



# Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 20 Gorffennaf 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 20 July 2023 at 6.45pm via hybrid attendance.

### 143/23 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

Cllrs: T. Brennan; M. Davies; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:55pm); A Hunter; J. Jones; P. Luckock; A. Williamson; A. Wood; K. Yarwood  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk);  
Mrs F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr. Diane Green, Deputy Mayor, acted as Chairman for this meeting.

New Councillor, Cllr Trevor Jones was welcomed to the meeting

### 144/23 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; N. Williams;

### 145/23 Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

### 146/23 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 were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

None

### 147/23 Public participation

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

### 148/23 Announcements by the Mayor

a) The Mayor attended Conwy Civic Service

### 149/23 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 Dydd Iau/Thursday 15 Mehefin/June 2023
- b) Confidential Special Ordinary meeting, held on Dydd Iau/Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mehefin/June 2023
- c) Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Proposed by Cllr. A. Hunter  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Brennan

150/23 **Matters arising on those and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the recent Pentre Mawr Election was RECEIVED.  
New Councillors; Cllr Trevor Jones, will be mentored by Cllr Jones-Roberts and Cllr Fletcher, will be mentored by Cllr. Fetherstonhaugh. It was NOTED that the turnout for the Pentre Mawr election was higher than the Gele ward election on percentage, following the decision to issue Poll cards.
- b) An update from Cllr. Hunter with regard to the installation of picnic tables in Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED. Cllr. Hunter advised that he had met with ERF and it was considered that the ground is hard enough for the benches and did not require a concrete plinth. However, this would be monitored over the coming months.

151/23 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

The following correspondence was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for July and August 2023 was RECEIVED.
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that there would be a Staffing meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August, immediately following the Executive meeting. Members were reminded that there is Dementia Training at 5:30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- d) OVW Training for July
- e) A copy of the written statement by Welsh Government with regard to the democratic health of Town & Community Councils was NOTED
- f) The 2023 Model Standing Orders was DEFERRED to the Executive Committee for consideration.

152/23 **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: 152/23 & 153/23)**

An update from the Clerk and CCBC on the Abergele Toilets was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an update for new members. Further details recorded on the Confidential Ordinary Minutes under Min No: 160/23

**It was RESOLVED to RECOMMENDED to DEFER the matter until the County Council revert with further options, as it was considered that the Town Council do not have enough information to proceed. Options for sponsorship is required.**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter  
SECONDED by Cllr. A. Williamson

153/23 **Draft Minutes**

The recommendations from the Staffing Committee with regard to Min No: 142/23 were



RECEIVED and CONSIDERED under Confidential Ordinary Minute Number 161/23.

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the RECOMMENDATION 142/23 (a).**

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. T. Brennan

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the RECOMMENDATION 142/23 (b).**

PROPOSED by Cllr. P. Luckock

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

154/23 **Y diweddraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED:

- a) Police and Crime Commissioner, is considering an off road Motorcycle, The Sargent's preference is for drones, as it is considered that these are more effective and will seek additional funding to purchase.
- b) The County Council continues to have significant financial difficulties, working group meeting was held on the 18 July, there is a £21m shortfall, with significant council tax rises and a cut in services, and are awaiting more information from Welsh Government towards the end of the year. The First Minister is alluding it to a difficult financial situation.
- c) The Leader has brought a coalition together in the County Council to drive matters forward more affectively.

155/23 **Minutes**

The following Minutes were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- b) General Purpose and Planning Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- c) Policy & Finance Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- d) Place Plan Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- e) Confidential Staffing Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- f) Executive Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- g) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Meeting Closed at 7:37pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)