

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 6 Rhagfyr 2018 am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6 December 2018 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

491/18 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker (retired at 8:15pm); M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams (retired at 8:30pm); 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)

Members of the Public

492/18 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

None

493/18 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

494/18 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côd Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffir aelodau ei 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).

Cllr. P. Heap-Williams Min No: 498/18 (a)

Cllr. A. Hunter Min No: 498/18 (a) (i) (ii)

Cllr. R Waters Min No: 499/18 (o)

Cllr. S Jones-Roberts Min No: 499/18 (m)

495/18 Visitor to the Council

Standing orders were suspended

The Mayor welcomed Mr Lee Cummins, Headteacher from Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan who provided members with an update regarding the standards of the school, confirming that they are continuing to improve. In summer 2018 the school received its best results to date, which reflected the ability of all the learners. Estyn Inspection had taken place at the beginning of term, which was very positive.

The Family Centre is up and running on the Dinorben site, which is not only for the Community of Abergele but also further afield, this is a developing system for the County. The school has had a uniform change which was welcomed by Learners and the Community.

Mr Cummins confirmed that he had met with the Clerk with regard to moving some matter forward and the Mayor will be attending the school in January to present awards at the school and meet with the Student Representatives from the Abergele community who will be joining the Council. There is a new 6th Form leadership team and two students have stood for the recent Welsh Government Youth Parliament.

Mr Cummins confirmed that he is hoping to work with the Council on some specific projects and hopes to be included in any futures events that the Council may be planning. Pupil numbers are increasing year on year.

The Mayor thanked Mr Cummins for his informative update.

Standing orders were reinstated

496/18 **Announcements by the Mayor**
No announcements by the Mayor

497/18 **Cofnodion - Minutes**
It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN as a correct record the Ordinary Meeting, held on the 1 Tachwedd/November 2018

498/18 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a) (i) The following planning application 0/45297 - Land off Llanfair Road, Abergele forwarded due to the deadline for consideration at the CCBC Planning meeting was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED as follows:
Members confirmed that the Planning application has now been deferred to January or February 2019 due to a lack of consultation responses being received. Cllr. Dr. Mark Baker has requested to speak at the forthcoming Planning meeting and this has been approved by CCBC Legal.
The second Atkins survey includes a proposal to alleviate the traffic problems but is not a public document as of yet.
Primary schools are at their capacity, there is capacity still some available in the secondary school. Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 amendments should be noted. The Inspectors decision with regard to the Pentowyn Road development is not expected until the New Year. No land for a new school has been identified to date.
- (ii) Letters from the residents regarding application 0/45297 were RECEIVED.

Standing orders were suspended

Members of the public present were invited to make observations and were summarised as follows:

- The site was originally a contingency site
- The housing should be affordable not executive homes
- Concern regarding the access across a staggered crossroads
- The line of sight is only 30m
- Traffic in the Town Centre is at capacity
- Lon Dirion is not a by-pass – to be a by-pass the road must be at least 7m wide and it is only 5.5m wide
- The condition of the road is currently substandard
- It was proposed that an Action group is set up and details will be left with the Clerk
- The Planning Policy Wales document states that the development is too far out of Town
- The 2012 document referred to is out of date
- Residents were encouraged to submit their observations

Standing orders were reinstated

Members considered how they could support the Action group and it was RECOMMENDED that the Ward members liaise with the residents directly.

It was RESOLVED that the original observations are resubmitted together with the residents' letters and further observations.

- b) An update from the Clerk regarding the covenant to be removed from Pentre Mawr Park prior to becoming a Field in Trust was RECEIVED. Members were informed that if a sworn affidavit by the descendant is received that this is suffice. The descendent is happy to do this and for a researcher to view the papers for any possible information held within them.
It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Bangor University for advice.
- c) An update from the Clerk with regard to the bus shelters was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that she had met with the CCBC Bus Shelter officer and was awaiting the amended draft document for members' approval. The item was DEFERRED to the next meeting.
- d) An email update from Pensarn Co-op and the First Responders with regard to the Pensarn Defibrillator was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that Factory Shop will be the new location for the device.
- e) An email from Cllr Nigel Smith of Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council with regard to the ongoing problem at Gofer site was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to request the Terms of the License and at what point are they in breach of contract.

