

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 5 Ebrill 2018 am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th April 2018 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

728/17 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams (arrived at 7:10pm); A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; R.M. Medlicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Several members of the public

729/17 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; C. McCoubrey;

730/17 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllrs S Rowlands;

731/17 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffwyd aelodau eu bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan **bodolaeth a natur** unrhyw fantais bersonol (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

732/17 Visitor to the Council

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Mr Brian Allen from the Abergele branch of the RNLI to the meeting who provided members with an overview of the role of the RNLI. Mr Allen provided members with the background to his career on the water and informed members that he was appointed last April as the Community Safety Officer. Part of his role is a new vision of RNLI Care Values, educate, rescue and support.

The 'Respect the Water Campaign' is aimed to bring the number of drownings down from 190 to 95 a year and provide statistical information to the public in order to encourage better choices. Mr Allen provided members with examples of the different scenarios that they encounter as part of their 'Respect the Water Float campaign' and that the role is to share the message to groups that hold regular meetings.

Cllr Heap-Williams arrived at this juncture

The RNLI is working with the Harbour Master to provide Safety Signage and are providing an item for the public to put their mobile phone into, to promote water safety by carrying a means of communication. The public should think about risk and the normal range for a mobile is 18 miles from the shore. There are various apps that can be downloaded to track your location.

Mr Allen requested links to other organisations. It was agreed that the School Governors would raise the matter with the schools.

Members provided Mr Allen with a vote of thanks for his attendance.

Standing orders were reinstated

733/17 **Announcements by the Mayor**

No announcements from the Mayor were received.

734/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

Derbyn, cymeradwyo ac arwyddo fel yn gywir gofnodion y cyfarfodydd canlynol. It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 1 Mawrth/March 2018 with one amendment to the Mayor's announcement to read the Urban District Clerk not Town Clerk.

735/17 **Housekeeping**

- a) An update from OVW with regard to non-members at Sub Committee meetings was RECEIVED and expressed concern regarding this regulation. Members queried why membership of Committees could not be ongoing throughout the year. The matter was DEFERRED to the next meeting for clarification.
- b) An update from the Clerk with regard to GDPR and the appointment of a DPO was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that Abergele Town Council would not be exempt from having to employ a DPO and that the role should be independent from the Clerk. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER the matter to the next meeting pending clarification from CCBC if they were able to offer this service and FURTHER RESOLVED to seek other options.**

736/17 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the bus shelters was RECEIVED. The Clerk confirmed the cost for insuring the Bus Shelters and the criteria from OVW and the Insurance Company should the Town Council take over the ownership of the shelters, which included the Council ensuring that regular risk assessments were carried out. **It was RESOLVED to confirm to CCBC that ATC wished to pursue the transfer of ownership.**
- b) An update with regard to the bus shelter on Dundonald Avenue was RECEIVED. The request from CCBC for ATC to fund the closure of the bus shelter was RECEIVED and DECLINED. A member informed the Council that they were seeking volunteers to carry out the work in the near future. The Clerk informed the member to inform CCBC of this prior to commencing. It was PROPOSED that the item is DEFERRED to Parks, Street Scene and CCTV for further consideration.
- c) An update from CCBC with regard to the following was RECEIVED:
 - (i) A request for members to have a site visit to the new school in Llandudno Junction. Members requested that the visit is arranged for a Thursday 19th or 26th April.
 - (ii) A request for Strategic Manager to attend a meeting of the Town Council to update members of the school provision in Abergele was NOTED
- d) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Abergele Car parks was RECEIVED. Members thanked Cllr Wood for all his hard work on this matter. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to the next meeting for further consideration together with the occupancy figures from Cllr Wood.**

- e) A email and letter from CCBC with regard to the attendance of a member of the Standards Committee at a meeting was NOTED
- f) An email from Cllr Bond with regard to bin and recycling collection was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to accept the offer to visit the Gofer Recycling Centre.**

737/17 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

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

With the permission of the Chairman Agenda item 10 J was moved up the Agenda to facilitate the general public present

