



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

Minutes

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 6 Ebrill 2023 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 6 April 2023 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

621/22 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,
Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams (arrived 6:55pm); J. Jones;
S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; A. Williamson; K. Yarwood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)
Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

622/22 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; G Hughes; C. McCoubrey; N. Williams; A Wood;

623/22 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

Cllr. M. Davies;

624/22 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

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).
None

625/22 Public participation

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

626/22 Announcements by the Mayor

- a) The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Rhyl Mayor's fundraiser.
- b) The Mayor and Mayoress presented prizes to Ysgol Glan Morfa for their Easter Craft Competition
- c) The Mayoress will be Wing walking in aid of St Kentigern on the 22nd April

627/22 Cofnodion – Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND APPROVE** as a correct record the minutes of the following meetings:

- a) **Ordinary meeting, held on Thursday 2 March 2023**
- b) **Confidential Ordinary Meeting, held on Thursday 2 March 2023**

Proposed by Cllr. A. Hunter



Seconded by Cllr. D. Green

628/22 Matters arising on those and previous Minutes

- a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Abergelge Playing out 2023 suggestions for alternative activities was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the budget is £1900.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the quote from supplier 'B' as the lowest cost received and providing the most diverse activities for the Abergelge young people.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

- b) An update with regard to the Abergelge Burial Committee was RECEIVED from the Clerk, noting that the bank account balance have now transferred to CCBC.

It was RESOLVED to receive the Annual Accounts from the Welsh Audit Office from 2015 to 2022 and FURTHER RESOLVED to dissolve Abergelge Joint Burial Committee.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

A note of thanks to the Clerk and the Clerk of Towyn & Kinmel Bay was recorded for their work in bringing the matter to a close.

629/22 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence

- DERBYN ac YSTYRIED yr eitemau gohebiaeth canlynol/ The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDER and NOTED:

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Ebrill/April 2023
- 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 April
- e) The resignation of Cllr. Ros Griffiths-Williams was RECEIVED and it was NOTED that a call for election had been received for the ward. Costs for the Election to be received in item 631/22 below.
- f) An email from OVW with regard to Planning Policy Wales: Net Benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems' resilience (Policy attached to email) was RECEIVED.
- g) An email from OVW with regard to Energy Champion Service was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to not join the group.
- h) A request from the Abergelge Royal British Legion to purchase a 'streamer' for the 100th Anniversary of the branch was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.
It was RESOLVED to set a budget of £300 for the item.
- i) An email from the Royal British Legion with regard to decorations for the King's Coronation was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to purchase x20 lamp column signs at £4.99 each from the Events budget and the following Councillors volunteered to install the merchandise – Cllrs. Green, Luckock, Heap-Williams, Brennan, Yarwood and Jones



PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

630/22 **Other Matters**

- a) The Clerk informed members that the Council had received a gift of a framed old Abergele photos which was presented to Gwyn Jones (Past Clerk) on his retirement from a local resident.

It was RECOMMENDED to send a letter of thanks to the resident.

- b) An update from the Clerk and Mayor on the takeover of the Abergele toilets was RECEIVED. This included the Header terms, legal costs, Pensarn drainage issues, meters, the cost of cleaning and an update on the Pentre Mawr toilets and CCTV provision. Estimated costs for the takeover were RECEIVED. It was suggested that future Precept costs could be around £20 per household. The Town Council would not like to perceive the closure of the toilets and wish to explore all the options as they may not be able to sustain the current envisaged costs.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Town Council do not agree to the take over the toilets until all outstanding matters are rectified and the CCTV is installed. The Council has concerns with regard to the drainage at Pensarn, would also like the meters separated before takeover and the swipe and go device problem rectified.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Chief Executive of CCBC to invite him to attend a meeting with the Council to discuss the matter, including other possible options i.e. sponsorship

- c) The questions for any future Council co-option was RECEIVED and it was RECOMMENDED that if a member has any observations with regard to the questions to forward to the Clerk. The item was DEFERRED to the next meeting for review. Public engagement was discussed and how to encourage candidates to come forward, including the negative social media experiences that may deter potential candidates.
- d) Cllr. Pauline Heap-Williams AGREED to be an emergency key holder for the Town Hall.
- e) It was NOTED that this year the Town Council will be subject to a full Audit for 2022/23

631/22 **Quotes**

- a) The cost for poll cards for the forthcoming Gele ward election was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

Due to the cost of the cards and postage it was RESOLVED to NOT APPROVE the sending of Poll cards on this occasion.

632/22 **Draft Minutes**

- a) The following from the last meeting of the Executive Committee were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED AND APPROVED for ADOPTION at the Annual Meeting.



- (i) Annual Inventory 2022/23 (attached to email)
- (ii) Annual Report 2022/23 (attached to email)
- (iii) Section 6 Biodiversity Report as at December 2022

633/22 **Y diweddraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

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

- a) The East Forum continues to operate
- b) Planning for the St. George Road development has not come forward to date
- c) New Councillors are beginning to have an influence. The budget process was very difficult, and tough decisions will need to take place.
- d) Substance misuse and anti-social behaviour has been raised by residents. A multi-agency meeting is to take place and Cllr. Luckock will forward the details.

634/22 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 9th February 2023
- b) Confidential General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 9th February 2023
- c) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 16th February 2023
- d) Place Plan Committee held on the 23rd February 2022

635/22 **Documents for information**

- a) Clerks and Councils direct March 2023

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed
(Chairman)