

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau 7 Rhagfyr am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7 December at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

464/17 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood; Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

465/17 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; R.M. Medicott;

466/17 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None were declared

467/17 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

468/17 Visitor to the Council

The Mayor informed members that Mr Gareth Stacey, from CVSC was unable to attend the meeting, and will return in the New Year to provide members with an overview of the 2017 and 2018 Playschemes.

469/17 Announcements by the Mayor

a) The Mayor welcomed newly elected Councillor Pauline Heap-Williams to the Council following her election last week

b) The Mayor provided an update from the recent Christmas concert and funds raised and thanked Cllr Hunter for arranging car parking in Taynar Batteries.

c) The Mayor informed members that Dorothy Groombridge a previous member and Mayor of the Council had passed away. A moment silence was held as a mark of respect for Mrs Groombridge.

470/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 2 Tachwedd/November 2017

471/17 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update from Flood Warden Members following their final meeting with NRW on the 16th November 2017 was RECEIVED. Cllr Armstrong informed members that the final version of the brief would be released in the next few days and acknowledgment forms should be returned to Gwyn Mosley.
- (b) An email from CCBC Bus Shelters with regard to the shelter in Bodtegwel was RECEIVED.
- (c)
 - (i) An update from CCBC Legal with regard to the request by members to revoke the right of access over the Pensarn Car park was RECEIVED
 - (ii) An update from CCBC Legal with regard to the request to register land on the car park in Pensarn was NOTEDMembers RECOMMENDED to DEFER the matter until the future of the car park is ascertained as a chargeable car park with a right of way.
- (d) An update from CCBC with regard to Pentre Mawr Park becoming a Field in Trust was RECEIVED.
- (e) A legal notice from CCBC Legal with regard to the introduction of Parking Charges, with an agreed extension for observations to be submitted by the 8th December 2017 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED that the following was submitted to the County Council on behalf of the Town Council: The Town Council object to the implementation of parking charges in the Abergele area as this will have a detrimental effect on the Town if implemented. The free three hour parking in the Library car park has proved to have a positive effect in the Town. The Town Council would be willing to consider making a contribution to the County to ensure that these car parks remain free for the public. If the currently free car parks are made chargeable then NNDR charges will apply and can never revoke back to free parking thereafter without an additional cost. Supermarket free parking and free parking on the beach will encourage the public not to pay and to find alternative parking. There will also be an increase in displacement parking if applied.**
- (f) Confirmation that the observations by the Local Government Sub Committee to the WG Town & Village Green consultation have been submitted was NOTED
- (g) An update from CCBC with regard to the proposed double yellow lines in Harp Court was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to monitor the situation.
- (h) An email from Mark Isherwood AM and Darren Millar AM regarding the Microbean ban was NOTED

472/17 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

- The following items of correspondence RECEIVE, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2017
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail from the 11th November 2017 to the 30th November 2017
- (d) Meeting notes from the last meeting of the Fairtrade Committee and to receive an update from the Council's representative. The Clerk informed members that a letter had been received stating that the Fairtrade status for Abergele had been renewed

for a further two years. **It was RESOLVED to write to congratulate the group on their successful achievement.**

- (e) A copy of the forthcoming Agenda and previous minutes from the last Executive meeting of the NAMWALC was NOTED
- (f) A copy of the Minutes from the last meeting of the Conwy Access group
- (g) An email from CCBC with a date for the next County Forum meeting – The Mayor, Cllr Wood and Clerk are the current representatives
- (h) An email from OVW/WG with regard to 21st Century Schools was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED that a site meeting to visit the new school in Llandudno Junction is arranged. **It was RESOLVED to invite Wyn Jones from Site Management and the Cabinet member Cllr Garfield Lewis to a meeting to discuss the future of the Abergele schools.**
- (i) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Public consultation on the LDP Review Report. It was RECOMMENDED to defer to the next Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.
- (j) An email from Itaca with an invite to the next Community Forum meeting on the 11th December 2017 was NOTED
- (k) A pre consultation letter from Caulmert Engineering regarding a planning application was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to the next General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting for consideration.
- (l) An email from OVW/WG with regard to a consultation on Planning Law in Wales was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to defer to the next Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.
- (m) An email from Planning Aid Wales with a request for the Clerk to be part of a reference group for Place planning was APPROVED.

473/17 **Abergele Placeplan**

- (i) A copy of the Draft Meeting notes from the last Abergele Placeplan meeting held on the 9th November 2017 was RECEIVED.
- (ii) Copies of meeting notes from other Placeplan meetings were NOTED

Members NOTED that the first project by the Placeplan Board was being processed.

474/17 **Press release**

- (a) An email from the Chairman of the Christmas decoration sub committee and the Mayor with regard to a press release was RECEIVED. Both members were concerned that a recent press release had been misleading and did not state that the Town Council were responsible for the installation and funding of the Christmas lights in the Town. **It was RESOLVED that members note that all press releases on behalf of the Town Council should be issued by the Clerk.**

475/17 **Draft Minutes**

The following recommendations from Committees were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED:

- (a) Draft Staffing Sub Committee Meeting held on the 13th November 2017, Min No: 412/17 (a) & (b) were APPROVED and DELEGATED authority for the Staffing Committee to approve the next stage of the recruitment process together with any financial decisions to be considered was APPROVED.

- (b) Minutes from the Estimates Committee held on the 6th December 2017 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as detailed below:

476/17 **Matters arising on those Minutes**

- (i) Recommendations made by the Estimates Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2018/19 were RECEIVED.
Members APPROVED the fees and charges for 2018/19 and the Draft Reserves Policy.
It was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE the Draft Budget as RECEIVED
- (ii) The Annual Estimates for 2018/19, the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC was CONSIDERED. As it was not possible to avoid raising the Precept in this forthcoming year, due to the reduced level of Reserves, and the Council wishing to fund Community Schemes for the Town, it was PROPOSED and SECONDED and APPROVED to increase the precept to £54.45.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Estimates for 2018/19 and the level of precept agreed by the Estimates Committee, with a unanimous vote, for submission to CCBC, and for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Financial Plan & Annual Estimates.

477/17 **Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- The following verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED:
- Grass cutting and mole hills in St George have been rectified.
 - Boards in Town causing an obstruction for the blind have been moved
 - Post Office in Pensarn, the applicant has passed the interview and machines are ready to open at the end of February/March
 - The underpass at Dundonald Avenue has been cleared and painted
 - A further deficit budget cut of £1.2m from Welsh Government and a National Pay award has been agreed at 2.7% for 2018 and 2.8% for 2019. This will total an extra £500,000 for the Council to fund.
 - Car Parking – the County Council must find ways to increase income, and unfortunately the public will have to pay for more services. Social Care costs are also increasing.
 - Flint Town Regeneration scheme and the Old Court House has been visited as an example of Community schemes.
 - Conwy Town are to get a new Culture Centre and Library with grant funding sourced. Archives from Llandudno will be relocated there.
 - Bin emptying will remain at 3 weeks for the present time
 - Teaching Assistants will continue to be funded by CCBC for the next year.

478/17 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 19th October 2017
- Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 19th October 2017
- Events Sub Committee held on the 3rd July 2017
- Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 25th September 2017
- Heritage Sub Committee held on the 8th October 2015
- Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub Committee held on the 2nd October 2017
- Executive Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2017
- Staffing Committee held on the 16th October 2017

479/17 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED:

- (a) Abergele Autumn Club

480/17 **Dogfennau am wybodaeth - Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- a) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2018
- b) St Kentigern Light up a life

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)