



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 19 Rhagfyr 2024 am 6.45yh i'w gynnal yn rhannol yn y siambr, a phresenoldeb yn bosibl hefyd ar Zoom yn.
The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

396/24 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

In person: The Mayor: Cllr D Green
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; A Hunter; J. Jones; T. Jones;
S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; C. McCoubrey; A. Williamson; A. Wood;

Officers: Mr R. Grimward (Deputy Town Clerk), Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

397/24 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE the apologies received from members as follows:

Cllr. M. Davies	Leave of absence
Cllr. P. Heap-Williams	Bereavement
Cllr. P. Fletcher	Family commitments
Cllr. K. Yarwood	Childcare

398/24 Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr N Williams

399/24 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Cllr J. Jones	Min No. 410/24	Personal
Cllr S. Jones-Roberts	Min No. 407/24a	Personal
Cllr C. McCoubrey	Min No. 404/24	Prejudicial

400/24 Public participation

No requests with regard to Community matters, received by Members of the public wishing to address the Council were received

401/24 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor had been visiting residential and care homes in the run up to Christmas and said it was a pleasure to spend time with residents and enjoy some carol singing. She had also visited the local primary schools to announce the winners of the Christmas Card Competition which was a particular highlight, with the winning design this year coming from Ysgol Glan Morfa. She had also judged the Christmas Window Competition.

402/24 Cofnodion – Minutes



It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE**, **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** as a correct record the Minutes of the following meetings:

- a) Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 21 Tachwedd/November 2024
- b) Special Ordinary Meeting – CCBC Budget requests on the 9th December 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr T. Jones

All in favour

403/24 **In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, 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. (MIN No: 404/24 (a))**

Cllr C. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

404/24 **Matters arising on these and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets was received.

It was RESOLVED that Abergele Town Council would accept the sponsorship option to keep Pensarn Promenade toilets open for the full year at a cost of £15,951, to write to CCBC and request clarity for the figures provided, and to challenge the previously agreed £4,200 capital repayment figure for the toilets in Pentre Mawr as they will remain closed.

PROPOSED by Cllr A. Wood
SECONDED by Cllr A. Hunter

6 in favour
2 against
2 abstentions
Motion carried

Cllr C. McCoubrey returned at this juncture

405/24 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

- DERBYN ac YSTYRIED yr eitemau gohebiaeth canlynol/The following correspondence was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a) Details of the Mayor's engagements for October/November 2024 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED and NOTED
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- d) The OVW training for December to March was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- e) A letter from the Hygiene Bank with regard to the recent grant application decision was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the previous decision to decline the grant



application from the Hygiene Bank was subject to the six month rule.

It was RESOLVED to invite the local Hygiene Bank group to attend a future Council meeting to give further information on their projects within the Abergele community.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr A. Hunter

All in favour

- f) A request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru with regard to a donation for 2025 was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE a donation of £440.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr S. Jones-Roberts

All in favour

- g) A letter from the Town Council's bank regarding cashback was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- h) An email from OVW regarding nominating a Peace Ambassador Role for a Councillor was RECEIVED and NOTED.
It was RECOMMENDED to write to OVW to thank them for their correspondence, but Abergele Town Council would not be nominating a Peace Ambassador on this occasion.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr A. Hunter

All in favour

- i) A reply to the Town Council's letter regarding the current Covid Vaccination programme and to agree a rate for the suggested discount.
It was RESOLVED to offer a discounted rate of £80 for a full day and £45 for a half day should BCUHB wish to host vaccination sessions at Abergele Town Council.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr C. McCoubrey

All in favour

- j) A copy of the CCBC Precept letter for 2025/26 confirming the figure is £5183.32 was RECEIVED and NOTED.

406/24 **In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, 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 instructed to withdraw MIN No 407/24 (b))**

407/24 **Other Business**



- (a) The pledges by the Council for Dementia Friendly status were RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to renew the pledges and to APPROVE £500 to purchase Dementia friendly mats for Abergele Town Council premises.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr J. Jones

All in favour

- (b) An update from the Deputy Clerk with regard to the Robert Roberts Charity and a recent meeting with the Town Council's solicitor was RECEIVED and NOTED.
(c) A request for the replacement of the Town Council's staff laptops was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.
It was RESOLVED to approve the replacement of the laptops at a cost of £2600.

PROPOSED by Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr A. Hunter

All in favour

- (d) A Top 10 list from OVW of things that a Council should be doing was RECEIVED and NOTED.
(e) A copy of the meeting notes from the recent Funding/Events and Precept meeting held by OVW was RECEIVED.
(f) A Project Brief from Cllr. Wood with regard to the old Citizens Advice Bureau site was RECEIVED. It was suggested that the site could be transformed in to an open space for the public if the current building was demolished and the area made good.
It was RESOLVED to express an interest in the site should CCBC be unable to sell it on the open market.

PROPOSED by Cllr A. Wood
SECONDED by Cllr A. Williamson

10 in favour
1 against
Motion carried

408/24 **Audit and Annual Return for 2023/24**

- a) A copy of a letter from Welsh Audit Office confirming that the 2023/24 Audit is completed was RECEIVED. Cllr C. McCoubrey wished to thank the Clerk for achieving an unqualified audit.
b) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 was RECEIVED and NOTED.

409/24 **To Note the Financial Situation as at today:-**

Current Account	£77,554.81
Monthly Interest Account	£275,822.59
General Reserve	<u>£87,072.06</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£440,449.46</u>



Hall & Development Account

£36,996.12

410/24 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' was AUTHORISED as £73,123.49

411/24 **Monthly Report**

A copy of the Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for November 2024 was RECEIVED.

412/24 **Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Verbal Reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) Budget discussions are the dominant topic in CCBC. It is difficult to predict statutory demands on services as the situation can change without prior warning, implementing cuts and savings is also a challenge.
- b) A survey is available for residents to have their say on the budget, which is available online.
- c) The RDLP through to 2033 is due in spring 2025.
- d) The PCC has been encouraged to contribute more money towards CCTV as 4000/6000 CCTV incidents were police incidents, demonstrating how important the non-statutory service provided by CCBC is.
- e) Cllr. Luckock will be meeting with Gill German MP to discuss concerns regarding an increase in ketamine usage in the area.
- f) CCBC were given a below average provisional settlement at 3.7%. Homelessness is a big statutory demand that CCBC have to grapple with and the census data for older people is out of date. WG will pay NICs for CCBC staff but will not cover that of external staff (e.g. Domiciliary care workers). The funding gap for CCBC is currently standing at approximately £19 million.
- g) The foster care service received a very positive inspection and an Estyn WEST inspection was exemplary.

413/24 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th November 2024
- b) Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 21st October 2024
- c) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on 14th October 2024
- d) Estimates Committee meeting held on 7th December 2023
- e) Placeplan Committee meeting held on the 26th September 2024
- f) Confidential Placeplan Committee meeting held on 26th September 2024
- g) Placeplan Committee meeting held on the 24th October 2024

414/24 **Documents for information**

- a) Christmas wishes from OVW were RECEIVED



Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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