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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 18th May, 2006 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9357. **Attendance Register**

As at the General Purposes and Planning Meeting held today, see Min. 9347
Cllr. D A Byrne (Chairman)

9358. **Apologies for Absence**

As at the General Purposes and Planning Meeting held today, see Min. 9348

9359. **Disclosure of Interest**

None recorded.

9360. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on 20th April, 2006**

9361. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 9296(a)(ii) - Gele Park

(i) Play Equipment

It was NOTED that a meeting is being held with Lyn Davies on 22nd May to discuss the plans for new play equipment for Gele Park.

(ii) Youth Shelter

Three letters of concern from residents, including a petition, regarding the proposals for a youth shelter in Parc Gele were NOTED.

It was FURTHER NOTED that P.C. Duffy was aware of these concerns and had stated that the proposal was still in its infancy and full consultation would take place with residents once any detailed plans had been drawn up.

It was RESOLVED that, although the Council still supports in principle the proposal for a youth shelter in the town, its position would require careful thought and full consultation and alternatives to Parc Gele need to be considered.

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b) Min. 9296(b) – Heraldic Plaques

- (i) It was NOTED that an order for six plaques has been submitted.
- (ii) It was NOTED that Cllr. D.A. MacRae would obtain further information and a detailed quotation for smaller items, such as slate engraved coasters or mats.

c) Min. 9296(c) – Refuse Collections

- (i) It was NOTED that a meeting is to be held at St. Michael's to discuss the refuse requirements and new charges and, in the meantime, one bin has been removed.
- (ii) It was RESOLVED to DEFER payment of the outstanding invoice for £48.88 for the period 6/2/06 to 31/3/06 until this meeting had taken place.
- (iii) It was NOTED that no response had yet been received to the letter sent to CCBC to query the invoice for trade waste charges, which had been backdated to April 2005.

d) Min. 9296(d) - Repair / Renewal of Benches

- (i) It was NOTED that confirmation has been received that Lyn Davies has arranged for the removal of any benches considered as dangerous and that the Clerk has requested details of any benches removed and whether these will be repaired by CCBC.
- (ii) It was NOTED that no response has been received to the recent request in the town council newsletter for a contractor to assist with maintenance of benches.

It was RESOLVED to advertise again in the next issue and to contact the probation service to enquire about whether the Youth Offending Team could assist with this work.

e) Min. 9296(g) – Abergele War Memorial – Renovation Work

A Proposal was made by Cllr. G.R.K. Brown that a site visit should take place to consider the need for the Memorial to be cleaned and re-lettered and the railings re-painted, prior to this year's Service of Remembrance.

An amended proposal was made by Cllr. J. Mortimer that, as there was insufficient funds in this years estimates to carry out this work, the work should be deferred until additional monies could be allocated in next years estimates.

A further amended proposal was made by Cllr. M. Bird that the two proposals be combined and that a site visit should take place now to consider any urgent work. This was CARRIED.

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f) Min. 9297(a) – Grant Applications

It was NOTED that an acknowledgement of Annual Grant has been received from:

(i) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

g) Min. 9297(b) – Joint Burial Committee

It was NOTED that the Committee are awaiting a response to letters sent to member council before setting the precept for 2006'07.

9362. **Correspondence:**

a) The following requests for grants were considered:

(i) Conwy Youth Service

Members considered proposals for a summer holiday programme and a request for funding of £2,000 towards this.

It was NOTED that the grant of £1,000 for 2005'06 had not been requested and that an additional £1500 was in the Annual Estimates for 2006'07.

It was RESOLVED to approve payment of £2,000, as requested, towards the summer holiday programme.

(ii) Tramway & Light Railway Society

It was RESOLVED to approve payment of £100 towards the costs of the annual Model Railway and Tramway exhibition, to be held on 19th-20th August, 2006.

(iii) Coastal Voices – 'Water Aid'

A request for assistance for a fundraising concert was considered.

It was RESOLVED to request that an application for financial support be submitted in September, to be considered with the annual October grants.

(iv) Janet Ralph – Cycle India

It was NOTED that the Council are not legally able to pay grants to an individual.

It was RESOLVED to offer Janet the opportunity to put an article in the forthcoming newsletter to seek local support.

b) It was RESOLVED to approve payment of the following annual subscriptions, now falling due:

- (i) Clerks & Council Direct - £9 per member
- (ii) Conwy Voluntary Services Council - £10
- (iii) Clwyd Community Chest – £50

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9363. The Financial Situation as at Today :-

	£
Current Account	3,613.94
Monthly Interest Account	<u>83,700.86</u>
TOTAL:	87,314.80

Hall & Development Account	431.25
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>61,307.63</u>
TOTAL:	61,738.88

9364. Payment of Accounts

a) Gwynedd Pensions

It was RESOLVED that the new Clerical Assistant, Mrs J. Ann Roberts, be offered the opportunity to join the local government pension scheme.

b) Payment of Accounts

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the accounts, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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