



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 20 Mehefin 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 20th June at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

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Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Present: Cllrs: T. Brennan; P. Fletcher; D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Heap-Williams; A Hunter; J. Jones; T. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; N. Williams; A. Williamson; A. Wood;

Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mr R. Grimward (Deputy Town Clerk)
Ms A. Pilling (Project Management & Funding Officer)

In the absence of the Mayor it was RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Tracey Brennan would act as Chairman for this meeting.

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Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
Cllr. D. Green; C. McCoubrey; K. Yarwood

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Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr. M. Davies;

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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. P. Luckock	Min No:	99/24 g
Cllr. A. Wood	Min No:	98/24 a
Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh	Min No:	99/24 e
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No:	99/24 g
Cllr. A. Hunter	Min No:	98/24 a
Cllr. T. Brennan	Min No:	101/24 b

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Visitor to the Council

a) Mr Dylan Rees Jones was welcomed to the meeting and provided members with an overview of use of the Welsh Language in Abergele. Mr Jones informed members that he had suffered an unpleasant experience with regard to comments made on social media in defence of a local business changing its name from Welsh to English. He also received threatening letters to his place of work. Mr Jones stated that it was disappointing to see a historical business change its name from Welsh to English and was shocked by some comments that did not acknowledge that they lived in a Welsh Town.
Mr Jones considered that Abergele had lost its Welsh identity and wished for the Town



to reclaim its identity and understanding for the need for the language.

Members outlined what the Council currently do to support the language and ethos and Mr Jones confirmed that this was the first steps to building an identity

Mr Jones was thanked for attending and providing the above overview to members.

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Public participation

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

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Announcements by the Mayor

No announcements from the Mayor were received.

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Cofnodion - Minutes

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, CONSIDER and APPROVE as a correct record the Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 16th May 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

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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 instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 98/24 (b))

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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. It was NOTED that the offer was ACCEPTED by CCBC.
It should be NOTED that £8k includes the provision of a new stainless steel toilet.
Clarification on timescales for repairs to be carried out.
Clarification that the funding for repairs will not be detrimental to ATC, and that they will receive equal priority for any repairs required.
Clarification on what is the actual vandalism to the Water Street toilets that has prevented them from opening.
The Town Branding should be added to the wall of the Pentre Mawr toilet as originally agreed.
- b) An update with regard to the Summer Playing out scheme was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to approve the quotation received from contractor 'A' for £1850.

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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 July/August 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 July – September
- e) A letter from the Planning Inspectorate with regard to the Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. Closing date for observations was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED
- f) A letter from the IPRW with regard to the allocation of the allowance and to remind members who have not yet responded to email the Clerk with confirmation of home working was RECEIVED.

Cllr. Luckock retired at this juncture

- g) An email from Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey with regard to providing an annual grant to the local secondary school and an update from OVW was RECEIVED.
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the request and to CONSIDER a sum to be included when the Annual grants in addition to the current grant allocated to the Primary schools and for the figure to be considered later in the year.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. N. Williams

Cllr. Luckock returned at this juncture

100/24 **Representation on Outside Bodies**
The Council’s representatives on Outside Bodies for OVW for 2024/25 was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that there was a vacancy on the body and Cllr. P. Fletcher AGREED to become one of the representatives on the group.

101/24 **Grant requests**
The release of the following grants approved at the Special Grants meeting, pending further information was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED:

- a) Pentre Football. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the payment**
- b) Aberjam 24 – Abergele Scouts. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the payment**
- c) National Eisteddfod. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the payment**

102/24 **Internal Audit and Annual Return for 2023/24**

- a) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 was RECEIVED
- b) A report from the Internal Auditor with an overview of the Annual Accounts for 2023/24 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
The Clerk will implement any necessary actions required.
- c) The Statement of Accounts for 2023/24, subject to External Audit was APPROVED for SIGNATURE.
- d) The Annual Return for 2023/24 was APPROVED for SIGNATURE

103/24 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	28531.43
Monthly Interest Account	224593.97
General Reserve	<u>81728.06</u>

TOTAL £334853.46

Hall & Development Account 36720.95

104/24 **Payment of Accounts**



The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was AUTHORISED as £24,868.18

105/24 **Monthly Report**

A copy of the Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for April and May 2024 was RECEIVED.

106/24 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

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

- a) CCTV on Pensarn promenade and the alleyways in Pensarn will be installed next week.
- b) A meeting with Cartrefi Conwy has taken place with regard to grass cutting on the Maes Canol estate has taken place and the grass has now been cut.
- c) All members are invited to attend the Mona Wind Farm consultation
- d) The Police & Crime Commissioner was re-elected and a meeting is to take place to elect a Deputy in the near future.
- e) An expression of interest has been received for the sale of Bodlondeb
- f) Contractors on site in Pentre Mawr to carry out drainage work
- g) Abergele Football Club ceased last week as they were struggling with their finances. The 4G pitch will now require another route for funding.
- h) The school budget will be resolved in the near future

107/24 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 9th May 2024
- b) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 15th April 2024
- c) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 20th May 2024
- d) Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 25th April 2024

108/24 **Letter of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- a) Abergele TV
- b) Abbeyfield

Meeting Closed at 8:25pm

Signed
(Chairman)