

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 9 Ionawr 2020 am 6.45yh yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

514/19 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. S Jones-Roberts,

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker (arrived at 6:50pm); J M Bird; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medlicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

515/19 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: D A MacRae; A. Wood;

516/19 **Yn absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology**

None

517/19 **Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct**

Atgoffir aelodau eu 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

518/19 **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Mayor Cllr. Jones-Roberts welcomed Ms. Lea-Anne Bramwell and Mr. Osian Roberts to the meeting to congratulate them on their recent awards.

Standing orders were reinstated

519/19 **Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor and Consort have had a busy December with visits to the local Nursing homes and many Christmas Concerts

520/19 **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 5 Rhagfyr/December 2019.

521/19 **Matters Arising from those and other minutes**

- a) A proposal by CCBC following the presentation by Neil Payne regarding IT services (deferred from previous meeting) was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to a future meeting when more information regarding cost has been received.
- b) A request for an additional lay member to the Place Plan Committee, together with

a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Place Plan Committee was RECEIVED.
Mr. Will Arrowsmith was APPROVED as a lay member of the Committee.

- c) Item C was DEFERRED to later in the meeting

522/19 **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 Ionawr/January 2019
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- (d) A consultation document from OVW with regard to changes for Planning fees (closing date 13/03/20) was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee.
- (e) An email from CCBC with revised costs for the provision of CCTV and a request for funding support for 2020/21 (this document forms part of the Estimates below £3300 included in the budget) was RECEIVED. It was APPROVED to amend the figure as suggest to £2016.
- (f) An email from OWL Crime Watch North Wales with a request for a donation (total available in the donation budget £500 2019/20) was RECEIVED and NOT APPROVED.
- (g) An email from OVW regarding their forthcoming Innovative Practice and Awards Conference and to propose any nominations was RECEIVED.
- (h) A copy of the Agenda from the last meeting of the NAMWALC held on the 13/12/19 and to receive an update from the representative from the Council was RECEIVED. Cllr. Brian Roberts explained that the Executive meeting is to set the Agenda for the next meeting quarterly meeting and he will provide members with an update following that meeting regarding the increase in voting age and other items.
- (i) A copy of the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the NAMWALC to be held on the 17/01/2020 was RECEIVED.
- (j) An email from Planning Aid Wales with their forthcoming events was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that she would attend on behalf of the Council.
- (k) An email from CCBC regarding an event to be held in February 2020 regarding Corporate Plan priorities was RECEIVED. It was AGREED that the Clerk and Mayor will attend the event.
- (l) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to an amendment to the Playing fields (Community involvement in Disposal Decisions) 2015 was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Local Government Sub Committee for NOTING.
- (m) Two Audit Reports from the Welsh Audit Office were RECEIVED.

523/19 **Draft Minutes**

The Draft Minutes from the Estimates Committee Meeting was deferred to later in the meeting:

524/19 **Request for funding**

Item was DEFERRED to later in the meeting

525/19 **Informal Meeting Notes**

- a) Understanding Welsh Places was NOTED

526/19 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Derbyn adroddiadau ysgrifenedig a llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) A report has been released by NWP to the Daily Post, on the most burgled

- areas and includes caravan dwellings. It was noted that there were 83 break-ins in Pensarn. The person responsible has now been arrested and imprisoned.
- b) CCBC were approached by WG to meet with officials to discuss the Placeplan. The Officials took a walk around Abergele to see the progress of the work carried out.
 - c) The premium of 25% is to be levied on empty and second homes will continue for another year. Last year £530,000 was raised towards funding for the homeless team.
 - d) Roadwork on Market street commences on the 20th January.
 - e) Railings around the pond, as part of the planning conditions, for the new housing development at Cae Eithin have been installed
 - f) Items raised as part of the Anwyl development have now been resolved.
 - g) There was a rough sleeper over Christmas and a missing girl has now been found safe.
 - h) Focus will be on the budget for the next few months. The provisional settlement is £220m. WG allocation is £150k, this is the second lowest settlement in Wales at 3.4%. There is pressure on WG to increase the allocation for Conwy. There was a deficit of £12m, which is still £11m short. Cuts to services will continue and investigating where more funding can be obtained from.
 - i) LG Wales paper around Public Space protection order will come into force
 - j) The election on the 12th December has changed the face of politics in Wales with 6 new MP's and will be attempting to access more funding for North Wales. New money through the Prosperity fund. It is not yet known if the funding will go to WG or straight to North Wales. The date will be confirmed after the report is published.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the County members for their updates.

527/19 **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 November 2019
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2019
- c) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 12th September 2019
- d) Parks, Street Scene & CCTV meeting held 9th September 2019
- e) Confidential Staffing Committee meeting held on the 6th November 2019

528/19 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct
- b) Theatr Bara Caws – Unaudited Financial Statement
- c) Understanding Welsh Places flyer

529/19 **Draft Minutes**

The Draft Minutes from the following Meeting was RECEIVED:

- (a) Estimates Committee held on the 9th December 2019

530/19 **Matters arising on those Minutes**

- a) Recommendations made by the Estimates Committee in preparing the Draft Annual Estimates for 2020/21 were RECEIVED. Matters were raised regarding the allocation of the Mayor's Allowance. The Clerk informed members that the Minutes which approved this amendment have been signed and therefore is bound by the 6-month rule. It was PROPOSED that if the Mayor requires further funds during the year that the item is returned to Council after June.

Members expressed that they were not comfortable with the level of precept proposed.

After debate it was RESOLVED to DEFER the decision to a Special Ordinary Meeting on the 30th January for deliberation.

- b) A copy of the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020 was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.
- c) The Annual Estimates for 2020/21 and agree the level of the precept, for submission to CCBC was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.
- d) A copy of the S137 letter from Welsh Government was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.
- e) A copy of the precept letter from CCBC was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.
- f) A copy of the Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.
- g) A copy of the Policy on Reserves, together with an email from the Internal Auditor relating to Min No: 485/19 (c) was RECEIVED and DEFERRED to the Special Ordinary Meeting.

531/19 **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.**

An update from the Clerk with regard to the proposed new heating system for the Council and NWP. Tentative costs for relocation were RECEIVED. The Clerk provided members with the alternative accommodation options.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER the decision to the Clerk with a limit for the rent of £5k from the Hall & Development Account.

532/19 **Request for funding**

A request for funding from Theatr Bara Caws was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOT APPROVED.

Meeting Closed at 8:30pm

Signed

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(Chairman)