



# Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 1 Rhagfyr 2022 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

### 374/22 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,

Cllrs: M. Davies; D. Fetherstonhaugh; D. Green; P. Heap-Williams (arrived at 7pm); G. Hughes; J. Jones; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckock; C. McCoubrey; N. Williams; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)

Mrs R. Parker (Deputy Clerk)

### 375/22 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: T. Brennan; R. Griffiths-Williams; A. Williamson; K. Yarwood

### 376/22 Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology

None

### 377/22 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

### 378/22 Guest Speaker

The Mayor welcomed Mrs Linda Tavernor from Abergele Community Action to the meeting who provided members with an update on Abergele Foodbank. Mrs Tavernor provided an overview of the services that they provide and that they were a part of the Trussell Trust. Mrs Tavernor provided the background to the organisation. They incorporate at Pensarn Train Station, the Foodbank, Community Money Advice and Youth Shed. For the Foodbank individuals are referred by partners and a food parcel for three days is allocated the cost for 25 parcels per week is £1300. There has been an increase in need of 48% this year. The aim is to end foodbanks by supporting people to self-sufficient. Looking to change local policy, change minds and community, and are working with Home Start. Funding has been received from Gwynt y Mor for two part time members of staff and Trussell Trust for another two part time staff and currently looking for a third.

A note of thanks was recorded for Linda for all her hard work.

### 379/22 Public participation

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



### **380/22 Announcements by the Mayor**

- a) The Town Council Christmas Concert will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Capel Mynydd Seion at 6:30pm, free entry and all are welcome. Donations will be in aid of the Abergele Foodbank.
- b) The St Kentigern Tree of lights had a good turnout
- c) The Mayor attended the CCBC Sports Awards and was good to see the Rugby team nominated. A note of congratulations was recorded
- d) The Mayor's shop window competition is currently open
- e) The response to the new Christmas lights has been fantastic and a note of thanks was recorded to Ruth Parker the Deputy Clerk for all her hard work.

### **381/22 Cofnodion - Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the minutes if the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 3 Tachwedd/November 2022**

PROPOSED by Cllr S Jones-Roberts

SECONDED by Cllr C. McCoubrey

### **382/22 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

### **383/22 Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Mayor's Diary - details of the Mayor's engagements for December 2022
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees. It was NOTED that a revised schedule was sent out today.
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email.
- d) The OVW training for December was NOTED
- e) An email from OVW on Bullying and Harassment in Councils was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to the Staffing Committee to ensure that all of the relevant policies are in place.  
PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh  
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock
- f) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to the Statutory Financial Accounts for 2021/22. It was NOTED that the ATC Accounts were complete.
- g) A letter from Welsh Government with the 2023/24 LGA Section 137 expenditure limit was NOTED
- h) An email from CCBC with regard to the cost of the hybrid equipment was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that there was an issue with viewing and hearing the meeting and that one screen was not adequate. The microphone was not adequate for the size of the room. It was suggested that Welsh Government should be funding this hardware. It was PROPOSED that the screen is moved to an alternative location. Item was DEFERRED to a future date when the new equipment is available from CCBC.
- i) An email from OVW with a consultation on the Future of Welsh Communities – closing date for responses 16/12/22 was NOTED

### **384/22 Other Matters**



- (a) A quote from AP-Systems for the old email files for members to be transferred to CCBC. It was RECOMMENDED to only transfer the staff emails from their old accounts.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

Cllr Wood abstained from the vote

- (b) The cost of the 365 licence is to increase from £32.70 per month to £39.27 until the contract is terminated was APPROVED.
- (c) A request from the Place Plan Facilitator for the Place Plan meetings to be held each month from May 2023, which was APPROVED at the last Place Plan meeting was RATIFIED.

PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Hunter

SECONDED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

### 385/22 Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors

Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED as follows:

- a) The East Forum met to discuss the Pensarn Flats and held a further meeting with Rent Smart Wales. A note of thanks was recorded to Cllr. Brennan for all her hard work. New Rent Smart Wales regulations have been released and RSW are producing an information leaflet, which CCBC will consider using to produce their own leaflet for release to residents.
- b) Economy & Place meeting took place and the HMO item will be forwarded to Cabinet. Meeting is available on the CCBC website. Consultants attended and the Western Gateway improved links was discussed. Pensarn was not discussed.
- c) CCBC Planning are to review the change of use process
- d) A Flood Risk Report was NOTED and APPROVED
- e) The Chancellor made a Statement on the 17/11/22
- f) Budget for 2023/24 should be set around 14/12/22, £70m lost from budget and school require more funding. Welsh Government are to consider issuing grants but this will not be for everyday items.
- g) Linked banking to look at facilitating a physical bank in Abergele
- h) Football pitches CCBC had 21 sites for consideration. They have a preferred option, plus a fall back option. A 3G pitch is in negotiation. The project needs to be shovel ready for funding.
- i) Task and finish Asset group – modernisation is a proposal to reduce the amount of buildings used.

### 386/22 Minutes

The Minutes from the following meetings were RECEIVED:

- a) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- b) Executive Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)