

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council were held on Thursday 5th January 2017 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

439/16 **Attendance Register**

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

440/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bond; J Hudson; D. Meredith;

441/16 **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).

Declaration of interest was received from:
Cllr S Rowlands Min No: 446/16 (h)

442/16 **Presentation by the Mayor**

The Chairman welcomed Ann Pritchard and Janet Williams to the meeting who were representing Ty Gobaith. Mrs Pritchard was presented with a cheque for £830 on behalf of the Town Council, as funds raised at the recent Christmas Concert.

443/16 **Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor informed members of the following local news:

- a) Mrs Betty Jones (Aunty Betty) former member of staff at Emrys ap Iwan, wife of Barry Jones Remembrance Day Parade Marshall and daughter of the local Blacksmith has sadly passed away.
- b) A former local member of Staff from CCBC has had a stroke, the Council wish her well.

Raymond Barclay, previous Chairman of Denbighshire County Council, and member of Denbigh Town Council has passed away. It was NOTED that the funeral will be held on the 18th January 2017.

It was RESOLVED to write a letter of condolence to the family.

444/16 **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 1st December 2016 with one amendment to note that Min No: 394/16 should read the 'bottom' of Sea Road.

445/16 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) Copies of letters of objection from a local resident with regard to Planning application number 0/42148 were RECEIVED. The Mayor informed members that he had been to visit the residents and would like to arrange a

meeting with County members in the first instance to discuss how the matter can be raised in CCBC and to update ATC thereafter.

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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 2017
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 9th December to the 16th December 2016
- (d) An email from CCBC with regard to 20 mile per hour speed limit at the Abergele Schools was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to support the proposal.**
- (e) An email from OVW with regard to a forthcoming National Development Framework meeting on the 7th February in the Conwy Business Centre – 2 representatives may attend. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr MacLennan, Cllr Waters and the Clerk agreed would attend.**
- (f) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance 2017 was NOTED
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to National Development Framework was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER for feedback from the event on Min No: 446/16 (e)**
- (h) A letter from HSBC with regard to the closure of the local branch. The Deputy Mayor informed members that she had met with the Regional Manager before Christmas and was informed that the footfall to the branch had reduced by 80% in the last 4 years. It is hoped that the Post Office will open a Banking Counter in the branch for the public. **It was RESOLVED to write to the bank to inform them that the Council are disappointed that they are closing the branch.**

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Draft Minutes

The Draft Minutes from the following Meetings were RECEIVED:

- (a) Estimates Committee held on the 13th December 2016

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Matters arising on those Minutes

- (i) Recommendations made by the Estimates Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2017/18 were CONSIDERED and amendments to the following were RECOMMENDED:

North & Mid Wales Association	from	£0	to	£75
Training / Other	from	£800	to	£500
Section 137 Grants	from	£16,000	to	£10,000

Members CONSIDERED the fees and charges for 2017/18 and it was RESOLVED not to increase the fees for forthcoming year and to continue to include refreshments as part of the hire. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE the Draft Budget as RECEIVED with the amendments above.

- (ii) A report from the Clerk with regard to Capital borrowing was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED with Min No: 488/16 (i) above. **It was RESOLVED not to borrow funds for this forthcoming year and to fund directly from the Councils budget.**

(iii) The Annual Estimates for 2017/18, the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC was CONSIDERED. As it was not possible to avoid raising the Precept in this forthcoming year, due to the reduced level of Reserves, it was PROPOSED and SECONDED and APPROVED to increase the precept to £46.26.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2017/18 and the level of precept agreed by the Ordinary Committee, with a vote of 8 for and 4 against, for submission to CCBC, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Financial Plan & Annual Estimates.

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Housekeeping

The schedule of meetings for 2017/18 and to note the meetings changes to the normal meeting schedule were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to amend the Ordinary meeting in May to the 2nd May due to the forthcoming election and the 21st December to the 14th December 2017.**

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Update from County Councillors

- Verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED as follows:
 - (a) It was NOTED that there were problems with the bin collection over Christmas

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- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:
 - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 17th November 2016
 - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 17th November 2016
 - (c) Parks & Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 31st October 2016
 - (d) Local Government Sub Committee held on the 19th September 2016
 - (e) Events Sub Committee held on the 17th October 2016
 - (f) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 4th November 2016
 - (g) Estimates Committee held on the 30th November 2015

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

Signed
(Chairman)