

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Monday 13th January 2020, at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

533/19 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. S Jones-Roberts,
Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; M. Bond; P Heap-Williams; A. Hunter; R.M. Medicott; M. Richards; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters.
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

534/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; J M Bird; G. Frost; D A MacRae; C. McCoubrey A. Wood.

535/19 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr M Bond	Governor Ysgol St Elfod	Non prejudicial
Cllr A Hunter	Member of Canolfan Dewi Sant	Prejudicial
Cllr M Richards	Member of Incredible Edible	Prejudicial

Standing Orders were suspended

536/19 Visitor to the Council

- a) The Mayor welcomed Sian Pierce from Conwy Youth Service to the meeting to who provided members with an overview of the work of Conwy Youth Service and their request for grant funding. The Youth Service provides mobile Youth buses, Youth Centre, and DoE in schools. The targeted accreditation area covers Abergele, Llandudno and Llanrwst. The Abergele area is extended to include Llanfair TH, Pensarn, Llanefydd and Towyn & Kinmel Bay with the appointment of a new Youth Officer in 2019. The current Friday Fitness programme is very successful and gives young people an opportunity to participate in activities such as gym, swim, football and other team games and swimming for 2hrs per week during the school term time. Although the young people are normally able to attend the gym, this enables them to go attend without an adult.

Their attainment has increased by partnering with ITACA and during the period 2016-2019 over 500 young people participated in the provision, 129 have attended since Sept 2019. The project helps to fulfil the 5 objectives of well-being by offering support and as a result reduces Anti-Social behaviour.

Three young people provided their experiences to the Council.

The funding request is to go towards venue hire costs which costs £50 per night. Further cuts to the Youth Service are expected in 20/21, which requires funds to be secured from other sources. Members pay £1 per session but as

the membership fluctuates, cannot be relied upon to make the project self - funding.

Members of the Council thanked Sian and the youth members for their presentation and attendance at the meeting and to Sian for her hard work supporting young people.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

537/19 **Grant Applications**

- a) The VE Day Grant Applications received for the weekend of 8th May - 10th May 2020 were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Despite targeted and general publicity towards local groups directly, via the Newsletter, website and flyers, the level of applications was low.

It was felt that one-off events such as this required a more targeted publicity campaign and that closing dates be more considerate of seasonal activities to increase the probability of applications being submitted.

It was RESOLVED to extend the closing date to maximise opportunity for local groups to apply.

Five applications were received. It was RESOLVED to award the maximum of £250 per application.

One application was requesting two allocations for two organisations.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the first request and to request a separate letter for the second organisation.

- b) Cllr Hunter requested that it be NOTED that the Annual Grant Applications would not be considered until after the Estimates had been approved. The Annual Grant Application received for the financial year 2020/2021, deferred from the last meeting, were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and organised into the following categories:

- a. Local Sports Clubs
- b. Youth Organisations
- c. Local Social / Recreational Bodies
- d. Entertainment and/or the Arts
- e. Miscellaneous
- f. Section 137 (where no specific powers are available)
- g. Donations

It was RESOLVED to approve the grants to successful applicants, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to include a figure for the Annual School Grants of £8000 and to request that the schools provide a clear breakdown at the end of the financial year of how the funding has been spent.

- c) The Clerk provided a report with regard to the format of the grant process which was RECEIVED. To hold a contingency amount in the grants budget was DEFERRED.
It was RESOLVED to continue with the current format without exception.

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

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(Chairman)