



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

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

622/23 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Present: The Mayor, Cllr. C. McCoubrey;
Cllrs: T. Brennan; P. Fletcher; D. Green; A Hunter; J. Jones; T. Jones;
S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; N. Williams; A. Williamson; A. Wood;
K. Yarwood
Online: M. Davies;
Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mr Ryan Grimward (Deputy Town Clerk)
In attendance: Ms Abigail Pilling (Project Management & Funding Officer)

623/23 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from:
Clls: D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Heap-Williams;

624/23 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

625/23 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).

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| Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts | Min No: | 636/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. C. McCoubrey | Min No: | 631/23 | Prejudicial |
| Cllr. A. Hunter | Min No: | 631/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. P. Luckcock | Min No: | 631/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. K. Yarwood | Min No: | 636/23 | Prejudicial |
| Cllr. D. Green | Min No: | 636/23 | Prejudicial |
| Cllr. P. Luckcock | Min No: | 636/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. A. Wood | Min No: | 631/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. N. Williams | Min No: | 631/23 | Non Prejudicial |
| Cllr. C. McCoubrey | Min No: | 636/23 | Non Prejudicial |

626/23 Visitor to the Council

a) Sgt Rob Jones was unable to attend the meeting with an update on the Abergele community and the matter was DEFERRED to a future meeting.



627/23 **Public participation**

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

628/23 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Mayor attended a quiz night in Rhyl

629/23 **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 21st March 2024
b) Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 21st March 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr. T. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Wood

- 630/23 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: 631/23)

Cllr. C. McCoubrey retired at this juncture

631/23 **Matters arising on this and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets and to consider the recommendations within that report was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and recorded on the Confidential Minutes under Min No: 647/23 as follows:

It was PROPOSED that £42k for the Pentre Mawr capital repayment over a period of 10 years,

£8k for the CCTV, grills, lighting and replacement toilets should be offered, payable in this financial year,

Together with the £10684 for sponsorship for 2024 for all three toilets.

It was FURTHER PROPOSED that £10k is ring fenced for any repair and maintenance to ensure that the toilets stay open if CCBC budget is depleted and are not able to cover the costs.

PROPOSED by Cllr A. Wood

SECONDED by Cllr. N. Williams

12 in favour

1 against

2 abstentions

Motion carried



Cllr. C. McCoubrey returned at this juncture

632/23 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:
- Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for April/May 2024 were DEFERRED to the next meeting
 - Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
 - CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
 - A copy of the OVW training for this quarter
 - A request from WSP with an invite for a member to sit on the working group was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED that Cllr Brennan and Cllr. N. Williams as ward members are included in the group.
 - The price list from Insight for 2024 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED
 - An email from OVW with regard to Annual timetable of actions was RECEIVED
 - A copy of the Employers contributions from Gwynedd Pension Fund for 2024/25 was RECEIVED

633/23 Draft Minutes

The recommendations from the last Executive Committee in preparation for the Annual Meeting the following policies (Draft Minutes and document below included with the email):

- Code of Conduct (existing/no amendments)
- Financial regulations (amended as requested by the Internal Auditor point 6.20)
- Standing Orders (new 2023 version)
- Risk Assessment
- Inventory
- Annual Report
- Meeting schedule for 2024/25 and to ratify the decision to continue with the merged P&F and Ordinary meeting

It was requested that in future the Annual Report includes a link to the website to the Annual Accounts

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE the above policies

634/23 Audit and Annual Return for 2022/23

- A letter from Welsh Audit Office confirming that the 2022/23 Audit is now completed was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Town Council has received a full Audit last year and the outcome was a successful unqualified Audit.
The Mayor thanked the Clerk for all her work in preparing the accounts.

635/23 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 instructed to withdraw: (Min No: 636/23)



636/23 Grants RECEIVED from Community groups for the D-Day Commemoration were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED, APPROVED and recorded on the schedule.

637/23 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

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| Current Account | 40000.00 |
| Monthly Interest Account | 299004.07 |
| General Reserve | <u>81728.06</u> |

TOTAL £420,732.13

Hall & Development Account £36584.14

638/23 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED as £37,808.46

639/23 **Monthly Report**

The Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for February 2024 was RECEIVED.

640/23 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

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

- a) Economy & Place meeting with regard to the closure of the Regeneration Board and moving to the East Forum has taken place. It was agreed in principal to merge the meetings. Assurance has been given that if the meetings merge that CCBC officers will attend in an evening.
- b) Flooding in the park – the work will be taking place in the near future to reinstate a drain
- c) Emrys ap Iwan – Pentre FC require confirmation that they have an agreement in place to use for the field in order to be able to access funding. The school require confirmation that other groups can also use the site and a structure should be in place to move the matter forward.
- d) Budget – CCBC have requested that CIPFA are invited to advise the Council on their processes and benchmark against similar authorities. They will be on site for 4 weeks to gather information and clarify the statutory duties of the Council
- e) No information has been received on the Shared Prosperity fund for next financial year to date. Venue Cymru has received £10m for refurbishment and must be spent by December 2025.



641/23 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th February 2024
- b) Executive Committee meeting held on the 21st August 2023
- c) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 26th February 2024

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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