



### **Abergele Town Council – A Brief Introduction**

Prior to 1974, Abergele was an Urban District Council in the historic county of Denbighshire. Abergele Town Council was created in 1974 following the re-organisation of local government and the disbanding of Abergele Urban District Council. At the time of re-organisation, the area covered by Abergele Town Council included Llanddulas and Rhydyfoel in the west, and Towyn and Kinmel Bay in the east. However, following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, this area was divided into three new communities in 1983 – Llanddulas and Rhydyfoel, Towyn and Kinmel Bay, and Abergele. Since 1996, Abergele has been one of 33 community councils in the new County of Conwy. It has the status of a Town Council with a Town Mayor.

Abergele has a population of 10,577 (2011 Census) and for local government purposes the town is divided into four wards. The town has 16 councillors representing the following wards: Gele (6 councillors), Pensarn (3), Pentre Mawr (6), St George (1). The present councillors were elected in May 2017 to serve a five-year term.

At its Annual Meeting in May, the Council elects a Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Town Mayor receives an allowance to cover the costs involved in undertaking civic duties. Councillors receive a small annual allowance for printing and ink expenses, and may claim reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, such as authorised travel outside of the town council area. The Council currently employs five members of staff; the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Place Plan Facilitator, a part-time Administration Officer and a Caretaker/cleaner.

Abergele Town Council and its two main committees usually meet every month, except during August. The Place Plan Committee meet bi-monthly. Meetings are held at the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele and are usually on a Thursday evening, commencing at 6.45pm. A number of smaller sub-committees also meet on a regular basis throughout the year to deal with specific matters such as Events and Marketing and Promotion.

Since the Covid 19 pandemic the Council has been meeting remotely with online meetings and hope that a mix of hybrid meetings can be facilitated in the New Year.