



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 18 Ionawr 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 18th January 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

432/23 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. C. McCoubrey;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; M. Davies; P. Fletcher; D. Fetherstonhaugh; D. Green;
P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 7:00pm); A Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock;
A. Williamson; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

Ms. Brenda Bignold, CCBC Standards Committee (observer)

433/23 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: J. Jones; T. Jones; K. Yarwood; N. Williams

434/23 Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

435/23 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 are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
None were declared

The Chairman welcomed Brenda Bignold from CCBC Standards Committee to the meeting.

436/23 Public participation

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

437/23 Announcements by the Mayor

- a) The Mayor thanked the staff for their work on the run up to the Christmas period
- b) The Christmas concert was excellent and well attended,
- c) Had the pleasure to visit 6 Care homes, and the residents appeared to be well looked after and appreciative of care given and care givers.



438/23 **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 21 Rhagfyr / December 2023, with one amendment to Cllr. T. Brennan who had submitted her apology prior to the meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr D. Fetherstonhaugh
Seconded by: Cllr S. Jones-Roberts

439/23 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for January/February 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 to March
- e) A letter from CCBC with regard to the financial pressures experienced by the County Council was RECEIVED. The Mayor in his capacity as Leader of CCBC explained to members that he wanted to ensure that everyone is aware of the information, of the pressures and scale of challenge being faced by CCBC
- f) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to interest rates
- g) An email from OVW with regard to the Cost of Living – Activity in Wales

440/23 **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 is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 441/23)**

The Mayor informed members that a member of the Standards Committee was present and has requested to sit in on the debate.

It was RESOLVED to approve the request, no confidential information was to be shared.

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

441/23 **Quotes**

Quotations for the replacement of four Abergele planters was RECEIVED.

The Clerk, provided an overview of the current situation stating that the item had been to Committee on more than one occasion over the last 12 months. The original request went out to five companies and only two quotes were RECEIVED. The scope of work was amended from wood to plastic and meetings with contractors have taken place.

At present only one quote is presented and the Clerk requested that members consider deferring the budget of £10,000 to the next financial year, to allow time for further quotations to be received. The Clerk also requested if Members would consider the removal of the existing overgrown plantation to be included, and for this to be included in the scope of work.

It was PROPOSED that wood is also considered for comparisons. It was suggested that the plastic wood contractor is consulted for recommendations for installers.



It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the budget of £10k is **DEFERRED** to the next financial year.

It was **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk endeavours to obtain additional quotes to include the option of wood and plastic and that the scope of work is amended to include the removal of the overgrown plantation.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

All in favour

Cllr. P. Heap-Williams arrived at this juncture

442/23 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	20,651.75
Monthly Interest Account	268,800.56
General Reserve	<u>81,728.06</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£371,180.37</u>

Hall & Development Account £36447.83

443/23 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was APPROVED as £19,886.57

444/23 **Monthly Report**

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

445/23 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) 4G football pitch and facilities at Dinorban are in position to register planning application, consultant work completed, the decision has been deferred, require further negotiations.
- b) Playground in Pentre Mawr Park is no further forward with funding to get the drainage work carried out. The proposed pump track has been awarded funding and will also require drainage for this area. The group are looking at other funding sources.
- c) Pensarn flats - a meeting with consultants with regards to proposals. CAB are restarted services at CDSC, still ongoing discussions key meeting in May on how CCBC assist Pensarn flat tenants.
- d) Police & Crime Commissioners panel will be held on Monday 29th January to set the precept.
- e) CCBC has a budget funding gap of £25m, with £9 million in cuts identified, a range of choices will be considered with £400m going to health, but not social care, the Leader is not convinced that this funding will benefit the County Councils, and gave evidence to Senedd committee with regard to the impact



of cuts in Conwy. Other Authorities are in same situation with Conwy having the lowest reserves, which makes the Authority particularly exposed. It will be an incredibly challenging year, and cannot see a solution.

- f) Education have received an Estyn Inspection Report which was excellent.
- g) There is an online consultation regarding the budget and would encourage people to complete before the closing date. A public meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th February at 6pm regarding the budget.
- h) Travel and transport issues around the Abergele schools, Highways officer investigating options.
- i) Planning application has been received for the old Royal British Legion building which will hopefully bring the building back into use.
- j) The Counties of Denbighshire and Gwynedd receive more funding from WG than Conwy. There will be problems in the next financial year, and looking at moves to address issues, through the WLGA with regard to the funding formula to bring up to date. Social care requirements in Conwy are facing a crisis with an aging population.

446/23 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th December 2023
- b) Marketing & Promotion sub committee meeting held on the 13th November 2023
- c) Staffing Committee held on the 20th November 2023
- d) Staffing Committee held on the 5th October 2023
- e) Estimates Committee held on the 19th December 2022

Meeting Closed at 19:25

Signed
(Chairman)