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Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 19th October 2006 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9617. **Attendance Register**

As at the General Purposes and Planning Committee earlier today, see Min. 9609.

- Cllrs. C.A. Billington and J.D. Mortimer - see Min. 9625

9618. **Apologies for Absence**

As at the General Purposes and Planning Committee earlier today, see Min. 9610.

9619. **Disclosure of Interest**

Min. 9625 – several members declared an interest in applications for annual grants:

Cllr. G.P. Davies – Friends of Awel y Mor & Pensarn Coffee and Chat Club

Cllr. D.A. MacRae – Elfod Heritage & Abergele Blind Club

Cllr. R.G. Waters – Elfod Heritage

9620. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on 21st September, 2006**

9621. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 9571(b) –Refuse Collections

It was NOTED that a revised invoice is still awaited from CCBC following the letter sent to query the invoice received for trade waste charges, which had been backdated to April 2005.

As the original incorrect invoice had now been cancelled, it was RESOLVED to remove this item from the next agenda.

b) Min. 9571(c) - Repair / Renewal of Benches

(i) It was NOTED that the locations for the four new benches, to be provided by Laing O'Rourke / Welsh Water, have now been approved by the Highways Department.

(ii) Members considered a report from the Task & Finish Group, set up to look at the suitability of the locations of all current benches in the town. The comments on the current locations were NOTED and a vote of thanks was given to the members who had assisted in producing this report.

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- c) Min. 9571(d) – Abergele War Memorial – Renovation Work

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the invoice for £1,000 for the works, which had now been completed.

- d) Min. 9571(e) – Joint Burial Committee

A letter from the Clerk, Mrs Hughes, regarding the precept for 2006/07 and other matters was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to write to Mrs Hughes to request that a meeting of the Joint Burial Board be convened to approve the precept for the current year and consider the concerns raised by Mrs Hughes in her letter.

9622. Correspondence:

- a) Summer Playschemes

A request for funding to continue the summer playscheme in 2007 was RECEIVED.

It was RESOLVED to REFER this to the Estimates Sub-Committee for inclusion in the Annual Estimates for 2007-08.

- b) North Wales Play & Playing Fields

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the annual subscription of £20.00.

9623. External Audit

Confirmation from UHY Hacker Young of a clean report for the audit for 2005/06 was RECEIVED.

The Clerk was congratulated for her efforts in achieving another clean report.

9624. Budget Monitoring

A report from the Clerk on budget monitoring up to 30th September 2006 was RECEIVED. The Clerk was thanked for producing this detailed report.

Members were requested to contact the Clerk if they had any queries about the report.

9625. Annual Grants

Members considered all the applications received for Annual Grants for 2006/07. Those Members who had declared an interest took no part in the decision made regarding grants to those bodies.

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of Annual Grants, as detailed on Schedule 'B' attached.

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It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that any late applications would be considered as and when received, dependant on the remaining available funds.

- Cllrs. C.A. Billington and J.D. Mortimer retired from the meeting at this juncture.

9626. **The Financial Situation as at Today :-**

	£
Current Account	1,689.40
Monthly Interest Account	<u>90,338.21</u>
TOTAL:	92,027.61
Hall & Development Account	444.28
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>62,353.08</u>
TOTAL:	62,797.36

9627. **Payment of Accounts**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of the accounts, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Managing Director of IDB Ltd to query an invoice of £130 plus VAT received for a recent visit to the Town Hall to address problems with the positioning and wiring of the newly installed microphones.
- c) Microphone Stands

It was **RESOLVED** to thank Cllr. R. MacRae for making a sample microphone stand, following a design by IDB.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to authorise re-imburement to Cllr. MacRae for the full cost of materials for 10 microphone stands to be made.

The Meeting Closed at 9.45 p.m.

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised on Thursday 19th October 2006:

	Cheque No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Statutory Powers: (new or unusual payments only)
a) Conwy County Borough Council National Non-Domestic Rates	DD	529.00		
b) Inland Revenue (Oct Salaries)	687	739.64		
c) Gwynedd Pensions	688	534.92		
d) Tiscali (Broadband)	D.D.	18.79	2.80	
e) Petty Cash (September)	669 674	61.02 63.24		
f) Able Direct Centre Ltd - labels	670	7.40		
g) One Voice Wales - Membership 2006/07	671	709.80		
h) The Computer Shop - broadband filter	672	4.99		
i) Hywel Evans (Printer) - Orders of Service	673	20.00		
j) North wales Newspapers - newsletter delivery	675 676	88.97 99.77	13.25 14.86	
k) Blachere Illumination - new Christmas lighting	677	2,217.23	330.23	
l) Travel Claims: Mrs C Earley - two return trips to Wrexham	678	76.80		
m) B.T. - Main line to 3/10/06	679	162.27	24.16	
n) Public Works Loan Board	D.D.	2,585.42		
o) UHY Hacker Young	680	763.75	113.75	
p) D.H. Window Cleaning	681	20.00		
q) NWATC 1/4ly meeting 20.10.06	682	30.00		
r) WNW stationery & supplies	683	74.19	11.05	
s) Bryter Construction re: war memorial	684	1,000.00		
t) Petty Cash - October	685	64.67		
u) St. George Controlled School - flower beds	686	100.00		

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