

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau 1 Chwefror 2018 am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

582/17. **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Clrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams;

A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medlicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts;

S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

Member of the public

583/17. **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**

None

584/17. **Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology**

None

585/17. **Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan **bodolaeth a natur** unrhyw fantais personol (gan ddefnyddio'r ffurflen a ddarperir ar gyfer y pwrpas hwnnw).

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

586/17. **Visitor to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Darren Millar AM to the meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended:

Mr Millar opened his address by highlighting the common ground between himself and the Council which is to represent the communities they serve to the best of one's ability. He noted the joint successes of himself as AM and ATC on issues such as Abergele Hospital, Flood Defences and the Playing Fields. The main current issue affecting opinion is that of the waste collections moving from 3 to 4 weekly intervals. Mr Millar is aware of problems arising from this change and that ATC representatives have been vocal in their opposition to the changes.

Mr Millar expressed concern over recent statistics concerning death rates in A&E at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd but was encouraged by reports of extra funding being made available to clear backlogs on surgical procedures. He continues to keep a watchful eye Health Services in the North Wales area.

Good news emerged regarding Ysgol Glan Gele maintaining its green status and that Abergele was being considered as a transport hub as part of a UK/WG/LA growth deal for

North Wales. The noise mitigation measures on the A55 are currently being installed but the temporary traffic restriction on Sea Road Bridge was now a source of frustration. Mr Millar promised to keep the pressure on WG to bring the bridge up to standard.

In recent weeks it has been brought to Mr Millar's attention that footpath 7 from Lon Heledd to Tan-y-Gopa is in need of substantial maintenance as access is becoming challenging. CCBC have not adopted this path and Mr Millar suggested that ATC consider supporting some kind of basic maintenance to keep the path accessible.

Members of the Town Council enquired with Mr Millar regarding disparities in funding between North & South Wales and Rural & Urban communities. It was suggested that the disparities exist because the WLGA formula is in need of review.

Mr Millar thanked the Council for his invite and the Clerk and staff for their support.

Standing orders were reinstated.

It was RECOMMENDED that path clearance is added to a future agenda.

587/17. Announcements by the Mayor

- (a) The Mayor welcomed a member of the Conwy Standards Committee to the meeting who was present to observe the proceedings of the evening
- (b) The Mayor informed Members that the internal Auditor had commented on the efficiency of the Town Council's finance systems and that the Clerk should be congratulated for due diligence. A vote of thanks was made to the Clerk.
- (c) An Appeals Committee has been set up for the forthcoming National Eisteddfod in Llanrwst. Members were invited to attend the meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30pm at the Departure Lounge, Abergele.

588/17. Cofnodion - Minutes

Derbyn, cymeradwyo ac arwyddo fel yn gywir gofnodion y cyfarfodydd canlynol. The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 4 Ionawr/January 2018 were RECEIVED, APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

589/17. Housekeeping

- a) It was CONFIRMED that all members have an obligation to attend all required meetings as part of their duty as a Councillor. Apologies for absence must be submitted prior to the meeting to the Clerk either by telephone, email or through the administration office, not through a third party. Members queried the third-party rule and the matter was DEFERRED to allow the Clerk to provide further information regarding this point.
- b) Members who fail to attend meetings without a resolution by the Council for absence for a period of six months will be disqualified as Councillor without exception. This is not a Town Council rule but set out by the Welsh Government. Members who are aware that they will not be able to attend due to ill health or other mitigating circumstances must in the first instance inform the Clerk who will provide to members a report for a resolution to be passed was RECEIVED.

590/17. Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:

It was AGREED that Agenda item 9 a, b and c is deferred to the end of the meeting

