

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ar Dydd Iau, 3 Mehefin 2021 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3 June 2021 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

57/21 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; M. Bond (arrived at 7pm); T. Brennan; N. Eden; D Fetherstonhaugh; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; S.Jones-Roberts; D A MacRae; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; N. Williams; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk), Mrs Lorraine Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

58/21 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. C. McCoubrey;

59/21 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

60/21 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffwyd aelodau ei 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).

The Mayor Cllr. Alan Hunter reminded members that it is not the responsibility of the Chairman or Clerk to highlight if a member should declare an interest but for members to be proactive in declaring. If any member is unsure please contact the Clerk for guidance.

Cllr. Frost	Min No: 67/21	Non-prejudicial
Cllr. Eden	Min No: 66/21	Non-prejudicial
Cllr. MacRae	Min No: 67/21	Prejudicial
Cllr. S. Rowlands	Min No: 66/21	Non-Prejudicial
Cllr. S. Rowlands	Min No: 63/21	Non-prejudicial
Cllr. B Roberts	Min No: 67/21	Non-prejudicial
Cllr. A Hunter	Min No: 67/21	Non-prejudicial
Cllr. Dr. Baker	Min No: 66/21	Non-Prejudicial
Cllr. P. Heap-Williams	Min No: 66/21	Non-Prejudicial
Cllr. A. Wood	Min No: 66/21	Non-prejudicial

61/21 Announcements by the Mayor

a) The Mayor informed members as an individual that he has been invited to become a member of the Abergele Food Bank.

62/21 Cofnodion - Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE**, **APPROVE** and **SIGN** as a correct record the Minutes from the last meetings of the:

a) **Ordinary Meeting, held on Thursday 6th May 2021**

b) **Annual Meeting, held on the 17th May 2021**

63/21 **Matters Arising from those and other minutes**

- a) An email from CCBC with regard to the Sustrans Active Travel scheme at Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED. As Dylan Jones, Transport Manager for CCBC was attending the next GP&P meeting it was RECOMMENDED to DEFER the item to that meeting for discussion. The path from Hafod y parc to the park did not appear to be on the scheme. Cllr. Rowlands stated that he would investigate.
- b) An email update from CCBC with regard to the HGV vehicles in St George was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The matter was debated. Cllr. Rowlands informed members that the Church and School would also be in support of traffic regulations been enforced and members queried if any funding was available. Matter was DEFERRED to the GP&P meeting when Dylan Jones, Traffic Manager CCBC is in attendance.
- c) An email from CCBC with regard to the installation of new traffic islands was NOTED.
- d) An email from Cllr. Bond with regard to dog bins was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED that a survey of all the bin locations is carried out. The Deputy Clerk will forward a map to members to carry out a survey of their ward.
- e) An email from CCBC with regard to the introduction of a hybrid system for the Town Council was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The Clerk provided an overview of the options available. Various platforms were discussed i.e. zoom, teams and to ensure that as part of the climate emergency that members and the public have options to be able to not travel unnecessarily. Cllr. Eden and Cllr. Frost felt that a simple system could be achieved and agreed to meet with the Clerk to test. It was NOTED that Welsh Government are encouraging the use of meeting streaming.

It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to ascertain what solutions come forward from Welsh Government and not to commit any funds at this time.

64/21 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Mehefin/June 2021
- 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 copy of the OVW training for June was RECEIVED
- e) An email from CCBC with regard to Transforming Towns Business Fund was NOTED.
- f) The Playing out scheme for 2021 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED with 7 sessions at a cost of £270 per session, total £1890 for the summer programme. A grant of £500 is also available.

It was RECOMMENDED to ensure that the programme is advertised in advance.

- g) A letter from Beulah Brass with regard to the provision of a Band Stand in Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The matter was debated and members considered the provision of a mobile bandstand that could be moved to various locations as required. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to the Place Plan Committee to be considered as part of a future project.

65/21 **Confidential matters**

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. (Item No: 10 &11)

Cllrs: Rowlands; Heap-Williams; Baker retired at this juncture

66/21 An email from a resident with regard to the Gwrych Castle Turrets was RECEIVED. Members expressed disappointment if this was requested.

Cllrs: Rowlands; Heap-Williams; Baker returned at this juncture

Cllr. MacRae retired at this juncture

67/21 An update from the Clerk with regard to the Abergele Joint Burial Committee was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that there was no need to wait for the final report before measures are put in place.

The following documents were RECEIVED.

- a) OVW legal letter
- b) Minutes from various meetings
- c) Annual Accounts 31/03/19
- d) Draft Terms of Reference
- e) A copy of an email between the Auditor/OVW/ATC Clerk/TKB Clerk
- f) A copy of an email from the Clerk of Llanelli and a copy of their Memorandum of Understanding (as an example) was RECEIVED.

The Clerk informed members that she had requested that a page was set up on the Town Council's website for the Burial Committee and that she and the Clerk from Towyn & Kinmel Bay had a meeting with the other Joint Burial Council Clerks next week to discuss details.

Cllr. MacRae returned at this juncture

68/21 **Internal Audit and Annual Return for 2020/21**

- a) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 was RECEIVED.
- b) A report from the Internal Auditor with an overview of the Annual Accounts for 2020/21 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- c) The Statement of Accounts for 2020/21, subject to External Audit was APPROVED for SIGNATURE.
- d) The Annual Return for 2020/21 together with the Annual Governance Statement was APPROVED for SIGNATURE.

A NOTE of thanks to the Clerk was recorded.

69/21 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED.

- a) Cllr. Hunter has been appointed as Chairman of CCBC Planning Committee
- b) There is a new Police & Crime Commissioner, who has held a post in the Home Office previously
- c) Cllr. McCoubrey has been appointed Leader of CCBC
- d) Scaffolding on Chapel Street causing congestion. There was no licence to install
- e) Following his appointment as Assembly Member Cllr. Sam Rowlands has stepped down from his role as Leader of CCBC. Cllr Brian Cossey is now Cabinet member for Finance

- f) There is a spike in Covid cases in the Llandudno area, the public are encouraged to get a test for the Delta variant. Seems to be affecting the younger population and from closed settings
- g) £40m grant has been administered since lockdown
- h) Cllr. Dr. Baker presented a review to the Member Development Review for Arts, Heritage and Culture Portfolio
- i) Community support service set up
- j) Vaccine centre withdrawing from Venue Cymru, with a handover around November
- k) Libraries and Theatre Colwyn reopening.

70/21 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

- DERBYN cofnodion y cyfarfodydd / pwyllgorau canlynol/The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purposes and Planning Committee held on 8th April 2021.
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th April 2021.
- c) Staffing Committee meeting held on the 1st March 2021
- d) Place Plan Committee held on the 25th March 2021
- e) Executive Committee held on the 15th February 2021

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

Signed

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(Chairman)