- (a) (i) An email from CCBC with regard to a proposed development on Llanfair Road was RECEIVED.
- (ii) Various emails from members of the public were NOTED
- (iii) An email from the Agent for the Llanfair Road development was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the Agent has agreed to attend the next meeting with an update.
It was RESOLVED to write to CCBC to inform them that members considered that the process of Pre-application Consultation was not functioning as initially thought and that the process should be discussed with the Town Council at an earlier stage in order to be fed into the SPG process.
- (b) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Ebrill/April 2018
- (c) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (d) CVSC and OVW mail from the 10th March to the 30th March 2018
- (e) An Agenda from Conwy Access group with regard to their recent meeting
- (f) An update from Cllr Bond with regard to his recent meeting as representative of the Town Council on the Denbigh and Abergele College Council meeting was RECEIVED. Cllr Bond informed members that the Denbigh College was to close but Coleg Menai have stated that the Abergele site is to remain open. There is a plan to hold events at the site i.e. exhibitions, to ensure that it remains sustainable.
It was RESOLVED to write to the College to request that ATC are kept informed on any future considerations on the site and if any decision to relinquish the site is made that the site remains under local authority control.
- (g) An email from OVW with regard to Motions for their AGM to be held on the 29th September 2018
- (h) An email from CCBC with regard to a consultation on the relocation of the Learning Resource classes from Ysgol Swyn y Don
- (i) A letter of support for the Abergele District Action Group with regard to their forthcoming Gwyl Gele 2019 was APPROVED.
- (j) An email from Network Rail with regard to Abergele track upgrade work was RECEIVED. It was PROPOSED to monitor the situation of the future of the grade II listed signal box which should be preserved.
- (k) Item differed to (a) above
- (l) An email from Welsh Hearts via OVW with regard to free CPR Training was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the offer of training.**
- (m) An email from WG with regard to Strengthening Local Government was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (n) An email from OVW with regard to tax system to tackle plastic waste was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (o) A letter from Gwyl Cerdd Dant Blaenau Ffestiniog with a request for a donation was NOTED
- (p) A letter from OVW with the date of the next Area meeting
- (q) The membership subscription for One Voice Wales for 2018/19 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED not to renew the subscription for 18/19.**

- (r) A copy of the Agenda for the next NAMWALC Quarterly and Executive meetings was RECEIVED.
- (s) The subscription renewal for Clerks & Councils Direct was APPROVED.
- (t) A letter from Kidney Wales with a request to lead a Walk for Life was NOTED
- (u) An email from a local resident with regard to concerns on St George Road, Abergele was RECEIVED.
- (v) An email from OVW with regard to the Revised Eryri Local Development Plan 2016-2031
- (w) A request for a letter of support for Gwledd Abergele was APPROVED.
- (x) An email from the Boundary Commission for Wales with regard to the proposal for revised boundary areas for Abergele was DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.

738/17 **Nominations**

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2018/19, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on the 10th May 2018 were RECEIVED.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Waters and Seconded by Cllr Jones-Roberts that the Deputy Mayor Cllr Bird is nominated for the role of Mayor for 2018/19. There being no other nominations Cllr Bird was PROPOSED for the role of Mayor with a unanimous vote.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Wood and Seconded by Cllr Armstrong that Cllr Hunter is nominated for the role of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19.

It was FURTHER PROPOSED by Cllr Bond and seconded by Cllr Frost that Cllr Jones-Roberts is nominated for the role of Deputy Mayor.

There being no further proposals it was PROPOSED that a ballot is taken for the nominations.

With a vote of 7 votes to 6 votes Cllr Jones-Roberts was PROPOSED for the role of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19

739/17 **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.**

740/17 **Annual quotations**

The following quotations for maintenance of the Town Councils grounds maintenance schemes for 2018/19 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

- a) Planter maintenance. Quotation from Meirion Jones Landscapes was APPROVED
- (b) Grass cutting and spraying at the Mount. Quotation from Mark One was APPROVED
- (c) Grass cutting at the Town Hall. Quotation from Vaughan Lawns was APPROVED.

741/17 **Abergele Placeplan**

- (ii) An update from the Clerk following the recent Place plan Board Meeting was RECEIVED and Min No: 709/17 Approved Terms of Reference for the Place plan Committee was RATIFIED.
- (iii) A request from the Place Plan board to consider funding an event flyer at a cost of £410 was APPROVED.

- (iv) A request from the Place plan board to consider match funding for Wi-Fi in the Town Centre was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members APPROVED the RECOMMENDATION by the Clerk for a grant for match funding to be submitted to Gwynt y Mor on behalf of the Town Council. Members noted that if the scheme is to proceed and the funding from Gwynt y Mor is not approved that there will be a short fall in the funds to complete the work.

The Clerk informed members that the Place Plan does not hold any funds to date and it may be prudent to transfer a contingency amount from another budget heading to the Place Plan Committee.

It was RESOLVED to vire £2000 from the WW1 budget to Place Plan.

742/17 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

The following verbal reports were received from County Councillors:

- a) The Planning appeal for the Marl Lane application has been postponed
- b) The A55 closure has caused a problem for residents due to noise of the large vehicles coming through Town. Police have now been dealing with the matter.
- c) Fencing is being installed on the Business Park around the new housing estate.
- d) Gypsies have been seen in Bodelwydden
- e) The possible transit site in St George is still under consideration. It was RECOMMENDED to write to James Harland for an update
- f) The fencing off the A55 to St George has still not been repaired. It was RECOMMENDED to write to Darren Millar AM.

743/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 15th February 2018
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th February 2018
- c) Confidential Staffing Sub Committee meeting held on the 25th January 2018
- d) Newsletter Sub Committee meeting held on the 30th October 2017
- e) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 3rd January 2018
- f) Heritage Sub Committee held on the 20th October 2017
- g) Executive Committee meeting held on the 22nd February 2018
- h) Police Liaison meeting held on the 18th September 2017

744/17 **Letters of thanks**

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

- a) Abergele Camera Club

745/17 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) HAGS Playground solutions
- b) Kidney Wales
- c) Woodberry
- d) Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Signed
(Chairman)