

# Cyngor Tref Abergele

## MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor i'w gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 7 Gorfennaf 2022 am 6.45yh drwy presenoldeb o bell.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 7 July 2022 at 6.45pm via remote attendance.

- 116/22 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**  
The Mayor, Cllr. A Hunter,  
Cllrs: T. Brennan; M. Davies; D. Fetherstonhaugh; D. Green; R. Griffiths-Williams;  
G. Hughes; S. Jones-Roberts; P. Luckcock; C. McCoubrey; A. Williamson; A. Wood;  
K. Yarwood  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)  
Mrs. F. Taggart (Assistant Town Clerk)  
Member of the public
- 117/22 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb – Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from:  
Cllr. J. Jones;
- 118/22 **Absennol heb ymddiheuriad- Absence without Apology**  
Cllrs: P. Heap-Williams; N. Williams;
- 119/22 **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
- 120/22 **Public participation**  
No requests with regard to Community matters, were RECEIVED by members of the public wishing to address the Council
- 121/22 **Announcements by the Mayor**  
a) The Mayor and Mayoress opened a new shop on Bridge Street, selling wood and crystals
- 122/22 **Cofnodion - Minutes**  
**It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN as a correct record the Minutes from the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Mehefin/June 2022**  
  
Proposed by Cllr. S. Jones-Roberts  
Seconded by Cllr. C. McCoubrey
- 123/22 **Housekeeping**

- a) It was CONFIRMED that all members have an obligation to attend all required meetings as part of their duty as a Councillor. Apologies for absence must be submitted prior to the meeting to the Clerk or Officer either by telephone, email or through the office, **NOT** through a third party.
- b) A copy of the protocol and policy for the Town Council were RECEIVED:
  - (i) Protocol for addressing Councillors
  - (ii) Policy for the commencement of meetings
  - (iii) The Role of the Clerk

124/22 **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

125/22 **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 Gorfennaf/July 2022
- b) Details of forthcoming meetings of the Council and its committees / sub-committees
- c) CVSC and OVW mail sent to members by email. The Mayor urged members to attend the training sessions.
- d) The OVW training for July was RECEIVED.
- e) An email from OVW on the Statutory Guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and to agree commencing of the Finance & Governance Toolkit self-assessment by Councillors and a letter from Rebecca Evans MS was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to DEFER to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

126/22 **Requests from Councillors:**

- a) A request from the Mayor for the picnic tables relocated from the Library Car Park to be installed in Pentre Mawr Park. This item was approved by Council under Min No: 287/21 (c) was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the locations as detailed on the map (i) in the children play area (ii) near the platform.**

- b) A request from Cllr. Gwyn Hughes for the Council to not increase the precept in light of the national situation was RECEIVED. The item was debated at length and it was AGREED that although members would prefer to not commit to increasing the precept in the future it was not viable at this time to make that commitment.
- c) A request from Cllr. McCoubrey for the Council to consider offering Welsh Classes for members and an update from Llandrillo College was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that members who work within the education environment are able to access courses free of charge. It was PROPOSED that the Council provide evening Welsh classes for members who wish to attend.

PROPOSED by Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey

SECONDED by Cllr. Alan Hunter

127/22 **Confidential matters**

**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: 128/22 & 129/22)**

128/22 **Town Hall & Heating system**

- a) Min No: 627/21 deferred from Ordinary Minutes of the 28/04/22 for the new Council's consideration on the future of the Town Hall was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

**The matter was DEBATED and it was RESOLVED that the Council wish to remain in the current Town Hall building and not move to an alternative accommodation. It was FURTHER RECOMMENDED to in future consider the purchase of the Police Station for Community use should it become available.**

PROPOSED by Cllr. Shirley Jones-Roberts

SECONDED by Cllr. Diane Green

**It was RESOLVED to pursue the electrical work and remedial work for the building in the first instance**

PROPOSED by Cllr. Andrew Wood

SECONDED by Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey

Cllr. Gwyn Hughes abstained from the vote.

- b) Resource Efficiency Report carried out by DEG was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Council were impressed with the report and would wish to consider the options in more detail at a later date.
- c) Quotations for the full heating system via NWP were RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the Council wished to consider their options before committing to the full upgrade.

129/22 **Quotations**

- (a) Quotations for a short to medium term heating system at the Town Hall was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the quote received from supplier 1 for the upgrade to the electrics and the office heating.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED that if this contractor is not able to facilitate the work before the winter then supplier 4 is offered the contract.**

**It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request an additional quote for the proposed heating system to be installed in the Main Chamber**

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh

SECONDED by Cllr. A. Hunter

130/22 **Membership of Sub-Committees for 2022/23**

- (a) Vacancies on the existing Sub Committees were REVIEWED.  
(c) Membership of each Committee was REVIEWED.  
(d) Members wanting to vacate a seat  
(e) Members to fill vacancies

131/22 **Representation on Outside Bodies**  
Council's representatives on Outside Bodies for 2022/23 were REVIEWED.

132/22 **Lay Members**

Lay members on the following Committees were confirmed:

- a) A request from Menter Iaith to have a lay-member on the Place Plan Committee (Neville Eden) and continued representatives Linda Tavernor, Paul Roberts and County Councillor for Gele/Llanddulas Keith Eales were APPROVED.
- b) The continued appointment of Rev Kate Johnson and an RBL representative on the Events Sub Committee was APPROVED.

133/22 **Bank Signatories**

The election of new Bank Signatories following the recent Town Council elections was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was NOTED that this will require regular access to the Ipad to ensure that payments are made in a timely matter. It was APPROVED that two Councillors are added as a signatories to the account.

134/22 **Key Holders**

A new key holders for the building following the election was APPROVED. It was NOTED that the member will be on the intruder alarm call list for building. It was APPROVED to include Cllr. Ros Griffiths-Williams.

135/22 **Y diweddaraf gan Gynghorwyr Sir – Update from County Councillors**

- Derbyn adroddiadau llafar gan Gynghorwyr Sir / Verbal reports from County Councillors were RECEIVED.

- a) It has been confirmed by Cartrefi Conwy that a changing places toilet will be included in the new build on Market Street.
- b) Most of the infrastructure issues have now been resolved on the Bron y Castell estate
- c) A meeting with Natural Resources Wales regarding the River Gele is to take place
- d) Hybrid meetings at the Town Council could be installed for around £2k by CCBC but would only facilitate English initially
- e) £10m is to be invested into grass route football projects that are already prepared
- f) Levelling up fund of £60m is to replace the European fund. Venue Cymru will receive funding for TV work and the M&S building in Llandudno. Fixed events and mobile stages for parks, also including Betws y Coed, Trefriw Transport Network and Bridges.
- g) Sustainable transport
- h) Clwyd West Bid - £20m a separate bid for Conwy and Denbigh and the MP has supported the Denbighshire bid. The Conwy Bid is for sport, Rugby, 4g pitch etc. the result should be known in October.
- i) Shared Prosperity Bid - £25m over 3 years,– support schemes, sports, Youth and Community schemes
- j) Regeneration Board, Highway schemes, cost effective, Western Gateway and South East Development.
- k) A speed survey has been carried out on Peel Street and Bryn Twr to make safe.

136/22 **Cofnodion - Minutes**

- DERBYN cofnodion y cyfarfodydd / pwyllgorau canlynol/ the Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) General Purposes and Planning Committee held on 19 Mai/May 2022
- b) Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 23 Mai/May 2022.
- c) Events Sub Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Meeting Closed at 8:55pm

Signed

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(Chairman)