

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w Cynhaliwyd ar Dydd Iau 6 Gorffennaf am 6.45y.h. yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6th July at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

115/17 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G Frost; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

In attendance: Two members of the public

116/17 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**

None

117/17 **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).

Cllr. B C Roberts Min No: 118/17

118/17 **Co-option Member for the Council**

Cllr. B C Roberts retired at this juncture

Standing orders were suspended

- (a) The Mayor welcomed the Candidates to the Meeting, who were then escorted to Room 4
- (b) The applications received for the vacant seat on the Pentre Mawr Ward were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.
- (c) Each of the candidates individually were invited to provide a short presentation and then answer a few short questions from members
- (d) Members present then elected Mr George Frost to fill this vacancy.
- (e) Members asked the Clerk to thank the unsuccessful candidates for attending.
- (f) The Declaration of Acceptance to Office was SIGNED by Cllr Frost who then took his seat on the Council.

Standing orders were reinstated

Cllr B C Roberts returned at this juncture

119/17 **Cyhoeddiadau gan y Maer - Announcements from the Mayor**

No announcements from the Mayor were received

120/17 **Housekeeping**

- a) All new and re-elected members to the Council were welcomed to the meeting
- b) Apologies –information with regard the submission of apologies was RECEIVED.
- c) The preferred method for emailing as a member of the Town Council is using the Town Council email address, as the secure address for Data Protection was NOTED
- d) The procedure for requesting information to be added to an Agenda was RECEIVED.
- e) The procedure for deferring items – if a member wishes for items to be deferred, the request should be made in writing (or by email) to the Clerk to forward to the Council. The decision to defer is then for the Council/Committee was NOTED

121/17 **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 1st June/1 Mehefin 2017 were RECEIVED, APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record

122/17 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) The Clerk provided an overview of an email from Emma Dowell, CCBC CCTV Manager with an update with regard to the proposed CCTV for Abergele which was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Cllr Hunter stated that the camera should be sited on Marine Road. It was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk requests that the Police provide information on the best location for a PIA. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Sea Road location is not as high a priority. Cllr Mark Baker stated that he would raise the matter with CCBC as Cabinet Member and will involve the other members of the Council in discussions. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to seek funding from the proceeds of crime funding held by the Police & Crime Commissioner.
- (b) An email from a local resident with regard to Planning application number 0/42148 was **NOTED**
- (c) An update from NRW with reference to Flood Wardens. The nominated wardens are Cllrs: Hunter, Armstrong, McCoubrey, plus the existing Council members who were already Wardens. **It was RESOLVED that the Town Councillors would not recruit individuals due to DPS issues.**
- (d) Cllr Wood informed Members that a new streetlamp has now been installed in Water Street car park.

123/17 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for July 2017 **NOTED**
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees **NOTED**
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from the 10th June 2017 to the 29th June 2017 **RECEIVED**
- (d) An email from CCBC with regard to the recent road closure at Berthglyd on the 29th June **NOTED**
- (e) A letter from WG with regard to Workshops for Local Government representatives **NOTED**

- (f) An email from a local resident with regard to camper van on Pensarn Beach. Cllr McCoubrey is monitoring the issue. It was reported that the barrier has been damaged and requires repairing. Members CONSIDERED that the right of way over the area should be rescinded. It was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk obtains quotations for the repair of the barrier/gate and new signage.
- (g) An email from Cllr. Mark Bond with regard to the website, cemetery and Gwrych Castle was **RECEIVED**. Responses from AJBC and Gwrych Castle have been sent independently. Website issues were **DEFERRED** to the Marketing and Promotion Committee. Cllr MacCoubrey to liaise with a local web designer to present to the Committee.

