

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 6.45pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

433/14 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, B.C. Roberts;  
Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond (Chairman); B. Kinsey; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands (arrived at 7:10pm); R.G. Waters;  
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)  
Members of the public

434/14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; A. Wood;

435/14 **Disclosure of Interest**

- 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

436/14 **Visitor to the Council**

*Standing orders were suspended*

The Chairman welcomed Lianne Martin, Senior Environmental Health Officer from CCBC to the meeting who will be provided members with an overview of the Keep it Clean - No Messing project. Ms Martin explained that dog fouling is in the top 5 complaints received from the public. The County Council applied to Keep Wales Tidy and has been awarded £60k, thus enabling the County to employ four young people who know their local areas to attend events, surveys etc. They now require the help of Community groups to assist with getting the message out to the public. All support is welcomed. Another scheme is Head Watch which is a programme for fast food outlets to encourage the public not to litter, with Community clean ups and litter picks. Other projects include houses, hedge cuts, etc. The Cycle path has been identified as a hot spot for dog fouling, extra enforcement will be carried out in hot spot areas. Members of the public are reluctant to report problems; Ms Martin informed that they can now do so anonymously and requested to be informed of the worst areas.

*Cllr T Rowlands arrived at this juncture*

The Chairman thanked Ms Martin for attending.

*Standing Orders were reinstated*

437/14 **Minutes**

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

#### 438/14 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) An email from Gwynedd Pension Service with regard to the termination form
- (b) A letter from Welsh Government with regard to the Section 137 limit for 2015/16
- (c) An email from Marie Curie Cancer care with a request for funding. **It was RESOLVED to write to inform that the deadline for the 2015/16 grants has now closed.**
- (d) An email from Digital Dream (email provider) with a cost for the transfer of accounts from .co.uk to .gov.uk was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that they might be additional costs to register the domain name and update the systems. The total for all the updating in the region of £400 was APPROVED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.
- (e) A letter from the Pension Regulator with regard to Automatic Enrollment was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that Gwynedd Pension is running a course on the 24<sup>th</sup> February for employers. The Council APPROVED the Clerk's request to attend the course.
- (f) A letter from OVW with regard to the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015, which was cancelled.
- (g) A letter from National Pen with an offer to purchase engraved pens was NOTED
- (h) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to FSC was NOTED
- (i) A letter from Relate Cymru with a request for a grant was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to write to inform that the deadline for the 2015/16 grants has now closed.**

#### 439/14 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	11751.34
Monthly Interest Account	107892.62
General Reserve	<u>51957.60</u>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>£171601.56</u></b>
Hall & Development Account	£ <u>57759.08</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>£272.41</u>

#### 440/14 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was APPROVED. Members APPROVED the request from the Clerk to via £5000 from Reserves to the General Maintenance and Decorating budget heading to balance the account following the planned summer works.

#### 441/14 **Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report**

A copy of the Report as at 31<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was RECEIVED.

442/14 **Urgent item**

The request to waver the room fee for Fairtrade to hold a coffee morning at the Town Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 10am and 12am was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

443/14 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) Plantscape flyer
- (b) RNLI Coffee Morning
- (c) Glasdon
- (d) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (e) Conwy Walks

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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## SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 22nd January 2015

		Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	£3,176.52		monthly salaries
2	CCBC	DD	£710.00		monthly charge
3	Scottish Power	DD	£38.00		monthly charge
4	Bank Charges	DD			monthly charges
5	BT Phone	DD	£72.00	12.00	quarterly charges
6	HMRC	DD	£911.03		monthly payment
7	ICO	DD	£35.00		annual payment
8	Gwynedd Pension	105087	£985.11		monthly payment
9	Petty Cash	105088	£138.22		
10	Cathedral Leasing	105089	£13.00	2.17	Hygiene
11	Clerical Medical	105090	£40.00		monthly charge
12	Digital Dream	105091	£45.00		monthly charge
13	Mandy Evans	105092	£12.82		travel January
14	Parish Online	105093	£154.00	30.80	annual subs
15	Samco	105094	£35.94	5.99	protective boot for caretaker
16	WNW	105095	£103.32	17.22	stationery
17	Canon	105096	£117.34	19.56	
18	NWN Media	105097	£195.48	32.58	Gypsy flyer
19	Powlsons	105098	£60.00	10.00	school logos for remembrance Sunday
20	NWMWALC	105099	£15.00		lunch
21	Play Wales	105101	£25.00		annual subs
22	Staples UK x2	105102	£65.43	10.91	Stationery
23	Mrs L Whalley	105103	£9.00		Travel December
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**Total Payments**

22      £6,957.21      141.23

\*\* Under the Local Government Act 1972, Sect. 137 & 139, the Council can incur expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.