

Abergele Town Council



MINUTES

A Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Monday 6th December 2024 at 6.45 p.m. by remote attendance.

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Attendance Register

The Mayor Cllr. D. Green

Cllrs: T. Brennan; P. Fletcher; D. Fetherstonhaugh; A. Hunter (arrived at 6:55pm); J. Jones; T. Jones; P. Luckock; A. Williamson; A. Wood (arrived at 6:50pm)

Officers: Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mr Gary Williams (CCBC Facilities Manager)

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Apologies for Absence

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE**, **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the apologies received from members:

Cllr. M. Davies	Unwell
Cllr. C. McCoubrey	Personal
Cllr. P. Heap-Williams	Bereavement
Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts	Personal
Cllr. K. Yarwood	Personal

All in favour

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Absence without Apology

Cllr. N. Williams

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Declaration of Interest

Members are 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:	381/24 (a)	Personal
Cllr A. Wood	Min No:	381/24 (a)	Personal

Correspondence

- a) A letter from CCBC with regard to financial support for 2025/26 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Gary Williams, Facilities Manager from CCBC was present at the meeting to provide an overview of the request for funding for the Abergele toilet provision.

Item 1 for the Town Council to administer the Community Toilet scheme. Mr Williams informed members that it was aimed at small businesses to support a mechanism for the toilet strategy.

It was NOTED that the Council do not have the skills and resources to administer this scheme, which could be time consuming for staff.

The sponsorship of the toilet scheme for the three Abergele toilets was discussed. Mr. Williams informed members that they cannot guarantee that the figure will remain the same for forthcoming years and that the calculation is for the Abergele toilets only. A query was raised regarding what the uplift was due to and why was Water Street toilets more expensive than Pensarn toilets. A request was made to Mr Williams for a breakdown of the ledger costs that have been spent on the toilets in Abergele for the last financial year. Mr Williams agreed to forward the figures to the Clerk. A question was also raised regarding any possible increase in the cost provided as CCBC is seeking a net zero spent on this service and it was confirmed by Mr Williams that the cost in the letter dated 12/11/24 would not change. A question was raised regarding the vandalism cost and if that included in the cost provided or does the Town Council need to include additional funds in the budget for this provision. Mr. Williams confirmed that if they do not have the budget then they would ask the Town Council to fund the work.

Mr. Williams retired at this juncture.

It was PROPOSED that the Town Council do not take over the Community Toilet Scheme.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Williamson

Motion carried.

It was PROPOSED that the cost of £45145 was accepted without the contingency which could be then included in the new financial year.

PROPOSED by Cllr. P. Luckock

It was PROPOSED that the Council do not fund the toilets due to the increased costs and that portaloos are utilised instead.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

It was PROPOSED that due to the cost that only the Pensarn promenade toilets were sponsored and that the other two are mothballed until a later date when the financial climate may be better. The £10k is also to be included as a contingency.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Williamson

SECONDEC by Cllr. P. Fletcher

6 in favour

4 against

Motion carried.

It was RESOLVED to not fund the Community toilet scheme and FURTHER RESOLVED to only fund the sponsorship of the Pensarn toilet at £10,315 with a £10k budget allocation as a contingency fund.

Item 2. Playgrounds

It was RECOMMENDED to request a copy of the Annual playground report from CCBC

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMENDED to include a £5k budget for any playground repair work requests that may be received.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Wood

SECONDED by Cllr. T. Jones

8 in favour

2 against

Motion carried.

Item 3. Car Parks

It was PROPOSED to accept the cost of £25000 for the sponsorship of the car parks.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Wood

It was PROPOSED that the car parks are not sponsored by the Town Council at a cost of £25k.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

2 in favour

8 against

Motion fallen.

It was RESOLVED to approve the request of sponsorship for the car parks for 2025/26 at £25k.

Item 4. Festive Lights

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the S178 application cost of £396.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Wood

All in favour

Item 5 CCTV

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the request for CCTV financial support of £3808.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

All in favour

Item 6 IT support

The Clerk's report stated that there was an error on the figure in the request and the actual request was £7332 excluding the photocopier, the budget figure is therefore £8100.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter

All in favour

Item 7 Playing out schemes.

As the Town Council have not utilised this in recent years it was agreed that the normal amount of £2k would be included in the budget for a future provision which is to be decided at a later date.

Item 8

The Annual Event Support for 2025/26 of £2500 was agreed in a previous meeting by the Council.

Meeting Closed at 8:20pm

Signed
(Chairman)