

Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 5 Tachwedd 2020 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell. The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 5th November 2020 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

36/20 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; M. Bond; T. Brennan; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts;
C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)
Member of the public

37/20 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

None

38/20 Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr: S Rowlands;

39/20 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffir 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).

Cllr. P. Heap-Williams Min No: 45/20 (b)

Cllr. T. Brennan Min No: 43/20 (d)

40/20 Visitor to the Council

Standing orders were suspended

The Mayor Cllr. Alan Hunter, welcomed Mr. Darren Millar AM to the meeting who provided members with an overview of his work in the Assembly and in the Abergele Community. Darren informed members that he been the representative for the area for the last 13 years and never known such an extraordinary time as we are currently having due to Covid 19. The public are concerned about their vulnerability and the impact on the economy, especially the older population.

There are currently 93 Covid cases in North Wales hospitals, which is triple the September figure. Concerns beyond the pandemic with delays in routine access to the NHS and a long wait for test/treatments. Hip operations were a two year wait, now doubled. A plan has been devised to establish two diagnostic treatment centers, test, to ensure that the public are then not attending other sites and process more quickly. A new hospital is planned for Rhyl, which should receive the go-ahead later this month, scheduled to commence in March and will take two years to build, with a new minor injury unit and step down care when discharged from the main hospital and dental. It is planned that the Ablett unit will have a new unit. The Trust has now been in special measures for 6 years. A new Chief Executive will commence in January. The Enfys hospital in Deeside is due to open on Monday with 30 beds.

Park and Ride at the hospital has been suspended due to Covid and will return in the future. It is planned that a multi-story car park will be built. Staff at the hospital have had their bikes stolen, hopefully this problem has now been rectified.

Pensarn suffered flooding last year and Darren has worked with CCBC, Natural Resources Wales and has a meeting tomorrow. Work carried out 5 years ago was not sufficient and an assessment will be carried out.

Abergele has a real opportunity with the 'I'm a Celebrity' at Gwrych Castle and will be viewed not only around the UK but worldwide.

CAMS unit is still not used to its full capacity and has problems with recruitment. A new mental health strategy is to be developed.

Darren is working with Cartrefi Conwy and CCBC with regard to Parking around the primary schools in Abergele to improve the situation. A scheme has been submitted and will be carried out in two phases which will commence in the near future.

Darren thanked the Council for its support, joint working and assistance.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Miller for this attendance and informative update.

Standing orders were reinstated

41/20 **Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor Cllr. Alan Hunter made the following announcements:

- a) The passing of previous Councillor Morris Roberts and local school pupil Finlay Edwards
- b) The Mayor had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service, with changes to the normal format due to Covid 19
- c) The Mayor will be switching on the Gwrych Castle Turrets at 6pm tomorrow evening.

42/20 **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 meetings:

- a) **Ordinary Meeting, held on the 1 Hydref/October 2020**
- b) **Special Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th September 2020**

43/20 **Matters Arising from those and other minutes**

- a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the grant for the Repurposed WG funds to increase Town Centre footfall was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that some slight amendments had taken place due to the St. George Road tree being in position and the proposed table was to be relocated.
- b) An update with regard to the 'I'm a celebrity' project was RECEIVED. ERF will be installing the bugs and ghosts. The Council will need to consider a future locations for the bugs once the show is over and the future legacy. Maintenance for the future will need to be considered.
- c) The application for the installation of lights on Pensarn seafront and to agree an amount of match funding was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members wished for a note of thanks to be recorded for the Deputy Clerk for completing the grant application. It was NOTED that no maintenance plan had been included in the APPROVED quote.
It was RESOLVED to include a contingency of £2k for any additional items required.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE 20% match funding of £1800 from the Town Council's reserves.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the quote received from GWP as the lowest quotation received and to submit the application for Grant funding.

d) A request from Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey for the Council to consider funding a stencil and paint to dress the blocks outside Slaters was RECEIVED. Cllr. McCoubrey informed members that there was a change of plan and that barriers were to be installed over the Slaters site tomorrow and therefore there was no need for a stencil. There is a long term deal for the area under consideration. 'I'm a Celebrity' vinyls will be installed on the fencing to enhance the area.

e) A letter from Cllr. Brian Cossey for the Council to consider making a donation towards the Conwy District Scout Council was RECEIVED.

