the relocation of the Post Office. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr Taylor from the Post Office regarding the length of time that the Post Office has now been closed in the Pensarn area.**
- (f) An email update with regard to the proposal to merger Local Justice Areas in Wales Min No: 256/16 was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request the area that the Llandudno Court will be required to serve.**
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to the summer play schemes. **It was RESOLVED to request that the Officer attends a future meeting of the Council to present to members.**  
A budget figure for the 2017/18 Estimates for the Play Scheme was APPROVED.

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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 2016
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 14<sup>th</sup> October to the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- (d) A copy of the Agenda from the recent meeting of the NMWALC
- (e) A copy of an email from Welsh Government via OVW with regard to a consultation on the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales. **It was RESOLVED to defer to the Local Government Sub Committee.**
- (f) An email from OVW with regard to the developments for the community & Town Council sector in Wales. The Clerk raised a matter with regard to point 8 on the email and requested if members would consider holding an event in the New Year to invite the public to discuss the role of a Councillor in advance of the election in May 2017. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk is delegated the task of creating and distributing a flyer and FURTHER RESOLVED that the event is held in January/February with members and the public to increase diversity.**
- (g) An email from Conwy Access with regard to their recent meeting and an update from the Town Council representative
- (h) An email from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner regarding a consultation on policing priorities. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to individual members should they wish to respond.**
- (i) An email from Age connect North Wales Central regarding their Hubhub Forum meetings
- (j) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure for the Annual Fireworks. Members gave a vote of thanks to the Rotary for their hard work in organising the event.
- (k) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure for the Remembrance Sunday parade
- (l) An email from OVW with a list of courses for November. Any members wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

- (m) A copy of letters of objection from a local resident with regard to Planning application number 0/42148
- (n) An email from CCBC Biodiversity Officer with regard to wildflowers for Pentre Mawr Park NOTED
- (o) An email from OVW with regard to their annual report
- (p) A letter from the Town Council's Auditor regarding the issuing of their invoice
- (q) A letter from St. Kentigern Hospice with regard to their five year Strategy
- (r) A letter with a request for support from the Abergele Stroke Club was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward a grant form to the group for completion and to offer the Pensarn planters outside the shops for their display.**
- (s) A letter from Darren Millar AM regarding Flood Risk at Lon y Llyn. Cllr Hunter visited the area and discussed the matter with the residents and was informed that there had not been a flood in the area in at least the last 16 years. **It was RESOLVED to thank Mr Millar for his letter but to inform him that the Town Council are unable to fund the clearance and RECOMMEND that he contacts NRA to enquire if they are able to assist.**
- (t) An email from North Wales Police with a request for the St George member to attend an EVA. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr D MacRae and Cllr. Wood would join NWP on the EVA.**
- (u) An email from Romaniarts regarding a forthcoming event was NOTED
- (v) An email from Gwynedd Pension with regard to their Valuation Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- (w) A letter from a local resident with regard to the provision of toilets in Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED. The Council were informed that the Abergele District Action Group are liaising with the Rugby Club to discuss access to the Rugby Club toilets. **It was RESOLVED to invite the Rugby Club to a future meeting to discuss the matter. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to write to the resident to inform him that the Council share his concern and are looking into the matter.**

*Cllr S Rowlands arrived at this juncture*

- (x) An email from CCBC with regard to Active Travel Routes was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Parks and Street Scene Committee for consideration.**
- (y) An email from Radio Glan Clwyd with a request for a donation. **It was RESOLVED to donate £20 to the cause.**

341/16 **Request from the Mayor**

A request from the Mayor Cllr John MacLennan for the Town Council 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. It was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk requests a cost from CCBC for the relocation for CONSIDERATION.

**As Cllr MacLennan was not present at the meeting it was RESOLVED to DEFER the matter to the next meeting for clarification on the camera and location.**

342/16 **Lighting up of the War Memorials to Commemorate the Battle of the Somme**

A quotation from GWP for the installation of the red light filters at the War Memorials, approved at last General Purpose and Planning Committee and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor due the short time scale to proceed was RECEIVED,

CONSIDERED and APPROVED. Funding from the War Memorial Budget (W M (LAP) Act 1923).

**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.**

343/16 **Draft Minutes**

Draft Minutes from the following Committees with recommendations for approval were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED as follows:

- (a) Staffing Sub Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 –
  - (i) Recommendation Min No: 269/16 was APPROVED (b)
  - (ii) Recommendation Min No: 271/16 was AMENDED from £50 to £30

344/16 **Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) The Welsh Government has informed the County Council of their settlement for 2017/18, 70% of the Revenue Support grant will be received. The Council were 6th in the ranking of Councils, a 5% increase will still be added to residents Council Tax for the forthcoming year due to the cost of Social Services.
- (b) The County Council are to increase the charges for extra waste
- (c) The new offices in Colwyn Bay will incorporate current Mochdre offices, Civic offices, Dinerth Road and funded through Capital receipts and borrowing.

345/16 **Minutes**

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

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- (c) Parks & Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- (d) Staffing Sub Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

346/16 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- (a) Greenfingers Landscapes
- (b) St Kentigern
- (c) Shelter Cymru

347/16 **Letters of thanks**

The following letter of thanks was RECEIVED:

- (a) Local resident

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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