



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 16 Ionawr 2025 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 16th January 2025 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

435/24 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

In person: Cllrs: T. Brennan (Chair); P. Fletcher; D. Fetherstonhaugh;
P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:48pm); A Hunter; J. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts;
P. Luckock; C. McCoubrey; A. Williamson;
Online: T. Jones (arrived at 6:49pm); N. Williams (arrived at 6:48pm);
Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mr R. Grimward (Deputy Town Clerk)

436/24 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

To receive, consider and resolve to approve apologies received from members

Cllr. D. Green - on holiday
Cllr. M. Davies - unwell
Cllr. K. Yarwood - working

PROPOSED by Cllr. C. McCoubrey
SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter

All in favour

437/24 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr. A. Wood;

438/24 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: 444/24	Prejudicial
Cllr. P. Luckock	Min No: 444/24	Personal
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No: 444/24	Personal

439/24 Public participation

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

440/24 Visitor to the Council

The Deputy Mayor welcomed representatives from the Hygiene Bank to the meeting who provided members with an overview of their recent grant application. They confirmed that



although the organisation was nationwide the group is local and provide services the local community. All funding initially goes to the main charity but is then ring fenced and drawn down to the local area when required. The group have only been running for 6 months and are still looking for partnerships and asked ATC for recommendations, which were suggested. That partner would then decide who to allocate the packs to.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and they retired from the meeting.

441/24 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Deputy Mayor informed members that Mr Ron MacRae past Councillor at Abergel Town Council had passed away recently.

442/24 **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 19 Rhagfyr/December 2024**
b) **Special Ordinary Meeting –Budget 2nd Ionawr/January 2025**

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

- 443/24 **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 advised in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw. (MIN No: 444/24(a))**

444/24 **Matters arising on these and previous Minutes**

Cllr. C. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

- a) An update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergel Toilets was RECEIVED and the Clerk asked members for clarification on the decision regarding the Capital repayment that was raised at the last meeting. The Clerk explained to members that this decision had already been taken last year and that the Council agreed to pay the Capital repayment back to CCBC over a 10-year period. Once a decision has been taken the Council should stand by that decision. The matter was debated at length, and it was proposed that as a responsible Council the original decision should be adhered to.

It was RESOLVED to stand by the Original decision taken by the Council for the funding to be paid to CCBC over a ten-year period.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

All in favour – unanimous decision
Motion carried

Cllr. C. McCoubrey returned at this juncture



- b) An update from CCBC regarding the sale of the Abergele toilet block on Bridge Street was NOTED

445/24 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for October/November 2024
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- d) The OVW training for February and March. The Clerk highlighted to members that there was a session for the Beach of Dreams on the 3/2/25 and if members could support the Officer to complete the required task
- e) An email from CCBC with regard to a consultation on Public Service Ombudsman and its practice with regard to consulting only after the two-stage test has been carried out was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED that members submit any observations individually if they wish.
- f) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to a drop in interest rates was NOTED
- g) An email from OVW with a request to consider nominations for an award was RECEIVED.

446/24 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED: -**

Current Account	23289.09
Monthly Interest Account	259044.80
General Reserve	<u>87072.06</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£369405.95</u>
Hall & Development Account	<u>36996.12</u>

447/24 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was RECEIVED and APPROVED as £21440.75

448/24 **Monthly Report**

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

449/24 **Y diweddraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) There has been a water outage at Dolgarrog where a pipe has ruptured last night. The best case for repair is tomorrow and then it will take 48 hours for the water to be reinstated to all households and businesses. Welsh Water have a duty to supply 10l of water to all those effected but the stock is depleted after the recent floods. 5000 people are deemed at risk and are a priority. Schools and offices are closed due to not being lawful to open without facilities for staff.



Hopefully the shops will be restocked with water overnight. There will be two water stations opening tomorrow. Emergency accommodation is a problem as they should close but this would put vulnerable people on the streets therefore CCBC are seeking an exemption from Welsh Government. It will be a difficult weekend.

- b) There is an assumption that the budget will raise by 10.26%. The budget working group has been drilling down on the schools budget. Audit Wales have indicated that CCBC have been operating on short term business basis and need to take transformational decisions.
- c) There was a positive meeting with regard to the pump track
- d) There is a meeting for the 3G pitch tomorrow
- e) There has been progress on the Pensarn flats.
- f) The windows at Bowden House will be replaced
- g) No progress on the planning application for the old Bee Hotel.
- h) Abergele Conservation Trust has been awarded the lease on the old School building.

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The following minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 12th December 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed
(Chairman)