499/18 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Rhagfyr/December 2018
- (b) Updated details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED.
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- (d) An email from CCBC a notice of road closure for Junction Tan y Gopa Road to Fron Heulog
- (e) An email from CCBC with regard to Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund
- (f) A request from the Chairman of the Camera Club for members of the Town Council to participate in a Christmas Video was APPROVED
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on Twll Llwynog on the 3/12/18
- (h) An email from Fields in Trust with regard to renewal of the annual subscription was APPROVED
- (i) An email from Conwy Access group with regard to their recent meeting
- (j) An email from Llyr Gruffydd AM with regard to the Annual Audit
- (k) An email from the Town Council's Insurance Company with regard to a data breach
- (l) An email from OVW with regard to their 2019 National Awards Conference
- (m) An email from Cllr Jones-Roberts with regard to new street signage for Harp Court and an update from CCBC was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that many signs in the Town are in poor state of repair. It was confirmed that the policy regarding welsh names states that if the name historically was in English, then that name is maintained. It was NOTED that CCBC have a duty replace broken signage. It was RECOMMENDED that ward members prepare a list of street signs in their wards that require repair or replacement for the Council to forward to CCBC as part of a Business case. It was PROPOSED that the item is also forwarded to the Place Plan Committee for consideration.
- (n) A request from CVSC Playing out for funding for the 2019/20 Playschemes and to approve the number of play days required was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to approve 1 day per week over 5 weeks at a cost of £1300 to be included in the Draft Estimates and if any grant funding is received that additional days can be added.

- (o) The final Newsletter from Colwyn Bay, Abergele and District Twinning Association was RECEIVED.

Cllr Dr. Baker retired at this juncture

500/18 **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.**

501/18 **Quotes**

- a) A quotation for the repair of the wall in the main Chamber was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the item to obtain further quotations from a damp specialist.

502/18 **Housekeeping**

- a) A request from Cllr Hunter to move the normal Monday evening meetings to a Tuesday evening and a copy of the approved protocol was RECEIVED. Cllr Hunter informed members that the Monday meeting can clash with CCBC Licensing. It was RECOMMENDED that the meeting day remains as a Monday and that the Clerk checks the CCBC calendar for clashes but ultimately it is the Chairman of the Committee decision to confirm the date.

Cllr P Heap-Williams retired at this juncture

- b) A letter from Cllr Wood with a request to receive Town Council information to a personal email address and to receive a copy of the protocol was RECEIVED. The matter was debated at length. The Clerk informed members that CCBC are able to send a push notification to the County Ipads to access data. Cllr Rowlands informed that CCBC may have a solution. Item was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

503/18 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) CCBC have received a £1.4m cash cut, equates to ½% cut.
Social Services costs increase as the average age of service users is 91 years. This is a national problem. Demands on Children's' services is also on the increase. Pay awards and Pension add to the problem. CCBC have saved £1.1m by moving to the new Coed Pella building.
- b) Council tax rate should be approved in February 2019, an increase of 11.6% is proposed.
- c) South East Development consultant's report has been received. There will be a consultation on the report in January.
- d) North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner meeting, received a presentation on operation improvement with the biggest increase in cybercrime and indecent images. Front line officers have been issued with hand held devices so that they do not have to return to the station for updates. A pilot of 28 PCSO officers to train in triage, with 6 additional constables and a Sargent. North Wales Police leads the way on a positive outcome to rape.
- e) The Bike Safe Coordinator post is to cease.
- f) Members of the public will start to receive notices if parking in an inappropriate place.
- g) Dog fouling has increased on Dere Avenue, and Pentre Mawr Park
- h) Homeless have been seen in the Park
- i) The future of the Pensarn Flats will be discussed with Welsh Ministers at their next meeting
- j) Conwy affordable housing group have stated that the average price of houses in the area is £160,000 and homes should be built for local need.

k) CCBC are seeking an environmental alternative to Kingdom.

504/18 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

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

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 18th October 2018
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 18th October 2018
- c) Newsletter Sub Committee meeting held on the 22nd June 2018
- d) Parks, Street Scene & CCTV Sub Committee held on the 10th September 2018

505/18 **Letters of Thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- a) Member of the public
- b) Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- c) Parish of Abergele

506/18 **Documents for information**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- (a) Wisksteed
- (b) The Clerk Magazine
- (c) Pen y Bont flyer
- (d) Play for Wales

Meeting Closed at 9:10pm

Signed
(Chairman)