



# Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 17 Hydref Medi 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 17 October 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

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### Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Present: Cllr: D. Green (Mayor);  
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Fletcher; A. Hunter; J. Jones;  
S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; C. McCoubrey; A. Williamson; A. Wood  
Online: Cllrs: T. Jones  
Officers: Mrs. M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)  
Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

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### Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Davies; P. Heap-Williams; N. Williams; K. Yarwood

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### Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

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### 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. J. Jones	Min No: 292/24	Non-Prejudicial
Cllr. C. McCoubrey	Min No: 277/24	Prejudicial

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### Public participation

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

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### Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor informed members that she has been out of action following an accident but attended the recent Civic Service in Prestatyn.

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### 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 Medi/September 2024**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Wood

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter



**b) Confidential Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 19  
Medi/September 2024**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Fletcher

276/24 **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 is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (MIN No: 277/24 (a))**

*Cllr. C. McCoubrey retired at this juncture*

277/24 **Matters arising on this and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets and a copy of the signed Service Level Agreement was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and recorded under Min No: 301/24 on the Confidential Minutes.

It was NOTED that the 2025/26 agreement has now been signed it was proposed that any queries are raised as part of the 2025/26 negotiations. The Town Council are now in a sponsorship agreement to ensure that the toilets in Abergele remain open as long as possible.

*Cllr. C. McCoubrey returned at this juncture*

278/24 **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 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) OVW training for September to December was RECEIVED
- e) The Draft Annual Report from the IPRW for 2025/26 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:
  - (i) Determination 7 (Mandatory) £156 + £52 = £208 per member pa x 16 = for budget £3328 was APPROVED
  - (ii) Determination 8 (optional) Compensation for financial loss £119.62 per day or £59.81 for a half day was NOT APPROVED
  - (iii) Senior Role payment of £500 (mandatory 1 member, optional up to 5) the same as in previous years was APPROVED
  - (iv) Mayor's allowance (optional) up to a maximum of £1500 (approved previously) the same as in previous years was APPROVED
  - (v) Deputy Mayor allowance (optional) up to £500 NOT APPROVED
  - (vi) Care costs (mandatory) £500 approved previously, the same as previous years was APPROVED
  - (vii) Travel at 0.45p per mile out of area the same as in previous years was APPROVED

The Clerk informed members that the HMRC have confirmed that determination 7 is not taxable moving forward as long as members confirm in writing that they work



from home on behalf of the Council.

- f) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to interest rates was RECEIVED. The Clerk advised rate reducing to 0.10% and that there did not appear to be any more favourable rates on the market at the moment but the Clerk will continue to look for alternative options.
- g) An email from CCBC with regard to the new cardboard recycling bags was RECEIVED.
- h) An email from OVW with regard to how the public can apply for Pension Credit was NOTED
- i) The Annual Subscription for the North Wales Association was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- j) A planning application with only 28 days for consideration for a replacement agricultural building at Seren y Mor, St. George's Road, Abergelle LL22 9BN was RECEIVED. No observations were NOTED.
- k) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to changes to charges was RECEIVED

279/24 **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 is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 280/24 (a))**

280/24 **Other Business**

- (a) A report from the Town Council's Solicitor with regard to the Charity of Robert Roberts and an update from attendees following a meeting with the solicitor was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and recorded on the Confidential Minutes under Min No: 303/24
- (b) An update from the Clerk with regard to Hall Hire at the Town Hall was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that two of the regular room hirers have cancelled their bookings due to low numbers of participants of one booking and one group moving to a new venue. The Assistant Clerk will advertise the room hire available.
- (c) A copy of the Clerk's notes following a meeting of the Town & County Forum was RECEIVED.
- (d) Three Practice Development notes from OVW – Note 6 Policies & Powers, Note 7 -The six month rule and note 8 - Code of conduct were RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an overview of each of the documents which included a new requirement for recording apologies.

290/24 **Draft Minutes**

- (a) Recommendations from the last Events Sub Committee from the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.  
**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE under Min No: 207/24 the inclusion of £10k for the Summer Event and the Event Management Plan from Events Conwy for £2500 for 2025/26**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

291/24 **To Note the Financial Situation as at today:-**

Current Account	36,155.11
Monthly Interest Account	220,450.72



General Reserve 81,728.06

**TOTAL** £338,333.89

Hall & Development Account £36,858.28

292/24 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was AUTHORISED as £32,739.97

PROPOSED by: Cllr. A. Hunter  
SECONDED by: Cllr. P. Fletcher

293/24 **Monthly Report**

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

294/24 **Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

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

- a) The UK Budget will be announced on the 30/10/24
- b) Officers are working on business cases, cuts, and increases are expected in 2025/26
- c) 200% increase on premiums for long term lets for empty houses and 300% for those empty longer than 10 years. Second homes will be charged 150% of which 70% of the dwellings are in the A/B or C council tax band. Llandudno has 500 empty homes and 284 in Conwy. This will raise £5.1m for the housing budget to bring these empty homes back into use.
- d) Cllr. McCoubrey has been appointed on the Finance Sub Committee, making progress on obtaining data, there will be cuts of £160m across Wales. With an aging population and health and social care issues. Cllr. McCoubrey has also been elected as the Chief Health and Social Care spokesperson for the Welsh Local Government Association, will make an address at the National Conference and interesting as to how AI can assist. BCUHB were present and confirmed that Mental Health is prevalent and domiciliary care is rising. Who is responsible for payment for the services is difficult.
- e) Police and Crime Commissioner's panel report on cybercrime and information on the North Wales Police strategy
- f) Temporary camera in Pensarn was smashed with a hammer
- g) Network Rail are closing the two crossings in Towyn. A new ramp has been designed with disabled access is to be installed.
- h) Cllr. Hunter is chasing up Network Rail for an update with regard to the Sea Road Bridge.

295/24 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- b) Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024



- c) Events Sub-Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- d) Marketing & Promotion, held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- e) Marketing & Promotion, held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- f) Marketing & Promotion, held on 1st July 2024

Meeting Closed at 8:14pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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