

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7th July 2016 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

112/16. **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;
Cllrs: J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae;
B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

113/16. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D Hancock; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; S Rowlands;
G. Maddison

114/16. **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). The following interests were declared:

Cllr Hudson Min No: 119/16

Cllr Waters Min No: 120/16 (a)

115/16. **Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor announced the sad news that Tudor Jones, former Solicitor of Abergele had passed away. The Mayor paid tribute to Mr Jones' service to the community over the decades. The Mayor also paid tribute to Jo Cox MP who was tragically killed last week.

It was proposed that letters of condolence be sent to both families.

116/16. **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 9th June 2016

117/16. **Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

(a) An email from a local resident with regard to the proposed waiting times at the Library Car park was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to advise the resident to contact CCBC**

(b) An update from CCBC with regard to Public Wi-Fi was NOTED

118/16. **Correspondence**

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

(a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for July 2016 was **NOTED**

(b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were **NOTED** with the exception of the Executive Meeting which was queried as to its necessity in August as it is likely to be inquorate

(c) CVSC and OVW mail from 18th June to the 1st July 2016

- (d) A letter from Ysgol Llansansior/St George with a request for a donation to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the School. **It was RESOLVED to grant £250 to the school**
- (e) An email from HomeInstead with regard to the next meeting of the Abergele Dementia Friendly Community Steering group was NOTED
- (f) An email from Conwy Community Transport partnership with a strategy was NOTED
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to Rail Task Force Prospectus for improved rail services in North Wales was NOTED
- (h) A letter from CCBC regarding VAT on Bus Shelter Scheme was **Deferred to the Policy & Finance Committee**
- (i) A copy of the Agenda for the forthcoming Annual Meeting and Quarterly Meetings of NAMWALC on Friday 15th July was **RECEIVED**

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.

119/16. **Quotations**

- (i) To receive and consider quotations from local Landscapers for maintenance of planters in the Pensarn and St George areas (Deferred from last meeting):
 - (a) Abergele Landscapes
 - (b) Meirion Jones Landscapes
 - (c) Coastal Landscapes
 - (d) MarkOne /Hebsta

The Abergele District Action Group has received an offer of voluntary help to maintain the Pensarn planters for this season. No response was received for clarification on one of the quotes. **It was RESOLVED to defer the project for this year and reconsider for 2017**

120/16. **Grants**

The audited accounts for the Abergele Carnival Association were RECEIVED and it was APPROVED to release the grant cheque, previously approved under (min no 403/15)

121/16. **Town Council Housekeeping**

Following recent difficulties with forthcoming meetings, the Clerk is recommending that the summoned meetings for 2017/18 (after the election) are moved from the regular Thursday to a regular Wednesday in order not to clash with any other events that take place on a regular Thursday evening. (Deferred from last meeting as a number of members were not present at the meeting)
It was RESOLVED to retain Thursday night as the Council's meeting night.

122/16. **Update from County Councillors**

Verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED as follows:

- i) GwE has received an unfavourable Estyn report for North Wales schools in general but Conwy County Council continues to strive to make improvements on Education Services and is beginning to see more positive results.
- ii) A new Head of Education has been appointed at CCBC.
- iii) The new office accommodation in Colwyn Bay is nearing completion and will accommodate all departments of CCBC in a modern facility designed to make operations much more efficient. A hotel is planned for the Civic Centre.

123/16. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED

- (a) General Purpose & Planning Committee held on the 19th May 2016
- (b) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 19th May 2016

124/16. **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) Ombudsman Annual Report
- b) NHS – Screening for Life

125/16. **Letters of Thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED:

- a) Abergele Action Group
- b) SSAFA
- c) NW Magic Circle

Meeting Closed: 19.40

Signed:.....
(Chairman)