



Cyngor Tref Abergele

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 6 Hydref 2022 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

246/22 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,

Cllrs: T. Brennan; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 6:55pm); J. Jones;

S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; C. McCoubrey; N. Williams; A. Williamson; K. Yarwood

Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)

247/22 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Davies; D. Fetherstonhaugh; R. Griffiths-Williams; G. Hughes; A. Wood;

248/22 Absenol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

249/22 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).

None were declared

250/22 Visitor to the Council

Emma Dowell from CCBC CCTV Manager was welcomed to the meeting, who provide members with an update on the scheme in the Abergele area. Emma gave members an open invitation to attend the control room, which looks after 117 cameras in the County. 17 are located in Abergele. They are the single point of contact with the Home Office under the guidance of the local authority, providing CCTV for toilets, schools, the same as a public space. It is a busy department that requires more assistance, as this is not a statutory service it is down to one officer to man the section at a time. Looking to monitor fire alarms and making a business case for a mobile CCTV system that can be deployed at short notice, which will include additional staff. Shared services could provide two officers at a time through the prosperity grant fund. The budget is £290k and Town & Community Councils fund £34k which covers maintenance and BT fibre broadband. If continued it will futureproof the system.

There is a proposal to uplift the maintenance by £24 per camera which would be a raise of £168 for ATC per annum. Caption registration and heat maps are due in the future.

Emma will forward the Annual Report to members with the breakdown on funding from other bodies. Dog fouling and fly tipping could be monitored by a camera in the future for less cost than a man in a van. The Shared Prosperity fund is to focus on hot spots. All systems should be through CCTV.



251/22 **Public participation**

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

252/22 **Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) It was reported that Cllr. Davies is in hospital, it was agreed to send a get well card
- b) Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Yarwood's husband both ran in the London marathon at the weekend with a personal best for James Yarwood of 2hr 43m. Congratulants to all Abergele residents who took part.
- c) The Yacht Abergele, have raised £8k over the years for local charities, from hosting Coffee mornings.
- d) The Mayor thanked Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts (past Mayor) for attending a recent Civic Sunday on his behalf.

253/22 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED TO RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN** as a correct record the following minutes:

(a) Ordinary meeting, held on Thursday 1 Medi/September 2022

(b) Confidential Ordinary meeting, held on Thursday 1 Medi/September 2022

254/22 **Matters arising on those and previous Minutes**

- a) **Following the information received in item 5 above it was RESOLVED to approve the request for an increase in the budget of £168 per annum**
PROPOSED Cllr. Alan Hunter
SECONDED Cllr. Diane Green
- b) The Clerk informed members that at present there was no update with regard to the Abergele Joint Burial Committee

255/22 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

- DERBYN ac YSTYRIED yr eitemau gohebiaeth canlynol/The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for Hydref/October 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 October
- e) An email from OVW with regard to a consultation on the extension of the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act (Wellbeing duty)
- f) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to the second round of the section 6 of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem resilience duty was RECEIVED.
It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to the Executive Committee for consideration.
- g) An email from OVW with regard to a WG Event to be held on the 5th December regarding barriers in democracy was NOTED

256/22 **Other Matters**

(a) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED two reports from the Town Council's Tree



Surveyor following his assessment. **It was RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to action the high priority matters and a budget of £1000 was APPROVED.**

- (b) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a report from the Clerk with regard to Abergele Carnival. It was NOTED that the Carnival has now concluded and that it would be a huge task for the Town Council to facilitate but the Town Council could support/sponsor other events. It was NOTED that Creu Conwy can host Events if sponsored as they have the specialist knowledge. The Events budget would need to be increased to facilitate.
- (c) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a report from the Clerk with regard to Hybrid meetings. It was NOTED that is the Chairman was unable to attend that the Vice Chairman would be present.

257/22 Audit and Annual Return for 2021/22

- a) A copy of a letter from Welsh Audit Office confirming that the 2021/22 Audit is now completed was RECEIVED
- b) A copy of the Internal Auditor's report was RECEIVED
- c) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 was RECEIVED

A note of thanks to the Clerk was recorded.

258/22 Y diweddaraf 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 have ratified the new Chief Constable as Amanda Blakeman
- b) A recent Governors meeting at the local schools has identified the challenges faced by the schools. The new school is not likely to be ready until at least 2026
- c) CCBC budget looks likely to have a £20m deficit with wage increases of 4% equating to £40m and borrowing interest rates have been raised.
- d) Housing restrictions have been lifted, previously only the most venerable were prioritised as 'priority need', now the statutory duty falls on larger cohort of the residents.
- e) Costs for looked after children and cuts across the services has made a rise in Council tax likely. There has been a £71m cut over the last 10 years. Inflation is at 10% which was not anticipated

259/22 Letters of thanks

- (a) Hope House

Meeting Closed at 7:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)