



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

34/24 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Present: The Mayor, Cllr. D. Green;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Fletcher; P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:47pm); A Hunter; J. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; C. McCoubrey;
N. Williams; A. Williamson; A. Wood; K. Yarwood

Online: T. Jones;

Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

In attendance: Member of the public

35/24 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Cllrs: M. Davies

36/24 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

37/24 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:	43/24 (a)	prejudicial
Cllr. P. Luckock	Min No:	43/24 (a)	personal
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No:	43/24 (a)	personal
Cllr. N. Williams	Min No:	43/24 (a)	personal
Cllr. J. Jones	Min No:	52/24	personal
Cllr. A. Wood	Min No:	43/24 (a)	personal

38/24 Visitor to the Council

- The Chairman welcomed Sarah Murphy from Cartrefi Conwy to the meeting who provided members with an update on the old Slaters site.
Sarah commenced with an overview of the anti-social behaviour that has been taking place at the site and the mitigation that has been put in place. The site is visited each week to assess the damage, once an area is secured the vandalism appears to escalate.

Planning permission for the first phase of the site has been granted with one condition.



Cartrefi have received £13000 from Transforming Towns and £7000 from Arts Business Cymru for some Artwork to be created and have engaged a local artist for this purpose. Everything that will be installed in the area will be repurposed and there will be a fixed pergola, the aim is to reduce, reuse, recycle and sustainable. Between May and September the work will commence, opening in September with a friendship bench. Phase 1 is The Bee, the planning application will be completed by next month and is BREEAM excellent as standard. There will not be a pre planning application as there is no requirement due to the size of the development. All previous applications have been included in the plan. There will be an information sharing event scheduled for 26th September.

A member asked if the existing building can be preserved and it was confirmed that it could not, is at the end of life and beyond repair.

A question with regard to the antisocial behaviour was raised and it was stated that it appeared to be a mix of older and younger people. The Police are following up with enquiries.

A query with regard to the party wall between the area and the church was raised and it was confirmed that to date negotiations had not commenced.

The removal of the litter bin near the bus stop was raised and it was confirmed that this would form part of a conversation with CCBC.

A query with regard to the elements of the building that have architectural history and it was confirmed that everything has been salvaged and there will be QR codes created with the history as a visual record.

A question was raised with regard to cameras on the site.

The Chairman thanked Sarah for attending and providing members with the update

39/24 **Public participation**

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

40/24 **Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor attended the following events in the last week:

- a) Colwyn Bay Mayor's making ceremony
- b) Dementia Friends meeting

41/24 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** as a correct record of the meeting, the minutes of the following meetings:

a) **Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 18th April 2024**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

b) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 18th April 2024**

PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts



SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter

c) Annual Meeting held on the Dydd Iau/Thursday 2nd May 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. J. Jones

42/24 **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 advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (MIN No: 43/24)**

43/24 **Matters arising on this and previous Minutes**

- a) As there was no update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets the matter was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

44/24 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for May/June 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) A request from Abergele & District Flower Club for a donation or sponsorship towards their event in June was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED to donate £200 towards the event from the Donations budget.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts

- e) A letter from the Pension Regulator for the Council to re-enrol and re-declare as a legal Pension duty was RECEIVED and NOTED. The Clerk confirmed that she will complete the enrolment on behalf of the Council.
f) A letter from Abergele Fairtrade with regard to the future of the local group was NOTED. It was NOTED that the Abergele Fairtrade signs can stay in situ. It was RECOMMENDED to write a letter of thanks to the group for all their hard work over the years.
g) A request for a donation from the Kids Cancer Charity was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

It was RESOLVED to decline as the Council fund local charities.

45/24 **Policy Review**

- a) The revised policy for Hall Hire, following the introduction of the new recycling regulations last April was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED

46/24 **Membership of Sub-Committees for 2024/25**

- (a) The vacancies on the existing Sub Committees was REVIEWED.

- (b) The membership of each Committee was CONSIDERED.

Cllr. McCoubrey expressed an interest in joining the Staffing Committee, as he had previously been a member of the Committee in his capacity as Mayor.

The Mayor Cllr. D. Green agreed to vacate her seat as a member of the Staffing Committee, as she currently can attend in her capacity as Mayor.

