

# Cyngor Tref Abergele

## MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 3 Chwefror 2022 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3 February 2022 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

465./21 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,  
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; T. Brennan; N. Eden; D Fetherstonhaugh; G. Frost; D. Green;  
P Heap-Williams; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; B. C. Roberts;  
R.G. Waters; N. Williams; A. Wood;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)  
Member of the public

466./21 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: D A MacRae; S Rowlands;

467./21 **Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology**

None

468./21 **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 are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

Cllr. B.C Roberts Min No: 472/21 (b)  
Cllr. G. Frost Min No: 472/21 (b)  
Cllr. A Hunter Min No: 472/21 (b)

469./21 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Mayor attended the virtual Holocaust memorial last Sunday, which included an interesting and moving talk by Tommy, who was a survivor of the Holocaust.
- b) The Mayor has booked his Swimming with Sharks dive for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022, all donations can be made via the Go fund me page for St. Kentigern or direct to the Town Council, further information to follow.

470./21 **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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**
- (b) Special Ordinary Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

471./21 **Matters arising on those and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from the Clerk on the LGA Elections Wales Act 2021, deferred from the last meeting and to consider if members would wish to submit observations to the consultation was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided a precis of the report for members and the consultation was RECEIVED.

#### 472./21 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Chwerfor/February 2022
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- d) An email from OVW with free training available, training sessions were sent by email was RECEIVED. The Mayor encouraged all members to engage in the opportunity to attend the training, including staffing Committee Members and any member who is considering becoming a Chairman.
- e) The Annual subscription for the following was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED AND APPROVED :
  - i. Fields in Trust @ £65
  - ii. SLCC @ £294
- f) An email from a local resident with regard to the provision of a crossing on Water Street was RECEIVED. Members debated the matter and it was RECOMMENDED to defer until the reply from CCBC is RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk write to CCBC Education to request that a school crossing patrol officer is considered for the area.
- g) The Minutes from the NAMWALC with regard to their recent meeting and an update from the Town Council's Representative was RECEIVED. Cllr. B. Roberts provided an overview on the Holyhead Free Port and that the Council should support Holyhead in obtaining this Status.

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Mark Drakeford AS and Michael Gove MP stating the Town Council support this proposal.**
- h) An Agenda for the recent OVW Wales meeting was RECEIVED.
- i) A copy of the Minutes from the last meeting of the North Coast Transport Liaison Committee was RECEIVED.

#### 473./21 **Other Matters**

- a) A schedule of meetings for 2022/23 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and DEFERRED pending clarification of purdah dates and amendments to the Ordinary and Annual Meeting dates.
- b) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Abergele Joint Burial Committee was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the Acting Burial Clerk had forwarded the budget figures to CCBC and the transfer order was imminent. The Clerk informed members that the Committee had held a meeting last week and agreed the most recent Audit Report. This has been reported to the Welsh Audit office by the Acting Clerk.

#### 474./21 **Nominations**

Nominations for the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held in May 2022 was RECEIVED.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED subject to re-election that the current Mayor Cllr. Alan Hunter and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey be re-elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23, as they have not been able to have the full experience of the role due to Covid 19 restrictions.

475./21 **Confidential matters**

**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: 475/21)**

An update from the Clerk with regard to the current Staffing situation was RECEIVED.

476./21 **Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED:

- a) Police and Crime Commissioner has an uplift in the precept of 3.6%, which is around 22p per week for a Band D property, which matched the Home Office assumption and will be able to fund ten additional PCSO's in North Wales.
- b) A new Chief Constable from Manchester has been appointed who was a key figure in organised crime, bringing with him the expertise to County lines from a previous role in Liverpool and Manchester. 31 gangs are now down to 10 which is a great move forward. Prevention of Rural and wildlife crime, violence against women and girls, cybercrime and venerable people, safeguarding are also been tackled.
- c) Trees in Pentre Mawr Park are time expired and there is a plan to plant trees near the pond.
- d) The first meeting of housing development for 100% affordable housing with registered social landlords has taken place.
- e) Budget is taking time to mitigate against cuts, there is pressure in social services and homeless. Detail of the grant is still to be received.
- f) Corporate Joint Authority first meeting has taken place and are setting up the Scrutinee Committee and CCBC will then approve the budget, which is part of new legislation.
- g) Welsh Government free school meals commence in September 2022 with infants and all primary school age children in 2023. There are issues with kitchen capacity, staffing and funding at a cost of £1.2m.
- h) Council Tax will be the discussion for the next few weeks.
- i) There is a road issue in Tan y Gopa, which boarders' three wards, Councillor working with other ward members to resolve.
- j) Kinmel Hall – The new CCBC Conservation Officer is an expert in Georgian properties and is supporting the owners.
- k) Abergele Library – a car went into the back of the building. ERF have completed the work last month and the Library has reopened. A call and collect service was in operation whilst the work was taking place
- l) Creu Conwy, young creatives a multi-agency group, Arts Council Wales, Arts Trust, Take part, Lego, café Llawn, young story teller wales, dance, music, word, writing welsh language and how to make welsh a part of everyday life are a few things that have also been taking place recently.

477./21 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

- DERBYN cofnodion y cyfarfodydd / pwyllgorau canlynol/ The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purposes and Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- c) Confidential Staffing Committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Meeting Closed at 7:45pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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