

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 6.45 pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

- 1/19 **Welcome & Opening Prayers**
The retiring Mayor Cllr Mike Bird, welcomed Past Mayors, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and his Fellow Members to the meeting and invited Reverend Canon Quentin Bellamy to offer the Opening prayer in English followed by Cllr. Delyth MacRae who offered the Welsh Opening Prayer.
- 2/19 **Attendance Register**
The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird, Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; R.M. Medicott; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood; Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)
- 3/19 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: M. Bond; A. Hunter; M. Richards;
Past Mayors: Mr Kevin Brown, Mr Tim Rowlands,
Dignitaries: Mr Darren Millar, Cllr. Peter Lewis, Chairman CCBC
Mayor of Prestatyn, Chairman of Llanddulas, Mayor of Rhuddlan, Mayor of St. Asaph
- 4/19 **Minutes**
A copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 10th May 2018 (which were approved and signed at the following Ordinary Meeting of the Council) were RECEIVED.
- 5/19 **Annual Report**
The 2018/19 Annual Report APPROVED by the Town Council
Min No: 873/18 was ADOPTED
- 6/19 **Policies**
The following Policies APPROVED by the Town Council during 2018/19 were ADOPTED
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| a) Code of Conduct | Min No: | 476/18 (i) |
| b) Financial Regulations | Min No: | 476/18 (ii) |
| c) Standing Orders | Min No: | 798/18 |
- 7/19 A copy of 2018/19 Inventory of Contents for Abergele Town Council was RECEIVED

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Address by the Retiring Mayor

The Mayor Cllr Bird thanked fellow Councillors, Past Mayors, invited dignitaries and family and friends for their attendance and gave his thanks to his wife Anthea who has been a source of help and understanding, especially when absent at meetings or on his phone or I-pad. Cllr Bird stated that he had attended many functions on behalf of the Council and had met so many people in Abergele who do wonderful things for the community.

He then thanked the staff at Abergele Town Council who work so hard to keep the Council going, without them the Council would not be able to function.

Cllr Bird then gave an overview of his year and achievements of the Council, inasmuch taking ownership of our bus shelters which have been upgraded and renewed. Sponsored the car parks from Conwy County Borough which are now all free but will have time restrictions applied. The Abergele Place plan is progressing, the new branding which is open to all businesses in Abergele to use and new tourist signs on the A55 directing people to the delights of Abergele.

Discussions have taken place also with business people and landlords regarding shop fronts in market Street, which is ongoing and thanked Chris Jones Regeneration, and members of CCBC, particularly, Shane Wetton.

Mention was made of all the Councillors who supported him during his year of office.

Finally, wished Cllr Shirley Jones-Roberts and her husband Brian every success for the future and to the new Chairs of Committees who will be nominated shortly. All the people of Abergele were thanked for support and kindness to Cllr Bird and Anthea over the past year.

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Election of Town Mayor for the year 2019/20

The Retiring Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for 2019/20.

The current Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts was proposed as the new Town Mayor by Cllr. Delyth MacRae and seconded by Cllr. George Frost.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. S Jones-Roberts indicated her willingness to accept the Office of Mayor and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect her as Town Mayor for 2019/20.

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Installation of the New Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Retiring Mayor invested Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts with the Mayoral Chain of Office. Cllr. Jones-Roberts read aloud and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was then countersigned by the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council.

The new Mayor then took the Chair and invested the retiring Mayor with a Past Mayor's medallion, and presented a bouquet of flowers as a small token of appreciation, on behalf of the Council to the outgoing Mayoress.

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Address by the New Mayor

Cllr Jones-Roberts addressed guests stating that it was an honour and privilege to be standing before them as the New Mayor of Abergele and thanked colleagues for their support and confidence in electing her to this high office.

Cllr Jones-Roberts stated that she was grateful to Rev Kate, Vicar of Abergele who has agreed to be Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year and for her spiritual support and the Reverend Canon Quentin Bellamy for stepping in at very short notice to deliver the opening prayer this evening, with best wishes to his wife the Reverend Kate.

Congratulations to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mike Bird and his Mayoress Anthea on having had a successful and enjoyable year in office.

Cllr. Jones-Roberts then gave a brief resume of her linear to Abergele and the development of Abergele in recent years.

The Mayor then informed that as this year is the 75th Anniversary of D Day the Council will be holding a service on the 5th June, the eve of this anniversary, at St Michael's Parish Church to commemorate this important period in history.

Cllr Jones-Roberts stated that her chosen charities for the year will be the British Heart Foundation Research and St Kentigern's Hospice.

Thank the staff at the Town Hall, for their help in organising this evening. The team work tirelessly throughout the year and are the backbone of the Town Council. Thanks also to the photographer, and Gwesty Glyndwr, for the refreshments.

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Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2019/20

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2019/20. Cllr. Alan Hunter was PROPOSED as the new Deputy Mayor by Cllr. Roberts and this was SECONDED by Cllr. McCoubrey.

There being no further nominations, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Hunter as Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

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As Cllr Hunter is not be able to attend the meeting the installation of the Deputy Mayor and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was DEFERRED to the next Ordinary meeting

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Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 6th June 2019.

- 14/19 **To approve the continued delegated authority to the Clerk and other Officers as set out in the Delegation to Officers Policy**
- 15/19 **Appointment of Committees**
- (i) **It was RESOLVED to confirm continued delegation of decision making powers to the following Standing Committees of the Council, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference:**
- a) General Purposes and Planning Committee**
 - b) Policy and Finance Committee**
 - c) Place Plan Committee**
- (ii) **It was RESOLVED to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Committees as follows:**
- a) General Purpose & Planning Committee**
The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr. Bond was PROPOSED as the Chairman by Cllr. MacRae and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Wood.

The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Vice Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr Armstrong was PROPOSED as the Vice Chairman by Cllr. Rowlands and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Roberts.
 - b) Policy & Finance Committee**
The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr. MacRae was PROPOSED as the Chairman by Cllr. Roberts and this was SECONDED by Cllr. McCoubrey.

The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Vice Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr Wood was PROPOSED as the Vice Chairman by Cllr. McCoubrey and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Heap-Williams
 - c) Place Plan Committee**
The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr. Jones-Roberts was PROPOSED as the Chairman by Cllr. Bird and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Waters.

The Mayor called for nominations for the role of Vice Chairman of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllr Hunter was PROPOSED as the Vice Chairman by Cllr. McCoubrey and this was SECONDED by Cllr. Armstrong
- 16/19 **It was RESOLVED to DEFER Agenda items 17 to 24 to the next Ordinary Meeting for consideration.**
The Terms of Reference for Committees
- 17/19 **Appointment of members to existing Committees**
- 18/19 **To receive confirmation that the Town Council holds the relevant insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks**

- 19/19 **To review the subscriptions to other bodies**
20/19 **To review the Council's complaints procedure**
21/19 **To review the Council's Policies, procedures and practices in respect of obligations under the Freedom of Information and Data protection legislation**
22/19 **To review the Employment Policy and procedures**
23/19 **To review the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Power of Well-being**
- 24/19 **Conclusion of Meeting to be followed by photographs**
The Mayor thanked everyone for attending, invited guests to join members for refreshments.

Meeting Closed at 7:15pm

Signed
(Chairman)