The Clerk explained that next year she would then not be a member of the Committee if there were no vacancies arising. This was AGREED by Cllr. Green.

Cllr. C. McCoubrey was PROPOSED for the vacancy



PROPOSED Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts
SECONDED Cllr. A. Hunter

Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh and Cllr. P. Heap-Williams also expressed an interest in joining the Staffing Committee
Cllr. P. Luckock agreed to vacate his seat as a member of the Staffing Committee.

Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh was PROPOSED for the vacancy
PROPOSED Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED Cllr. P. Luckock

Cllr. P. Heap-Williams was PROPOSED for the vacancy
PROPOSED Cllr. T. Brennan
SECONDED Cllr. N. Williams

A vote for Cllr. Fetherstonhaugh was taken and carried with a majority of 11 in favour
Cllr. Fetherstonhaugh was appointed to the Staffing Committee.

- (c) Members wanting to vacate a seat.
Cllr. P. Fletcher retired from the Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee
Cllr. D. Green retired from the Events Sub Committee
- (d) Members to fill vacancies
Cllr. J. Jones was elected to the Events Sub Committee
Cllr. T. Jones was elected to the Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee

47/24

Representation on Outside Bodies

The Council's representatives on Outside Bodies for 2024/25 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

The following amendments were NOTED:

- Abergelge Fairtrade was removed from the list
- Abergelge Regeneration Board was removed from the list
- Cllr. T. Jones joined the One Voice Wales Town Council representatives group
- Cllr. A. Wood retired from the St. George Village Hall Trust and was replaced by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh
- Cllr. A. Hunter retired the Menter Iaith Cymru group and was replaced by Cllr. T. Jones

48/24

Lay Members

The lay members on the following Committees were APPROVED.

- a) The continuation of the lay-members on the Place Plan Committee representatives as Neville Eden, Linda Tavernor, and County Councillor for Gele/Llanddulas, Keith Eales and Ros Griffiths Williams was CONFIRMED
- b) The continued appointment of Rev Kate Johnson and an RBL representative on the Events Sub Committee was CONFIRMED

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Quotes

- a) The cost for the tree in the car park to be crowned following the Risk Assessment by the Town Council's Tree surveyor was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE contractor D as the lowest cost received. PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Wood
SECONDED by Cllr. A. Williamson
- b) An update on the 2024 Playing out scheme was DEFERRED to the next meeting

51/24

The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-

Current Account	52692.75
Monthly Interest Account	249302.71
General Reserve	<u>81728.06</u>

TOTAL £383723.52

Hall & Development Account £36584.14

52/24

Payment of Accounts

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED as £48,753.56

53/24

Monthly Report

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

54/24

Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

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

- a) A new Policy for developers building affordable homes has been produced with 50% of housing having to be affordable.
- b) ERF are hoping to engage a contractor to carry out the flood work in Pentre Mawr Park play area this week.
- c) A meeting took place with regard to Pensarn flats, if there is no political will for CCBC to commit funds to the situation then the situation will continue. A business case should be submitted for other investors to contribute
- d) A Gwynedd Headteacher has been prosecuted for offences involving pupils. Councillor has written to the Head of Education and Cabinet Member to clarify what policies are in place if such an accusation was made in the Conwy area.
- e) CIPFA were invited to CCBC to carry out an audit on the Council. The current results are interesting, even though the process still has two weeks to run. The Leader was interviewed by Audit Wales with regard to the Council's sustainability, to ensure that the Council can do everything within their power, but not everything is within the Council's power.
- f) Police & Crime commissioner has been re-elected
- g) Pensarn toilets opened on Friday morning and closed in the evening due to vandalism. The Police were in the area but dealing with another matter. The ladies and disabled toilets are open. Positive feedback has been received by



members of the public regarding charges as long as the standard of cleanliness of the toilets continues to be of the current standard.

55/24 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th April 2024
- b) Event Sub Committee meeting held on the 18th March 2024
- c) Event Sub Committee meeting held on the 15th January 2024
- d) Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2023
- e) Confidential Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2023

56/24 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were RECEIVED:

- a) Abergele Stroke Club
- b) Wales Air Ambulance

57/24 **Documents for information**

The following documents were RECEIVED:

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct

Meeting Closed at: 20:16

Signed
(Chairman)