

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 7 Mawrth 2019 am 6.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

711/18 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter;

S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; R.M. Medicott; B. C. Roberts;

S Rowlands (arrived at 7:10pm); R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

712/18 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; M. Richards;

713/18 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

714/18 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 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

715/18 Visitor to the Council

Standing orders were suspended

Mr. Martin Hunt, local resident was welcomed to the meeting and provided members with an overview of the Residents Action Group that he has set up as a result of the Llanfair Road housing development site and the number of houses that are allocated for Abergele as a whole.

The group is now set up as a legal body recognised by County Councils and is called S'mae. Mr. Hunt has been appointed as the Acting Chairman which he describes as a Tenants and Residents Association to give a voice to local residents.

The Rate payers and Tenants legal identity will need to form a committee to demand their appearance at a County Council meeting and is seeking members support for the association. The role of secretary and treasurer are still to be appointed.

Members thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Standing orders were reinstated

It was RESOLVED to DEFER the item to a future Agenda for members consideration.

716/18 Announcements by the Mayor

There were no announcements from the Mayor

717/18 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN** as a correct record the Minutes for the following meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting, held on the 7 Chwefror/February 2019
- (b) Special Ordinary Meeting – Grants, held on the 11th Chwefror/February 2019

718/18 **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion hynny/Matters Arising from those Minutes:**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** this item to the end of the meeting.
- b) A letter from BCUHB with regard to the Park & Ride at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**

Cllr Rowlands arrived at this juncture

- c) A request from CCBC for the Town Council to fund signage for the new Town Wi-Fi was **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**. It was **RECOMMENDED** to confirm if the cost was £45 for one sign or for 15 signs. It was **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** to obtain a quote for window stickers and stickers for the Town branding.
- d) An email from Welsh Government regarding the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019 was **RECEIVED**.
- e) An email from North Wales Community Health Council regarding Out of hours surgery patient survey was **RECEIVED**
- f) A request from CCBC to consider a new road name for Abergele was **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**.

It was RESOLVED to forward the following names the following suggestions for the proposed street name, as they did not feel that the suggested names reflected the history of the local area in keeping with the CCBC policy suggestion:

1. Ffynnon y Ddôl
2. Cae Ddôl
3. Maes y Ddôl
4. Dolydd

The background to the choice – the estate is built on Cae Eithin site, which was named from the title map. As Ffynnon y Ddôl is on this estate and is a tributary of the mains water to Pensarn into the River Gele.

719/18 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Mawrth/March 2019
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were **RECEIVED**, with one amendment to the Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting which moved from 6:30pm to 5pm to enable members to attend another meeting later in the evening.
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email
- (d) A request for a donation from the Cardiff Urdd National Eisteddfod was **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**. **It was RESOLVED to approve £200 for the event from the Annual Grants budget for 2019/20.**
- (e) An email from CVSC with regard to the removal of 'no ball games' signs in the County was **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor provided an overview as the ward member for the area under consideration. **It was RESOLVED to support the request. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to email Mr. Tom Gravett from CCBC to clarify if the bylaw is enforceable.**
- (f) An email from Welsh Government with regard to the setting up of joint

- arrangements around core themes of engagement was NOTED
- (g) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on Llanfair Road was NOTED
 - (h) An email from CCBC with regard to a road closure on Fardre Hill, St George was NOTED
 - (i) A letter from CCBC with regard to the Revised Statement of Gambling Principals was NOTED
 - (j) A letter from Royal Mail with the price increases from 25th March 2019 was NOTED
 - (k) A letter from the British Weights and Measures Association regarding pedestrian distance signs was NOTED
 - (l) An email from CCBC with regard to Play Provision T&F Group was NOTED

720/18 **Other Correspondence**

The Interim Audit Report from JDH Business Services in preparation for the 2018/19 Audit was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

721/18 **It was RESOLVED to DEFER Agenda item 12 to the end of the meeting**

722/18 **Nominations**

The nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on the 9th May 2019 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Brian Roberts, SECONDED by Cllr Delyth MacRae that the current Deputy Mayor Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts is nominated as Mayor for 2019/20. There being no other nominations Cllr Jones-Roberts was PROPOSED for the role of Mayor with a unanimous vote.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. George Frost, SECONDED by Cllr Charlie McCoubrey that Cllr Alan Hunter is nominated at the Deputy Mayor for 2019/20. There being no other nominations Cllr Hunter was PROPOSED for the role of Deputy Mayor with a unanimous vote.

It was NOTED that Cllr Hunter will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting as he will be on holiday.

723/18 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

A verbal report from County Councillors was RECEIVED as follows:

- a) CCBC budget has been difficult to balance and has a £15m funding gap for 2019/20 with no available reserves.
 - £8m cuts in service
 - £1m Capital Reserve utilised to balance the budget
 - £1m from UK Government to fund teachers' pension
 - £5m Council tax which equates to a 9.6% increase
 This is reflected in the rest of the Country as there is an increase in demand for social care, public sector pay award, teachers' pension pay award etc. Members congratulated Cllr Rowlands on his professional delivery of the budget to CCBC.
- b) There have been problems at Pensarn flats, a CCTV camera is to be installed and bins are to be emptied more frequently.
- c) Tesco are to carry out a litter pick on Wednesday 27th March with the equipment provided by CCBC
- d) Canolfan Dewi Sant have an open day on the 20th July
- e) New Task & Finish group set up to review the LDP. Cllrs: Wood, Hunter and Rowlands are members of the group. Land identified has been received and a copy has been requested for ATC.

Welsh Government has requested that more infrastructure in provided prior to developments in future

- f) CCBC Planning meeting next week will receive the Chicken farm which is minded to be refused and information relating to the Llanfair Road development is still to be received. There was misleading information on the Agenda with regard to the Atkins report.
- g) A request has been made for information relating to fly tipping costs.
- h) Cllr Pauline Heap-Williams has been nominated for Women in Democracy
- i) Dog fouling on Chapel street and recycling issues.
- j) Task and finish Environmental group are finding it difficult to find a solution to Dog fouling and looking into utilising CCTV and traffic wardens.
- k) There are 640 empty homes in Conwy. CCBC are looking into bringing back empty homes into use with loans available and the affordable housing group.
- l) Public Service Board members to view the Joint Working between Conwy & Denbighshire.

724/18 **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.**

- a) A request from Cllr. Wendy Williams from Llanddulas & Rhyd y Foel Community Council for a donation for the Pictorial History of Llanddulas, Rhyd y Foel and Abergele project was RECEIVED, and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE £450 from the 2018/19 donation section of the grants on the proviso that the sessions take place and otherwise the funding should be returned to the Council.**
- b) **Draft Minutes**
 The Confidential Draft Minutes from the last meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 18th February 2019, recommendations under Min No: 633/18 a, b (i), C (ii) & 634/18 (a) were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the appointment of the Administration Officer as a permanent member of staff.
It was FURTHER RESOLVED NOT TO APPROVE the request for additional hours for the member of staff with a vote of 6 against and 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

725/18 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning meeting held on the 17th January 2019
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th January 2019
- c) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 5th November 2018
- d) Events Sub Committee held on the 17th September 2018

726/18 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine March 2019
- b) Urdd Financial information 2018
- c) Revised Statement of Gambling Principals

Meeting Closed at 8:30pm

Signed
 (Chairman)