As Abergele children use the accommodation it was RESOLVED to make a donation from grant budget of £500. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to write to the Abergele Scouts to inform them of the ATC contribution.

f) An update from CCBC with regard to the ENRaW application and an update report from the Clerk was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to approve the request for the applicant for the grant to be transferred from ATC to CCBC.

44/20 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- (a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Tachwedd/November 2020. The Mayor confirmed that he has since received two events to attend.
- (b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- (c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- (d) An email from a member of the Traders Association with a request to replace the map on the corner of Water/Bridge Street was NOTED. The Council have no objection to the installation and considered that both the Town and Traders notices should be accommodated, as part of a future scheme to upgrade the whole corner.
- (e) An email from OVW with regard to the findings on a recent survey on Remote meetings was RECEIVED.
- (f) An email from CCBC with regard to the funding request for 2020/21 was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Green Gele application does not include the provision on a toilet in the park and that the provision should be added to a future Agenda.

45/20 **Funding requests**

(a) The splitting of the £500 Chairman's allowance for 2020/21 as the Immediate Past Mayor and Mayor have carried out six months each was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

(b) Applications for grant funding from Abergele Businesses were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

Cllr. Wood informed members that he was in discussion with the owner of the Spice Merchant for a long overdue window repair.

It was RESOLVED to approve the grant of £300 on the proviso that a letter of application is received from the business owner.

Cllr. Alan Hunter informed members that the kiosks in Pensarn should also be able to access the grant and it was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve pending an application from the business.

(c) (i) An update from Abergele Youth Sheds with regard to the request for them to produce face masks for the Council was RECEIVED.

- (ii) Quotations for the purchase of face masks was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED that the public could give a donation to the Mayor's Charity or that the Council could sell the masks at cost price.

It was RESOLVED to NOT APPROVE the purchase of the masks at this time.

46/20 **Draft Minutes**

- (a) An update from the Clerk following the Staffing meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020 was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that members had requested further information on the options for recruitment and was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

47/20 **Meeting Notes**

A copy of the Meeting Notes from the last meeting of the Town & Community Council forum were RECEIVED.

48/20 **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) The revised Planning application for the Llanfair Road development has been approved
- b) Arbed am Byth are carrying out assessments on properties in Pensarn/Belgrano area to upgrade properties i.e. heating, solar panels. Cllr. Hunter wishes for the public to be aware that this is not a scam and local authorities have been consulted. They are also offering small grants to local groups. The Company will prepare an energy efficiency survey and will target properties at the lower end of the market. It must have 100 properties signed up in order to make the scheme viable.
- c) CCBC have rolled out a scheme for Retail Businesses and Catering/Hospitality grant, with less than £12k ratable value (RA) and greater than £12k (RA). The pot has a £10m budget. Cllr. McCoubrey asked members to share with the Community.
- d) Task and finish meeting regarding the LDP been revised slightly due to Covid 19. There are no changes to the Abergele area
- e) Anwyl considered the whole of the Slaters/Bee site with something that will benefit the area.
- f) Fly tipping in St George/Rhuddlan Road continues to be an ongoing problem
- g) Traffic issues on Primrose Hill at school times.
- h) Atkins 3 Traffic Report is to follow, moving forward with Welsh Government for the South East Development.
- i) 'I'm a Celebrity' commences on Sunday with a history of the project.

49/20 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

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

- a) General Purpose & Planning Committee meeting held on the 17th September 2020
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th September 2020.

Meeting Closed at 9:05pm

Signed
(Chairman)