



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 19 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 19 September 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

209/24 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

In the absence of the Mayor; the Deputy Mayor Cllr. T. Brennan acted as Chairman for this meeting.

Present: Cllr. T. Brennan (Deputy Mayor);
Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; P. Fletcher; A. Hunter; J. Jones;
S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; A. Williamson; K. Yarwood;
Online: None

Mrs. M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Ms A. Pilling (Project Management & Funding Officer)
Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

210/24 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: D. Green; C. McCoubrey; T. Jones; P. Heap-Williams; A. Wood

211/24 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllrs: M. Davies; N. Williams

212/24 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. A. Hunter	Min No: 220/24	Non-Prejudicial
Cllr. P Luckcock	Min No: 220/24	Prejudicial

213/24 Public participation

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

214/24 Announcements by the Mayor

- The Deputy Mayor attended Colwyn Bay Mayor's charity quiz night, raising money for guide dogs, which was an enjoyable event.
- A Memory walk is taking place this Sunday

215/24 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 18th July 2024.**

PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts

SECONDED by Cllr. J. Jones

216/24 **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 was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 217/24 (a))**

217/24 **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 Service Level Agreement for approval was RECEIVED and recorded under Min No: 233/24 on the Confidential Minutes.

It was PROPOSED that the Agreement is signed once the points raised in the Confidential Minutes have been answered. The decision to approve was delegated to the Clerk once reworded.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. A Hunter

5 in favour

4 against

Motion carried.

218/24 **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 September/October 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) The OVW training for September and October (sent by email).
- e) An email from OVW with regard to a presentation by Audit Wales
- f) A request from Darren Millar MS to attend a future meeting of the Council was APPROVED

219/24 **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 was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Item No: 220/24 (a) & (b))**

220/24 **Other Business**

(a) A request for the Town Council to employ an operative to carry out work in Abergele



was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and recorded under Min No: 235/24 (a) on the Confidential Minutes.

The service cuts from the County Council and the Town Council raising precept for services that should be covered by the County was discussed. The public want to see their area looking clean and tidy and the responsibility to the community.

It was NOTED that it was an unwanted and unneeded burden on the Town Council and RECOMMENDED that the proposal is not supported.

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

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the proposal to reject the request.

- (b) An email from Cllr. Wood with a request for the Town Council to accept responsibility for the Pump Track was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The Clerk provided an update from Cllr. Wood requesting that the item was deferred pending further information. It was AGREED to DEFER to a future meeting.

- (c) *Cllr Luckock retired at this juncture*

The Clerk enquired with Cllr. A. Hunter if he was to retire, as he has a close personal relationship with the applicant, Cllr. Hunter stated that he would remain as the application was on behalf of a group and not on the applicants land.

A request for grant funding from the Town Council from the Abergele Wheelers was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and recorded on the Confidential Minutes under Minute no: 235/24 (c).

Given that it is not yet known where the liability for the pump track lies and that the project is only for a few members of the public and it was PROPOSED that the application is not APPROVED.

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

It would be an extension of what is already provided for younger residents in the park; the original meeting was very well attended. It does not have to be full amount; all is being asked for is that a commitment in principal pending funding being approved.

It was PROPOSED to support the application in principal for £5k as this demonstrates commitment for group to get other funding

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. J. Jones

4 in favour
4 against

Motion fell with the casting vote from the Chairman

Cllr. Luckock returned at this juncture



- (d) The re-issuing of two returned Town Council I Pads to Place Plan lay members due to issues with opening confidential papers on personal email addresses and issuing a Town Council email address was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was PROPOSED to reissue the I pads to the lay members.

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

All in favour.

221/24 Quotes

- (a) A report from a drainage company on the condition of the Town Hall pipe work and to consider the remedial work identified in the report was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was NOTED that there was a requirement for the work to be carried out as soon as possible and that the quote received was a reasonable cost.

It was RESOLVED to PROPOSE, SECOND and APPROVE the quote of £2950.00 due to the necessity for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

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

All in favour

222/24 The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-

Current Account	60552.24
Monthly Interest Account	270,231.63
General Reserve	<u>81,728.06</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£412,511.93</u>

Hall & Development Account £36,858.28

223/24 Payment of Accounts

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was AUTHORIZED as £58,868.57

224/24 Monthly Report

A copy of the Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for July & August 2024 was RECEIVED.

225/24 Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

Verbal reports from County Councillors was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

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227/24 Minutes

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th July 2024



- b) Place Plan Committee meeting held on the 27th June 2024
- c) Events Sub Committee Meeting held on the 17th June 2024
- d) Confidential Staffing Minutes from the 11th March 2024
- e) Executive Committee meeting Minutes from the 25th March 2024

227/24 **Long Service Awards**

Two long standing members of the Community were presented with an Outstanding Contribution Award for their services to the Council and Community of over 15 years.

John Ffrancon Griffiths has worked as a translator for Abergele Town Council since approximately 2008 and has translated the Newsletter since its conception.

John has also translated letters, Annual Report, Event programmes for the Council, to name but a few and enjoyed contributing to the Welsh language in the area.

The Reverend Kate Johnson came to Abergele in April 2011. During her time in Abergele Rev. Kate has been involved in many areas of the community, including school Governor to St George, and St.Elford, and Chairman of the Management Committee for Canolfan Dewi Sant. She has been Mayor's Chaplin to over 13 Mayors and has facilitated many notable events for the Community such as Remembrance Sunday, D-day, Passchendaele, and retired the RBL Standard on its 100th anniversary to name but a few.

The Deputy Mayor presented each of them with an Outstanding Achievement Award which was followed by light refreshments.

Meeting Closed at 8:00pm

Signed
(Chairman)