

## **Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council**

### **MINUTES**

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 21<sup>st</sup> Mawrth 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

#### 572/23 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Present: Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Fetherstonhaugh (Chairman); P. Heap-Williams;

J. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; N. Williams (arrived at 6:50pm);

A. Williamson; A. Wood;

Online: P. Fletcher (retired at 7:45pm); T. Jones;

Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)

Mr Ryan Grimward (Deputy Town Clerk)

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is was RESOLVED that Cllr. Fetherstonhaugh act as Chairman for this meeting.

#### 573/23 <u>Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence</u>

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: C. McCoubrey; D. Green; A. Hunter; K. Yarwood; M. Davies;

#### 574/23 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

# 575/23 <u>Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côd Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct</u>

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan **bodolaeth** a **natur** unrhyw fantais bersonol (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. D. Fethersonhaugh	Min No:	9b	personal
Cllr. T. Brennan	Min No:	12a	Prejudicial
Cllr. P. Heap-Williams	Min No:	12a	Prejudicial
Cllr. A. Wood	Min No:	9a	Personal
Cllr. N. Williams	Min No:	9a	Personal
Cllr. P. Luckock	Min No:	9a	Personal
Cllr. P. Luckock	Min No:	12a	Prejudicial

#### 576/23 Public participation

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

#### 577/23 Announcements by the Mayor

As the Mayor was not present at the meeting there were no announcements



#### 578/23 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 lau/Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

b) Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

PROPOSED by Cllr. T. Brennan SECONDED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts

c) Special Ordinary Meeting Grants held on the Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 PROPOSED by Cllr. P. Luckock SECONDED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts

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: 580/23)

#### 580/23 <u>Matters arising on this and previous Minutes</u>

 a) An update from CCBC with regard to the provision of the Abergele Toilets and to consider the recommendations in the report was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED.

The details were recorded on the Confidential Ordinary Minutes under Min No: 517/23

To fund the sponsorship of £10684 for the first year only, with no Capital payment or funding for the additional items.

PROPOSED by Cllr. N. Williams SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

- 4 in favour
- 3 Against
- 3 Abstained

It was RESOLVED to offer CCBC the sponsorship of £10684 only, with no capital repayment or additional funding.

b) An update from Ysgol St. George with regard to a Town Council representative on the Governing body was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the Headteacher had confirmed that the Governing Body were open to holding their full Governing body meeting on the first Thursday of the month when the Town Council do not currently have a meeting. As Cllr. Yarwood had expressed an interest in becoming the Council's representative on the school it was AGREED that this should be APPROVED and was duly AGREED.



#### 581/23 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

- DERBYN ac YSTYRIED yr eitemau gohebiaeth canlynol/The following items of correspondence were RECEIVE and CONSIDERED:
- a) Mayor's Diary details of the Mayor's engagements for March/April 2024
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / subcommittees
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- d) An email from CCBC with regard to the future of the Abergele Town Regeneration Programme was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that members were disappointed that the meeting is to be closed down as the purpose of the board was to work on projects that are to be shovel ready and good to go when funding becomes available. It was RECOMMENDED to send a strong message that the Town Council are not happy that the board is to be closed, as the local area forum has not met in a year and that it is not the forum for the projects to be raised. It was CONSIDERED that the board is urged to continue.

  It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to request that the Officer and the Portfolio
  - It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to request that the Officer and the Portfolio member attends the next GP&P meeting of the Council to clarify the position to the Town Council.
- e) An email from OVW with regard to nominations for the Kings New Year Honours 2025 was RECEIVED.
- f) An email from the IRPW with regard to the Annual Report for 2024 was RECEIVED.
- g) A copy of the Employees contributions from Gwynedd Pension Fund for 2024/25 was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- h) An email from OVW with an offer for the Town Council to receive a free portrait of His Majesty
- The King was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED. PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan
- j) An email from Marie Curie Cymru with a request for a donation was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to NOT APPROVE a donation under the Town Council's policy to only fund local charities.
- k) The trade waste from CCBC for 2024/25 including the new Welsh Government requirements was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- The charges from Rialtas for the Finance Software for 2024/25 as per 3 year agreement (final year) and close down charges for 2023/24 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- m) The Annual Subscription for One Voice Wales for 2024/25 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED. PROPOSED by Cllr. T. Brennan SECONDED by Cllr. J. Jones
- n) The NNDR rates from CCBC for 2024/25 was RECEIVED.
- 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: 583/23)

#### 583/23 Other Business



Cllrs. Brennan & Heap-Williams retired at this juncture for item A and B in the pack Cllr. Luckock retired for item C in the pack

a) Grant applications recently received for 2024/25 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED and recorded on the Schedule B.

Cllrs. Brennan & Heap-Williams returned at this juncture Cllr. Luckock retired at this juncture

- b) A quotation from the Town Councils Risk Assessor for a further three years was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
- c) A copy of the Meeting notes from the Clerk following the last Town & County Forum were RECEIVED.
- d) A copy of the recent Interim Audit Report for the Internal Auditor for 2023/24 was RECEIVED and NOTED
- e) To receive a copy of the engagement letter from the Internal Auditor for 2023/24 was RECEIVED.
- f) Under the Town Council's Civic Awards, a Special Award to a member for not less than 15 years of service to the Council to be presented at the Annual Meeting was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

#### 584/23 The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-

Current Account	42,847.44
Monthly Interest Account	219,383.00
General Reserve	<u>81,728.06</u>

**TOTAL** 343,958.50

Hall & Development Account 36,584.14

#### 585/23 Payment of Accounts

To authorise the payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached

#### 586/23 Monthly Report

A copy of the Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for January 2024 was DEFERRED to next meeting.

#### 587/23 Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports were RECEIVED from County Councillors
  - a) Bodlondeb has been put on the market for sale
  - b) Consultant's proposals for Pensarn Flats will be moving forward with a workshop in the near future.
  - c) Pentre Mawr Park play area, the original consultant's report is not been progressed and a consultant will be invited to site to confirm what can be done with regard to the drainage with the existing grant funding. It has been



requested that the work is not carried out during the school holidays

- d) Marine Road Garage further planning application to be submitted
- e) The consultation on the 4G pitch continues.

#### 588/23 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 15th February 2024 a)
- b)
- Confidential Staffing Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Confidential Staffing Committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 c)
- Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 d)

(Chairman)