

# Cyngor Tref Abergele

## MINUTES

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

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 3 November 2022 at 6.45pm by hybrid attendance.

### 302/22 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,

Cllrs: T. Brennan; M. Davies; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams; G. Hughes (retired at 7:05pm); J. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; C. McCoubrey; N. Williams; A. Williamson; A. Wood; K. Yarwood  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)

Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)

### 303/22 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; R. Griffiths-Williams;

### 304/22 Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

### 305/22 Datganiad o Ddiddordeb: Côt Ymddygiad - Declaration of Interest: Code of Conduct

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan **bodolaeth** a **natur** unrhyw fantais 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).

Cllr. A Wood Min No: 310/22 (j)

Cllr. A. Williamson Min No: 310/22 (i)

Cllr. G. Hughes Min No: 309/22 (b)

The Clerk suggest that Cllr. Wood, as Treasurer for the Round Table should declare a prejudicial interest for item 310/22 (f). Cllr. Wood declined

### 306/22 Public participation

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

### 307/22 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor attended the following community events:

- a) St. Kentigern quiz on the 19<sup>th</sup> October
- b) Abergele Camera Club Awards evening
- c) Conwy Mayor's Civic Sunday
- d) Royal British Legion Riders Poppy appeal with 22 motorcyclists attending.

### 308/22 Cofnodion - Minutes

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

**(a) Special Ordinary meeting, held on Thursday 29 Medi/September 2022**

**(b) Ordinary meeting, held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Hydref/October 2022**

309/22 **Matters arising on those and previous Minutes**

- a) An update from the Burial Committee Clerk with regard to the Abergele Joint Burial Committee was RECEIVED.

*Cllr. Hughes retired at this juncture*

- b) An update from NWP with regard to use of the Town Council car park was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members of the Town Council received an overview from the Clerk of options to consider if the Council are to agree permanent use of the Town Council's Car park to NWP.

**It was RESOLVED in order to keep good relations that the Council would agree to a three month informal trail of the car park, free of charge, giving NWP the meeting dates to avoid and review at the end of the three month period.**

Proposed by Cllr. C. McCoubrey  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Luckock

Vote was carried with 8 in favour and 3 against

310/22 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Tachwedd/November 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) OVW training for November/December
- e) An email from CCBC with free OVW training for members was NOTED
- f) A request from Andrew Wood for the Council to consider taking over the Abergele Firework display and a copy of the considerations from Llandudno Town Council was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an overview of the work that she had done to date and that she was meeting with a CCBC on Saturday evening to view the event in order to provide the Council with an overview of the expectations of the work and budget required moving forward. It was suggested that in conjunction with the costs for the current scheme and to comply with Council standards that a budget of £12k would need to be set. The Council would cover the cost and a collection for local charities could take place.  
It was RECOMMENDED to APPROVE in principal pending the information above been received. The Clerk informed members that consideration should be given to the Council staff when approving events and the capacity available to facilitate, also considering the timing of events in relation to other work requirements.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter  
SECONDED by Cllr. C. McCoubrey

Cllr. Wood abstained from the vote.

- g) A request from the Hummingbird project for a donation of £500 for projects throughout the winter (current remaining budget £1000).  
**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE £350 for the project from the Donation Grant Budget**

PROPOSED Cllr. Alan Hunter  
SECONDED Cllr. Andrew Wood

- h) A request from the Hummingbird project to use the Town Hall as a drop off point for toys and gifts was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

*Cllr. A. Williamson retired at this juncture*

- i) A request from Foodshare North Wales for a donation of £1250 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was NOTED that the reply should include that the donation is for Abergele residents only.  
**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE £325 from the Donation Grant Budget, leaving a balance of £325 for any other requests received before the end of the financial year.**

*Cllr. A. Williamson returned at this juncture*  
*Cllr Wood retired at this juncture*

- j) A request from Abergele Round Table for the release of the Annual Grant – held back previously pending receipt of audited accounts. The Clerk provided an overview of the situation to date, confirming that the group had received £600 in 2019/20 but the event had not taken place due to Covid. It was AGREED by the Council that the amount could be held and carried over to a future year. The Town Council requires Audited Accounts for funds over £1000 but as the group has not functioned for two years no accounts have been produced. In 2021/22 the Council requested that quieter fireworks are considered and an amount of £550 was agreed. The remaining amount payable to the group is £950 (£1000-600+550).  
**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the release of the funds as under £1000 with a statement of accounts (unaudited) due to the amount payable been under the £1000 threshold.**
- k) An update from CCBC Playing out following the summer scheme and to consider a budget for summer 2023 was RECEIVED. It was reported that the Supervision did not appear to be satisfactory, the numbers appeared low when attending and there was very little interaction. It was RECOMMENDED that the Officer is invited to attend a future meeting to confirm the details.  
**It was RESOLVED to NOT SUPPORT the 2023 scheme as it was not offering value for money and proposed to investigate other events are considered.**

PROPOSED by Cllr. C. McCoubrey  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

- l) An email from CCBC with regard to the cost of the hybrid equipment was RECEIVED. As the Council meeting had experienced technical issues at the meeting this evening, the Council would like to ensure that the equipment is fit for purpose. The Clerk informed members that the unallocated reserves for 2022/23 was down to its last few hundred pounds.  
**It was RESOLVED to request that the cost of £2000 is DEFERRED to 2023/24 in order for the Town Council to be able to precept in the next financial year for the cost.**

PROPOSED by Cllr. C. McCoubrey  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Heap-Williams

### 311/22 Other Matters

- (a) An advice note from CCBC with regard to members who are both on the Town and County Council when making financial decisions that relate to both Councils was RECEIVED and NOTED.

(b) A proposal for a new meeting structure commencing in May 2023 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members CONSIDERED each of the requests separately. With regard to the request to CONSIDER that the Policy & Finance and General Purpose and Planning meeting membership is amended from all of the Council on both Committees to eight members on each was debated. It was RECOMMENDED to continue with the current arrangement of full members on both Committees in order for all of the Council to have an overview of the work carried out.

PROPOSED by Cllr. N Williams  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

With regard to the proposal to consider reducing the amount of Full Council meetings, an option to consider moving the Ordinary meeting from a Thursday to a Monday and to be held every six weeks and an option to become bi-monthly on Thursday was CONSIDERED.

**After careful deliberation it was RESOLVED to trail an initial 12 months of a Monday evening meeting to be held every six weeks.**

It was NOTED that there may be clashes with CCBC Monday evening meetings.

PROPOSED by Cllr. N. Williams  
SECONDED by Cllr. D. Green

312/22 **Y diweddaraŷ gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

Verbal reports from County Councillors was RECEIVED as follows:

- a) The financial situation both locally and nationally is desperate which will result in a raise in Council tax, job losses, a cut in services and the use of reserves to balance the budget
- b) 71% of budget is from Central Government and has been cut by £30m, which equates to a 3.5% level of cuts. Inflation and wage increases equate to £10m. There will be a recruitment freeze, a cap on projects, and essential service provision only.
- c) A new Chief Executive has been appointed. Rhun Ap Gareth, who was the Head of Legal has been appointed.

313/22 **Minutes**

The Minutes from the following meetings were RECEIVED:

- a) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- b) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Meeting Closed at 8:25pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)