

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

250/16 **Attendance Register**

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

251/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith;

252/16 **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

253/16 **Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor informed members that the body of a local man had been discovered on Llanddulas beach. The Rev. Wayne Roberts of Abergele was a Chaplain at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. **It was RESOLVED to forward a message of condolence to his family.**

254/16 **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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

255/16 **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) County members informed members that the meeting has not yet taken place with regard to the CCBC Car Parking Strategy and that the item was deferred to the next meeting
- (b) An update from County members with regard to the installation of a dog waste bin at High Street/Tower Way was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting of the Parks and Street Scene Committee for an update on the location of the current bins to be discussed.**
- (c) An update from the Clerk following an email received at the last meeting from a local resident with regard to path maintenance was RECEIVED as follows:
  - (i) Date of the next cut – the Clerk informed members that the cut was now considered to be complete by CCBC
  - (ii) Employing a contractor to cut grass and areas – the Clerk requested further information with regard to the areas that were to be considered. It was CONFIRMED as Footpath 10, 19 and Ffordd Dwr.
  - (iii) A copy of an email to a local resident from CCBC was RECEIVED.

- (e) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Working with young people/student representatives was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Welsh Government for confirmation of the requirements and thereafter liaise with the Local Secondary School.**
- (f) 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. **It was RESOLVED to request further information regarding the figures and the amount of levy expected.**
- (g) A update from CCBC with reference to a letter from the Planning Inspectorate regarding an application by SP Manweb was NOTED
- (h) An update from CCBC with regard to an email and letter from a local resident with reference to the Zebra crossing near Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that County members are awaiting a meeting with the Officers.
- (i) An update from the Pensarn Ward members with regard to the relocation of the Post Office was RECEIVED
- (j) An update from Darren Millar AM with regard to Noise Mitigation on the A55 was RECEIVED.
- (k) An email update from CCBC with regard to the request for a mini roundabout at Kinmel Avenue was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that white lines have been repainted at the junction of Kinmel Avenue.

256/16 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for October 2016
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from 9<sup>th</sup> September to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- (d) An email letter from CCBC with regard to their recent consultations
- (e) An update from CCBC with regard to the summer play schemes. The Clerk informed members that further information had been received today and would be added to the next Agenda. **It was RESOLVED to enquire if CCBC are doing anything independently of CVSC and FURTHER RESOLVED to defer the matter to the next meeting.**
- (f) An email from CVSC with regard to North Wales Police and Crime panel was RECEIVED
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to a proposal to merge Local Justice Areas in Wales. Members of the Council requested confirmation of where the local area justice will be located.
- (h) An email from OVW with regard to Assets of Community Value Questionnaire was NOTED
- (i) An email from Wales and West Housing with an invitation to members to attend the official opening of the new housing known as Llys Jenkin was RECEIVED. The Clerk NOTED that the Mayor Cllr. John MacLennan, Deputy Mayor Cllr Delyth MacRae, and Cllrs: B C Roberts, Hunter, Waters, Hudson, Jones-Roberts and Wood informed that they will be attending.
- (j) A letter from Riossy-en-brie with regard to an Twinning event was NOTED
- (k) The subscription renewal for Fields in Trust was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED
- (l) A letter from CCBC with regard to Council Tax was NOTED
- (m) An update from County members following the recent Abergele Place Making Plan meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was RECEIVED. County

members informed the Council that there will be a further consultation on the 20 & 21 October to inform the public of the responses from the last consultation. The next meeting of the board is to be held in the near future.

257/16 **Draft Minutes**

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

- (a) Draft Minutes from the Staffing Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Recommendation Min No: 196/16 (b), (c) Lone Working Policy added to dropbox, and (e) were APPROVED.
- (b) Draft Minutes from the Parks and Street Scene Sub Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Recommendation Min No: 201/16 (c) and (d) were APPROVED
- (c) Draft Minutes from the Police Liaison Sub Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Recommendation Min No: 206/16 section 2 f) iii was CONSIDERED. The Clerk informed members that the matter is currently considered as part of the Parks and Street Scene Committee and that the most recent instruction is for a quote for a slab to be attached to the bottom of the columns in that area. It was RECOMMENDED that the matter is resolved before the end of this financial year.

258/16 **Annual Accounts 2015/16**

- (a) A copy of a letter from BDO regarding the 2015/16 Audit was RECEIVED. The Clerk was congratulated for the unqualified audit.
- (b) A copy of the signed Annual Return was RECEIVED.

259/16 **Housekeeping**

- (a) An email response to a request from the Mayor for the Clerk to have delegated powers to be able to authorise services was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED with minor amendments to the following points
  - (i) Finance emergency expenditure increased from £3k to £5k
  - (ii) To remove the authorise expenditure on works up to a maximum of £2k
- (b) The Special Leave Policy approved by the Staffing Committee Min No: 394/14 was APPROVED.
- (c) The Draft Financial Regulations approved by the Local Government Sub Committee Min No: 230/16 was APPROVED.

**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.**

260/16 **Leave of absence**

A report from the Clerk with regard to a Leave of Absence request from Cllr D Meredith was APPROVED.

261/16 **Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) The County Council's Audit Committee have signed off the Annual Accounts at their Principal Scrutiny Committee

- (b) A55 improvements will be carried out by Welsh Government costing £35m and will be mainly in the Abergele area
- (c) There is to be a £7m jobs boost into the Abergele area
- (d) Cllr S Rowlands will forward a report to share with ATC members regarding £4m saving made by CCBC
- (e) Disappointing report by Estyn regarding GWE and Conwy Schools, with two secondary and one primary schools in special measures
- (f) Abergele schools are doing well in the foundation and KS2 phases
- (g) Temporary parking restrictions to be implemented on Ffordd y Morfa
- (h) The national living wage is having an impact on Social services budgets.

262/16 **Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED.
  - (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016
  - (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

263/16 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) CVSC News
- (b) Hags
- (c) Glasdon
- (d) Conwy County Sea Cadets
- (e) Twinning Association
- (f) Cats Protection
- (g) Abergele Place making plan meeting

264/16 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- (a) Abergele Golf Club
- (b) Abergele Field Club

Meeting Closed at 8:15pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)