

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held by remote attendance on Monday 15th February 2021 at 6:30pm.

218/20 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: T. Brennan; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters (non-member);
A. Wood;
Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

219/20 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr: S. Jones-Roberts;

220/20 **Absence without Apologies**

None

221/20 **Declaration of Interests**

- Members were reminded that they must declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests using the form provided for this purpose.

None were declared

222/20 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, APPROVE** and **SIGN** as a correct record the **Minutes from the last meeting of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2020.**

223/20 **Matters arising from those and previous Minutes**

(a) The following Town Council policies in preparation for adoption at the next Annual meeting were **RECEIVED, CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED** as follows:

- i. Code of Conduct RECEIVED and APPROVED
- ii. Financial Regulations RECEIVED and APPROVED.
It was **RECOMMENDED** to check the amount that the Clerk is able to authorise under the Delegation to Officers document.
- iii. Standing Orders
 - an update from the Clerk on the inclusion of a statement for a secret ballot deferred from Ordinary meeting dated 03/12/20 under Min No: 80/20 (a) was **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the inclusion of Voting on appointments: Where more than one person has been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council the voting shall be made by either the show of hands, or a secret ballot, if requested by one or more members and passed by resolution.
 - The option of recording a meeting under Standing order no: 3L was **CONSIDERED**. It was **RECOMMENDED** not to amend the Standing order.
 - Members queried the legality with regard to suspending of Standing orders for a guest/non member to speak and requested that the Clerk clarify which legislation states that this should be applied.

(b) A Draft 3-year forecast for observations, as recommended in the new Financial Regulations was **RECEIVED, CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

224/20 **Be Kind**

Adopting the ethos of 'Be Kind' into the Town Councils Mission Statement or similar (differed from Ordinary meeting 03/12/21 Min No: 83/20 (e) was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED to not include in the documents as the current documents already encompass similar statements.

225/20 **Declaring a Climate Emergency**

An update on the Declaration of Declaring a Climate Emergency, Green Pledges and the Biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members RECOMMENDED that the declaration should be in the forefront of members mind when making decisions for the Council and considered the best way of administering this. It was PROPOSED that a Chairman for each Committee raises the matter regarding the impact of the Council's decisions when considering Agenda items, especially relating to Planning, Grants, and Projects etc. and to not fund schemes that will be detrimental to the resolution. It was PROPOSED that the statements for the Green Pledges include what element the Council is addressing prior to the detail of the achievement, with a broader pledge. It was FURTHER PROPOSED that the Town Council's Mission Statement is refreshed to reflect this proposal.

226/20 **Annual Report**

A copy of the Draft Town Council's 2020/21 Annual report in conjunction with the Future Generations Act 2015 and Power of Wellbeing Act order was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members reviewed the document for the Clerk to amend.

227/20 **Priority lists**

The prioritised summary of action points (DEFERRED from Estimates for consideration) was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED to NOTE the document and DEFER a review until after the next election in 2022.

228/20 **Policies**

- a) The 'Local Resolution policy' was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- b) The 'IT policy' deferred from the Annual Meeting under Min No: 23/20 was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the policy to allow the Clerk to obtain information on each of the elements suggested.
- c) The 'Welsh Language Scheme policy' was RECEIVED, and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the Policy in order to bring in line with the demographics of the area.

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed
(Chairman)