

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council, was held on Thursday 11th May, 2017 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 1/17 **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

- The retiring Mayor, Mr John MacLennan welcomed Past Mayors; Distinguished Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen; and his Fellow Members to the meeting. The Opening Prayer in Welsh and English was offered by Y Parchedig/Rev. Glyn Thomas.

### 2/17 **Attendance Register**

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

### 3/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: D Armstrong, A Wood

### 4/17 **Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 (which were approved and signed at the following Ordinary Meeting of the Council) was RECEIVED.

### 5/17 **It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the following Policies APPROVED by the Town Council during 2016/17 be ADOPTED**

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|---------------------------|---------|------------|
| a) Code of Conduct 2016   | Min No: | 61/16      |
| b) Special Leave Policy   | Min No: | 259/16 (b) |
| c) Financial Regulations  | Min No: | 259/16 (c) |
| d) Disciplinary Procedure | Min No: | 682/16 (b) |
| e) Standing Orders        | Min No: | 679/16     |

6/17 It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that a copy of 2016/17 Inventory of Contents for Abergele Town Council (Correspondence file) was RECEIVED

### 7/17 **Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The retiring Mayor John MacLennan provided an overview of the activities and events that he and the Mayoress had attended over the last year, which included many of the Queens Jubilee events, the 150 Commemoration of St George School, Magic Circle, many coffee mornings and Christmas visits. The retiring Mayor wished Councillors well, and felt that their work was not recognised enough and requested that they ensure that democracy continues. Mr MacLennan also requested that members support the Clerk and thanked Mandy, Lorraine, Becky and Tina for all their hard work. Mr MacLennan lastly, passed on his good wishes the Mayor Elect for her forthcoming year and informed members that he was resigning from the Town Council after 24 years of service and three installations as Mayor of Abergele.

#### **8/17 Election of Town Mayor for the year 2017/18**

- The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2017/18. The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Delyth MacRae, was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr R G Waters, who provided a brief overview of the long linear in the Town that Cllr MacRae holds and was then seconded by Cllr. M Bird.

**There being no further nominations, Cllr. Delyth MacRae indicated her willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect her as Town Mayor for 2017/18.**

#### **9/17 Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. MacRae with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. MacRae read aloud in Welsh and English and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was then countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The new Mayor then took the Chair and invested the retiring Mayor with a Past Mayor's medallion, and thanked the Mayoress in her absence on behalf of the Council. Cllr MacRae then gave thanks to the Retiring Mayor for all his hard work as he was also retiring from the Town Council this evening. Cllr MacRae informed members that Mr MacLennan had been a member of the Council for 24 years

#### **10/17 Address by the New Mayor**

The Mayor thanked her fellow members for the confidence placed in her and provided a few words, stating that she was proud to be a part of one of the best Councils in North Wales. Cllr MacRae informed members that her ancestor Cllr Robert Roberts had been a part of the creation of the Council between 1917 and 1919. She is looking forward to working with fellow members on the Abergele Placeplan. Cllr MacRae will be supporting two charities during her Mayoral year, the Charity of Robert Roberts and Glan Clwyd breast cancer unit. She then stated that she is proud to be the first citizen of the Town and will endeavour to carry out the role with dignity. Cllr MacRae then thanked her husband Chris for all his support and she then indicated that her friend, Mrs Mandy Evans, had kindly agreed to act as Mayoress.

The Clerk brought Mrs Evans forward from her seat on the Rostrum and she was duly invested with the Ensignia of Office.

#### **11/17 Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2017/18**

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2017/18. Cllr. Mike Bird was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. S Jones-Roberts and this was SECONDED by Cllr. B C Roberts.

**There being no further nominations, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Bird as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.**

#### **12/17 Installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. Bird came forward from his seat on the floor of the chamber and he was invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office. He then read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper

Officer of the Council.

Cllr. Bird thanked the Mayor and his fellow Members for the confidence placed in him and indicated that his wife, Anthea had kindly agreed to act as Deputy Mayoress. As Anthea was unable to attend this evening Cllr Bird accepted the Ensignia of Office on her behalf.

**13/17 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

**- It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.**

**14/17 Appointment of Committees**

**- It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to confirm continued delegation of full decision making powers to the two Standing Committees of the Council:**

- a. General Purposes and Planning Committee
- b. Policy and Finance Committee

The election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each of these Committees will take place at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders was NOTED.

**15/16 Conclusion of Meeting, to be followed by photographs**

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending, and invited guests to join members for refreshments.

Meeting closed at 7:15pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)