

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 2 Mai 2019 am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

866/18 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M. Bond; P Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:50pm); A. Hunter;

S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; R.M. Medicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Member of the public

867/18 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: G. Frost; Dr. M. Baker;

868/18 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

869/18 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 pwmpas hwnnw). Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

Cllr. D MacRae Min No: 876/18

870/18 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor informed members that this was the 94th meeting of the Council for this municipal year.

871/18 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, held on the 4 Ebrill/April 2019

872/18 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 Mai/May 2019
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVV mail sent to members by email.
- (d) A copy of a letter from Welsh Government to Cllr Wood with regard to Abergele bridges and traffic in the Town Centre was RECEIVED
- (e) A letter from CCBC with regard to a notice of election for the European Parliamentary Elections to be held on the 23rd May 2019 was RECEIVED
- (f) A letter from a local resident with regard to the provision of toilets in Pentre Mawr park was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to write to the resident to inform them that the Council are considering the implementation of toilets in the park and

- have installed a disabled portaloo for the public's convenience in the meantime.
- (g) A letter from the Town Councils building society advising of the forthcoming AGM was RECEIVED

873/18 **Annual Report 2018/19**

The 2018/19 Annual Report in preparation for adoption at the Annual Meeting on the 9th May was RECEIVED and APPROVED

Cllr. Heap-Williams arrived at this juncture

874/18 **Chairman of 2019/20 Committees**

The role of the Chairman for the 2019/20 Committees in preparation to be ratified at the Annual Meeting on the 9th May 2019 was CONSIDERED as follows:

- a) Chairman and Vice Chairman for the General Purpose and Planning Committee. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. Bond is nominated as the Chairman of the Committee.
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. Armstrong is nominated as the Vice Chairman of the Committee.
- b) Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Policy & Finance Committee. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. MacRae is nominated as the Chairman of the Committee.
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. Wood is nominated as the Vice Chairman of the Committee.
- c) Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Place Plan Committee It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. Jones-Roberts is nominated as the Chairman of the Committee.
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that Cllr. Hunter is nominated as the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

875/18 **With the permission of the Chairman it was RESOLVED to swap Agenda item 10 and 11**

876/18 **AJBC**

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.

Cllr. MacRae retired at this juncture

- (a) The Mayor read out a statement by the Chairman of the Abergele Joint Burial Committee. An email from the Welsh Audit office with regard to the current status of the Committee was RECEIVED. Cllr Wood provided an overview of his email and a member of the Committee considered that as a point of order the email should not have been sent to the Council but to the Committee directly. Members queried if they should receive a copy of the audited accounts.
It was RESOLVED to write to the Joint Burial Committee to request a copy of the Annual Accounts and FURTHER RESOLVED to wait for clarification from the Welsh Audit Office as to the status of the Committee.

Cllr. MacRae returned at this juncture

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A request Deferred from the last Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 28th March 2019; Min No: 774/18 (c), for the Town Council to consider match funding the brown signage for attractions in the Town was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

The Clerk provided an overview of the proposed split of funding, stating that the cost was estimated as £60k, with £30k from S106, £15k from grant funding and £15k from the businesses. Members debated the matter and considered that all of the businesses in the Town would benefit from the funding not just those that were to be on the signage. The beach, Golf Club, Manor Afon Farm and Gwyrch Castle were earmarked for inclusion on the signs.

It was RECOMMENDED that Chris Jones Regeneration drives the matter forward and FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Town Council will fund the shortfall of the £15k, but that the businesses also input into the fund.

It was RESOLVED that £15k is ring fenced from the Town Council's reserves to fund this project.

Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / To receive verbal reports from County Councillors:

- a) The funding for the new teachers pension which increased by 7% has been received but there was a shortfall in what was received which did not include staff who were in the scheme but working in other areas, such as the Youth Service.
- b) The estimated budget for the 2021 is showing a shortfall of £12.5m. Drastic action will be required to balance. A financial review by the UK Government has been delayed until at least 2020
- c) Two Task & Finish groups have been set up, one for Social Services and one for the Schools.
- d) The collection of garden waste is to be chargeable but the cost of dropping off at the recycle centre has been reduced.
- e) In order to reduce the costs for Social Services and Health, CCBC are exploring investing in its own facilities for childcare, in order to ensure that children can stay within the County
- f) The Play Task & Finish group has 150 sites with 4265 faults, and £647k of maintenance required. £214k has been agreed which includes £40k for a consultant to investigate the options. One option is to include Town & Community Councils. Assets, life expectancy and anyone who has any ideas to please email Cllr Alan Hunter directly.
- g) There have been three fires in the Pensarn flats
- h) The North Wales Growth Bid with £350m across the whole of North Wales includes Llandrillo College, a Tidal Lagoon, and the South East Development.
- i) A traffic calming consultation is currently taking place in Abergele. The next stage will be to see what the public would like.
- j) The provision of a new primary school in the area has been approved.
- k) The Empty Houses board has identified that there are 16000 empty properties in the County of Conwy. There are initiatives and grants up to £25k to bring back in circulation. Cllr. McCoubrey requested if members could circulate the information in the community.

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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 21st March 2019
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 21st March 2019
- c) Executive Committee meeting held on the 19th November 2018
- d) Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub Committee meeting held on the 29th November 2019
- e) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting held on the 28th February 2019
- f) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 21st January 2019
- g) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 23rd October 2018
- h) Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 24th January 2019

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Documents for information

The following documents for information were received:

- a) Swansea Building Society Annual Review 2018
- b) ATC Annual Report 2018/19

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Signed
(Chairman)