



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 15 Chwefror 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 15th February 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

493/23 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. C. McCoubrey;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams arrived at 6:47pm);
A Hunter; J. Jones; T. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; N. Williams; A. Williamson;
K. Yarwood
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Clerk)

494/23 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Davies; P. Fletcher; A. Wood;

495/23 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

496/23 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: C. McCoubrey	Min No:	505/23 (b)	Prejudicial
Cllr. C. McCoubrey	Min No:	503/23 (d)	Prejudicial
Cllr. C. McCoubrey	Min No:	502/23 (a)	Prejudicial
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No:	502/23 (a)	Personal
Cllr. N. Williams	Min No:	502/23 (a)	Personal
Cllr. P. Luckcock	Min No:	502/23 (a)	Personal
Cllr. P. Heap-Williams	Min No:	505/23 (d)	Personal

497/23 Guest to the Council

The Mayor Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey welcomed Craig Smallwood and Ken Baker, from the Royal British Legion to the meeting who were presented with a pendant from the Council to commemorate the Abergele RBL 100th Anniversary. Mr Smallwood and Mr Baker presented the Council with a Certificate of Appreciation as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the Council's assistance with the local branch.

498/23 Public participation

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



499/23 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Mayor reminded members that the RBL 100th Anniversary Service was to be held this Sunday at 3pm
- b) The Mayor attended the Holocaust Memorial Service, which had a speaker on Gwrych Castle

500/23 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND APPROVE as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 18th Ionawr/January 2024

501/23 **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. (Min No: 502/23 (a)-(c))**

502/23 **Matters arising on this and previous Minutes**

Cllr. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

Cllr. Green, Deputy Mayor acted as Chairman for this item

- a) A report from the Clerk with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets and to consider the recommendations within that report was RECEIVED.

The details were recorded on the Confidential Ordinary Minutes under Min No: 517/23

It was PROPOSED that the item is deferred pending further information with regard to the costs for Water Street and the other queries raised.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

7 in favour

3 against

1 abstention

It was RECOMMENDED that any questions are forwarded to the Clerk

It was RESOLVED to approve the final motion to DEFER the item pending clarity on the queries and the Water Street refurbishment.

Cllr. McCoubrey returned at this juncture

- b) An update from the Abergele Conservation Trust with regard to the Abergele Community Centre was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that a Business case had been sent to CCBC and are working with various groups with regard to the 'In Bloom' projects.



- c) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Charity of Robert Roberts was RECEIVED, and NOTED. The Clerk was thanked for all her work.
- d) A response from WG with regard to a letter sent by ATC with reference to regeneration funding for Abergele was RECEIVED and NOTED

503/23 **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 February/March 2024
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.

Cllr. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

Cllr. Green, Deputy Mayor acted as Chairman for this item

- d) An email from CCBC with regard to the summer playing out scheme and an update from the Clerk with regard to alternative provisions (deadline to CCBC 10/03/24) was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to not offer the CCBC playing out scheme for 2024.

PROPOSED by Cllr. K. Yarwood

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

Cllr. McCoubrey returned at this juncture

- e) An email from CCBC with regard to the 2024/25 budget (emailed to members 29/01/24) was NOTED
- f) Two emails from a member of the public with regard to school transport to Welsh medium schools was RECEIVED and NOTED. The consultation information is in the public domain for residents to complete.

- g) A request for funding from the Urdd fund for all was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to not donate on this occasion.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

- h) A request for funding from the Wales Air Ambulance Charity was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

It was RESOLVED to donate £250 from the 2023/24 donations budget.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. N. Williams

504/23 **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. (Min No: 505/23 (a) & (b))

505/23 **Other Business**

- a) A grant application submitted by the Town Council for Events to be held in Abergelle during 2024 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED. The Clerk was thanked for her work in submitting the grant.
PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

Cllr. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

Cllr. Green, Deputy Mayor acted as Chairman for this item

- b) A proposal from Events Conwy for support to deliver events in Abergelle (not including Fireworks)(approved in principal at the last Events Committee meeting under Min No: 427/23) was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.
It was NOTED that the funding would be from the 2024/25 reserves and is required as part of the match funding for item (a) above if the grant is approved.
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the request to engage CCBC Events for delivery of the 2024/25 Events at £2500.00 from the 2024/25 reserves.

Cllr. McCoubrey returned at this juncture

- c) An update from the Clerk following the recent Code of Conduct training arranged by CCBC following a request from the Town Council was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the training was well delivered and those who have not already attended should endeavour to attend. It was NOTED that Cllr. P. Heap-Williams was present at the training but not recorded on the notes.
- d) An email from Ysgol St. George with regard to a representative from the Town Council was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Governing body meetings are held on the same evening as the Town Council meetings. It was NOTED that members are summoned to meetings of the Council. Cllr. K. Yarwood informed members that she would be willing to be the Council's representative on the outside body. It was RECOMMENDED to request that the school consider amending the day and/or time of the meeting to facilitate the attendance of a member of the Town Council. Items was DEFERRED pending an update from the school.

506/23 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	22263.62
Monthly Interest Account	254,101.55
General Reserve	<u>81,728.06</u>

TOTAL £358,093.23

Hall & Development Account £36,447.83

507/23 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was



APPROVED as £20,083.67

508/23 **Monthly Report**

A copy of the Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for December 2023 was RECEIVED.

509/23 **Nominations**

- Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held on the 2nd May 2024 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the current Deputy Mayor Cllr. Diane Green be elected as Mayor 2024/25.

PROPOSED Cllr K. Yarwood
SECONDED Cllr. P. Luckock

There being no other nominations Cllr Green was PROPOSED for the role of Mayor with a unanimous vote.

Cllr. A. Hunter PROPOSED that Cllr T. Brennan is elected as Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, SECONDED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

Cllr D. Green PROPOSED that Cllr. T. Jones is elected as Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, SECONDED by Cllr. K. Yarwood

Both Councillors indicated that if nominated that they would be willing to accept the role.

Members voted which resulted in a unanimous vote for Cllr. Brennan.

Cllr. Brennan, was elected at Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

510/23 **Y diweddraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / verbal reports from County Councillors was RECEIVED:

- a) The Leader and Cabinet have been working hard on the budget. There is likely to be a £18m shortfall in the budget for 2025/26. A reduction in Library hours, and a cut in funding for CAB are among the cuts for 2024/25
- b) Welsh Government had provided £25m to Councils to reinstate social care which has increased by £2.26m
- c) 72% of the budget is revenue funded, teachers' pension has increased by £8m £14.4m for other staff. Of the £22m for pay Welsh Government have only funded £4.6m. The fees for Telecare has been rejected, nappy collection will remain as is. 2000 Statutory duties to comply with. Savings on energy costs of £1.6m have been made. All is unsustainable at present which will result in a cut in service and a rise in Council tax.
- d) Shared Prosperity fund allocation received
- e) Under 18, 6 Nations ladies Rugby is coming to Colwyn Bay for four days from the 1/4/24
- f) Police & Crime Commissioner have agreed to increase the precept adding 0.32p per week, details are on their website.



511/23 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 8th January 2024
- b) Marketing & Promotion sub committee meeting held on the 20th November 2023
- c) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 9th October 2023

Meeting Closed at 8:25pm

Signed
(Chairman)