Cllrs Bird and Bond retired at this juncture (20:35)

- (h) An email from CCBC Bus Shelters with regard to the removal of the shelter in Bodtegwel was RECEIVED. Members CONSIDERED that the shelter should remain in situ for as long as possible and requested costs for the repair and replacement of the shelter for consideration. **It was RESOLVED to request a review of the bus stops for members CONSIDERATION, together with the best locations and FURTHER RESOLVED to invite a representative from Arriva or the Traffic Commissioner to a meeting to clarify the matter.**

Cllr Baker retired at this juncture

- (i) The membership subscription for DVSC for 2017/18 was NOT APPROVED
- (j) A copy of the Agenda and Minutes for the NAMWALC. It was NOTED that the subscription cost is not increasing this year.
- (k) A letter from the Colwyn Bay, Abergele and District Twinning Association, with regard to their forthcoming AGM was NOTED
- (l) An invite from Canolfan Dewi Sant to the forthcoming Open Day was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Mayor and Pensarn Councillors will attend.
- (m) An email from OVW with dates for the forthcoming training events was RECEIVED
- (n) An email from CCBC with regard to the Standard Committee – Code of Conduct Training attended by the Mayor, Clerk and Cllr Dean Armstrong (emailed to members) was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Clerk will hold a training session in the Autumn for members
- (o) A letter from a local resident with regard to the recent tragedy in London was NOTED
- (p) An email from OVW with regard to Conference and AGM in September NOTED

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Other Correspondence

An update with regard to the recent Place Plan Meeting was RECEIVED

125/17 **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 (Min No: 126/17 (a)).**

126/17 **Annual Grant**

- (a) A grant application from the Abergele Traders Association for a contribution towards the forthcoming Open Doors Event in September was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. A grant of £500 was APPROVED. Members CONSIDERED that there may be cheaper printing costs available and suggested that the group contact Cllr Wood for information.
- (b) A copy of the 2017/18 Grant summary sheet for information was RECEIVED
- (c) The Association have requested if the Town Council would consider opening its doors on Saturday 23rd September between 12pm and 4pm, this will require volunteers to man the Council offices during this time. Members agreed and the following Councillors volunteered to participate at the event - Cllrs: Roberts; Jones-Roberts; Waters; Frost, Armstrong, McCoubrey; MacRae; and Hunter.

127/17 **Public Consultations**

- (a) The 2017-22 Priority list from the Community of Abergele was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Executive Committee for consideration. Cllr McCoubrey suggested that volunteers are engaged to carry out a street clean.
- (b) The observations for the adoption of the telephone boxes on St David's Road and Belgrano from the Community of Abergele were RECEIVED. The response did not merit further action on behalf of the Council.

128/17 **Membership of Sub-Committees for 2017/18**

- (a) The existing Sub Committees were RECEIVED
- (b) Membership of each Committee were REVIEWED and amended accordingly
- (c) Members wanting to vacate a seat were NOTED.
- (d) Members to fill vacancies were RECEIVED.

Cllr Wood retired at this juncture (21:30)

129/17 **Representation on Outside Bodies**

-- The Council's representatives on Outside Bodies for 2017/18 was REVIEWED and AMENDED on the document

130/17 **Members Details**

Members' details were REVIEWED and amended accordingly. The Clerk informed members that there was a sheet in their pack if there were any amendments to complete and return.

131/17 **Bank Authorisers**

The current list of members who authorise payments by cheque and electronic means was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Mayor is added as the additional member to the system

132/17 **Revised list of Councillors as at June 2017**

A revised list of Councillors in order of seniority for the Members Information file was RECEIVED

133/17 **Councillor Mentoring**

A copy of the Councillor Mentoring of members who have agreed to offer support to new members was RECEIVED

134/17 **Councillor Training**

The resolution to continue with members training for 2017 onwards was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED

135/17 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- written and verbal reports from County Councillor were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) A CCBC Planning site meeting on the Abergele Business park was held last Tuesday
- b) Many of the Local Businesses have now joined the Abergele Dementia Friends group and the group would like the Town Council to consider making three pledges
- c) CCBC Cabinet has been formed and Cllr Sam Rowlands is the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Estates, and HR. Currently in the process of setting a balanced budget and looking to save £9.2m by next March
- d) CCBC will receive a reduced grant next year from Welsh Government
- e) A Scheme for the Businesses to obtain NNDR relief has been signed off by the Cabinet member today.

136/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

- The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 18th May 2017
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 18th May 2017
- c) Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee Meeting held on the 15th February 2017
- d) Events Sub Committee Sub Committee Meeting held on the 20th February 2017

137/17 **Dogfennau am wybodaeth - Documents for information**

(a) A letter of thanks from the Llangollen International Eisteddfod NOTED

Meeting closed at: 21:50

Signed:
(Chairman)