

# Cyngor Tref Abergele

## MINUTES

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

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

669/17 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Cllrs: 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. Medicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters (retired at 8:05pm); A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Member of the public

670/17 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**

None were received

671/17 **Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology**

None were received

672/17 **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 received

673/17 **Visitor to the Council**

Mr Brian Nicklin, Force Intelligence Supervisor, from North Wales Police, was unable to attend the meeting to provide members with an overview of County lines due to adverse weather conditions. Mr Nicklin will attend in April.

674/17 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Mayor informed member that previous Town and County Councillor Jean Stubbs had passed away. The Mayor paid her respects to Mrs Stubbs sighting her hard work for the community of Pensarn and in particularly Canolfan Dewi Sant. Cllr MacRae stated that no news on the funeral was known to date. Members of the Council stood for a moment's silence.
- b) The Mayor informed members that Mr Oscar Morris, previous Urban Town Clerk from 1964 had passed away.

675/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes from the meetings below:**

- a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 1 Chwerfor/February 2018**
- b) **Special Ordinary Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Chwerfor/February 2018**

676/17 **Housekeeping**

- a) An update from OVW with regard to the submission of apologies was RECEIVED. Cllr Sam Rowlands requested the form to complete a Notice of Motion to amend the Standing Orders.
- b) An update from OVW with regard to non-members at Sub Committee meetings was DEFERRED.
- c) An update from OVW with regard to the Abergele Place Plan was RECEIVED. Members considered that the Chairman should be elected annually from all members of the Council and not the Mayor year on year. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the proposed timings of the Committee meetings follow the existing planned Board meetings. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER the decision of Chairman to the next Committee meeting.**
- d) The following protocol and policy for the Town Council recommended by the Staffing Sub Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were APPROVED and RATIFIED
  - (i) Protocol for addressing Councillors
  - (ii) Policy for the commencement of meetings

677/17 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a) (i) An update from the Clerk with regard to the bus shelters was RECEIVED. Members debated the matter and the following RECOMMENDATIONS were proposed :
  - (1) ATC take over the bus shelters and request that CCBC bring them up to standard before taking them over
  - (2) To consider Adsell to raise revenue from the shelters
  - (3) To obtain grant funding for new shelters through the RDG in the Gele Ward.

**It was RESOLVED to take over the bus shelters free of charge from CCBC and to request that CCBC provide funding for the shelters to be brought up to standard.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to obtain advice and guidance before proceeding.**

- (ii) An update from CCBC with regard to the bus shelter on Dundonald Avenue was RECEIVED. Cllr Wood has telephoned CDM to clarify the advice and was informed that the sanctions would depend on the scope of the work. It was RECOMMENDED to disregard the advice of the County Council and to obtain quotes for the repair of the roof and to present to CCBC.

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to advice CCBC that the Council will be obtaining alternative quotes.**

- (iii) An email from Darren Millar AM with regard to the provision of a Bus shelter on the former Interleisure site in Pensarn was RECEIVED. Member considered obtaining a bus shelter in this location. It was RECOMMENDED to inform Darren Millar that the Council are to review the matter. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to Parks, Street Scene & CCTV for further consideration.**
- b) An email from a local resident with regard to changes in bin collections was RECEIVED.
- c) An update from Darren Millar AM with regard to LDP in Abergele/Bodelwyddan areas was RECEIVED.
- (ii) A report from Cllr Frost with regard to the condition of footpath No. 7 following a request by Darren Millar AM at the last Ordinary Meeting was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Cllr Frost informed members that he and Cllr Medicott had

identified a buried path. Members thanked the Councillors for their hard work. Cllr Frost requested that the Council consider purchasing a device to clear the path. Cllr Wood AGREED to investigate if the path has been adopted.

Members thanked the Councillors for their hard work.

**It was RESOLVED to DEFER to Parks, Street Scene & CCTV for further consideration.**

*Cllr Waters retired at this juncture*

678/17 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Mawrth/March 2018
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from the 10<sup>th</sup> February to the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018
- (d) An email from CCBC with regard to maintenance work on the A55
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on Water Street
- (f) An email from OVW with regard to Innovative Practice Awards Ceremony
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to the Conwy East Family Centre
- (h) An email from NWP with forthcoming changes to the Local Management team
- (i) An email from Keep Britain Tidy with a request to register was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the item to Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub committee.
- (j) An email from Abergele District Action Group with information of a forthcoming event
- (k) An email from the Church in Wales with a request for information regarding links to community groups over Easter. Members stated that the Abergele District Action group will be providing pack lunches for children.
- (l) An email from NWP with regard to raising awareness with the public regarding burglaries in the area. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the item to Police Liaison Sub committee.

679/17 **Draft Minutes**

**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.**

The following recommendations from Committees was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED

Confidential Draft Minutes from the recent Staffing Sub Committee held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Min No: 654/17 (b) was RECEIVED.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations by the Committee with regard to Min No: 655/17.**

680/17 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) Various issues regarding manholes, pot holes and dog waste have been reported
- b) Request for speed monitoring on Pensarn Promenade

- c) Four weekly bin collections was discussed, members to share information with the public with regard to what they are entitled to under the provision.
- d) Car parking was briefly discussed
- e) Complaints regarding the service from ERF and Highways regarding progress was discussed
- f) CCBC budget has been approved, £11.3m funding shortfall, services will be cut by £6m, £2.5m Council tax increase, and £2.5m from reserves/balances
- g) WG has provided a grant to be spent in Education sector before the end of the financial year of £0.5m
- h) Care Sector expenses are a concern
- i) WG are still looking for a transit gypsy site and St George is at the top of the list. There has been a change in legislation that states that there can be more than one within a County
- j) LDP review and Minister has requested that CCBC and DCC consider a joint report. CCBC have declined but have stated that they are willing to work closer together with DCC
- k) Culture Minister has been viewing Parks & Gardens to be a statutory provision to prevent future development.
- l) Bee Hotel and Slaters have been sold. The developer is to paint the Bee
- m) A supermarket has expressed an interest in coming to the Town
- n) The parking problems at the entrance to Gwyrch Castle has been resolved
- o) Abergele Rugby Club has received funding from the Rugby union to have a Rugby hub in Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan with a designated coach. The school and rugby Club have both contributed to the project
- p) Planning for Car Sales on the old doctors site has been submitted
- q) The old Woolworth, Glyn Cinema has been sold and Nat West has been leased.
- r) There have been numerous accidents in St George due to no barriers at the exit from the A55
- s) Post Office in Pensarn opening on the 25<sup>th</sup> April
- t) Problem on Sea Road with a resident feeding the birds and drawing rats to the area. Signage has been requested.

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### **Cofnodion - Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- c) Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- d) Confidential Staffing Sub Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- e) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

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### **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks for the recent grant recipients were RECEIVED:

- a) Soroptimist International
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)