591/17. Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

- DERBYN ac YSTYRIED yr eitemau gohebiaeth canlynol/ The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Chwerfor/February 2018
NOTED
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were NOTED
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from the 13th January to the 26th January 2018 were NOTED
- (d) A copy of a protocol and report for a recent CCBC Agenda item with regard to the Standards Committee and T&CC's was NOTED
- (e) An email from the Future Generations Commissioner with regard to a framework for projects was DEFERRED to the Executive Committee
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on the A55, diverted along the A547 was NOTED
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to Tackle Crime and poor performance in the waste sector was DEFERRED to Local Government Sub Committee. **It was RESOLVED to write to Welsh Government to request that they legislate against the production of waste by business which County Councils have to dispose of at a cost to the taxpayers.**
- (h) An email from Cllr Dr Mark Baker with regard to the closure of a local Abergele Jewellers was NOTED. Members expressed their concern at losing another business in the town.
- (i) An email from OVW with the Legal Guidance regarding the changes to the General Data Protection Regulations commencing in May 2018 was NOTED. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk requested to attend specific training and will report back thereafter. The training at a cost of £95 per delegate was APPROVED from the Staff Training budget.
- (j) An email from a local resident with regard to changes in bin collections was RECEIVED. Members debated the issue and expressed concern with regard to the process. County Cllrs have written to the Chairman of CCBC requesting a meeting to discuss where elements have not been considered including incidences of fly-tipping and disposal of waste in kerbside bins is increasing. The matter was DEFERRED to the next GP&P for an update.
- (k) An email from CCBC with regard to the naming of the Cae Eithin streets was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The proposed street names were not considered to be the most appropriate for the location and surrounding area.
It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the following names:
 - i. **Ffynnon y Dwr**
 - ii. **Gwrych**
 - iii. **Cae Ddol**
 - iv. **Cae Ffynnon**
 - v. **Llwyn y Ddol**
 - vi. **Maes y Ddol**
 - vii. **Plas Lloyd to replace Hesketh**
 - viii. **Gwel y Castell to replace Castell newydd**

Members NOTED that in the Street naming policy states that names should be easy to say and reflect the local area such as fields, Plas and Rhyd. It was RECOMMENDED that Cllrs Baker and MacRae would provide their observations to the Clerk for forwarding to CCBC.

- (l) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Draft Consultation on Amended Public Space Protection Orders was DEFERRED to Local Government Sub Committee

(m) A letter from Tenovus with a donation request was NOTED

592/17. **Councillor Training**

A request from the Clerk to vire budget from Conference Expenses to Councillor Training of £195 to cover the training cost for three members who have expressed an interest in attending the forthcoming OVW Councillor training was APPROVED.

593/17. **Draft Minutes**

Recommendations from Committees were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED as follows:

- (a) Draft Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub Committee Meeting held on 15th January 2018 and to receive and approve Min No: 542/17 c-f (ii). The Chairman of the PSS&CCTV Sub Committee provided an overview of the findings and the proposal to make an offer for control of the carparks on a leasehold basis. Members thanked Cllr Wood for all his hard work on this matter. It was also PROPOSED that in the event of the proposal being rejected, that a small group from the Parks & Street Scene Committee enter into negotiations with CCBC.

It was RESOLVED to make the offer of leasing from Min No: 542/17

594/17. **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.**

- a) No update with regard to the bus shelters on Dundonald Avenue had been received and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- b) An update from the Communications Ombudsman with regard to the recent dispute with the Town Council's phone and broadband supplier was RECEIVED.
- c) A letter from the Town Council's phone and broadband supplier was NOTED

595/17. **Quotations**

- (b) Quotations for the cleaning of moss from the Town Hall car park were CONSIDERED but not approved. It was proposed that mossy areas are monitored
- (c) A quotation and information from JDH (Town Council's auditor) with regard to a service that they are offering for the new General Data Protection Regulations commencing in May was RECEIVED. Item was DEFERRED until after the Clerk and Deputy have received their training.
- (d) The SLCC subscription for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for 2018/19 was APPROVED

596/17. **Place Plan**

- a) A copy of the Meeting notes from the recent Abergele Placeplan Meeting were RECEIVED. Members expressed concern with the lack of progress of the Plan. Members concerns were raised about the slow moving progress of the Board and whether its current structure was the most efficient way of executing the Placeplan process. It was proposed that the RECOMMENDATIONS for the future of the Plan be APPROVED. The Clerk advised Members that if the Place Plan was to become a Committee of the Council then all the Town Council's due diligence would have to be applied. The Clerk wished for clarification on the legislation that enabled lay-members to be able to vote on a Sub Committee and requested if members would approve a request to One voice wales for clarification. The Clerk informed members that if the Board become a Sub Committee then the Thematic Working

group could become Advisory groups to the Committee. These groups would not be able to make any decisions on behalf of the Council only recommendations to the Committee/full Council. It was APPROVED that the Clerk contacts One Voice Wales to ascertain if lay-members can vote on a Sub Committee and a budget of £300 from the Legal budget was APPROVED. The matter was DEFERRED to the next meeting for further information.

Cllr S Rowlands wished for it to be noted that he voted against the budget of £300 to OVW.

597/17. Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

- No written and verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED.

598/17. Cofnodion - Minutes

- DERBYN cofnodion y cyfarfodydd / pwyllgorau canlynol/ The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 14th December 2017
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 14th December 2017
- c) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2017
- d) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 16th October 2017

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Signed
(Chairman)