

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday 20th April, 2006 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9291. **Attendance Register**

Cllr. D.A. Byrne (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; J.M.D. Bird; G.R.K. Brown; G.P. Davies;
C.J. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; J.D. Mortimer;
R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs
Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

9292. **Apologies for Absence**

The Mayor, Cllr. B.C. Roberts
Cllrs: J.A. MacLennan; R.G. Waters

9293. **Disclosure of Interest**

None recorded.

9294. **Visitors to the Council**

Mr Nayland Southorn, Chairman of Abergele Youth Action, and Mrs Linda Tavernor, Secretary of Abergele Youth Action, attended the meeting to give information regarding their plans for 2006/07.

A presentation took place and members were informed about plans for both the internet café project (ITACA) and work in the community, including open access play activities during the summer and outreach work involving Conwy Youth Service and the Police Community Support Officer, Medwyn.

Members were requested to consider the previous letter from Abergele Youth Action requesting funding, particularly for the open access play project.

Linda then introduced a new joint project being undertaken with Neale Duffy, C.B.M. and the Parks Department of C.C.B.C. Neale confirmed that the Parks Department are in the process of putting together a bid for funding for new play equipment for Gele Park. Neale would very much like to see a youth shelter being included in this bid to provide a place for older children to gather and hopefully prevent any damage or vandalism to the new play equipment. The proposal is for a modern shelter, incorporating 24 seats and solar powered lighting. Experience elsewhere shows this type of facility is well used and not vandalised. Neale requested the support of the Town Council with this bid and advised members that a pledge of £2000 would be very helpful towards this project.

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A short question and answer session followed, with queries regarding the opening of ITACA during the school holidays, responsibility for future maintenance of the play equipment and shelter (C.C.B.C.), lighting, use of the park late at night, siting of the shelter and whether ball games were permitted in the park.

Linda Tavernor thanked members for the invitation to address the Council and extended an open invitation to all to drop in to ITACA.

The visitors were thanked for attending and retired from the meeting.

9295. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on 23rd March, 2006**

9296. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 9261(b) - Abergele Youth Action

- (i) Following the earlier presentation, Members considered the request for funding for 2006/07.

It was RESOLVED to approve payment of £3,000 to Abergele Youth Action for 2006/07, in accordance with the amount earmarked in the Annual Estimates.

(ii) Youth Shelter

It was RESOLVED to support in principle the request for funding from Neale Duffy towards the additional bid for a Youth Shelter for Gele Park.

b) Min. 9261(d) – Heraldic Plaques

Members considered further designs received, incorporating the full colour town council logo. Members also considered the need for a stock of smaller items to be given to visitors, for example slate or glass coasters incorporating the town council logo.

It was RESOLVED to place an initial order for six plaques of design B06-01-01-06, but omitting the brass plate, at an estimated cost of £26.85 each. These are to be held in stock for presentation purposes, as and when required.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to investigate the cost of smaller items, such as coasters or mats.

c) Min. 9261(e) – Refuse Collections

- (i) It was NOTED that St. Michaels Church had received an invoice for £41.40 plus VAT for two additional wheelie bins per week at £2.60 each.

It was RESOLVED to DEFER this item to query why the invoice is for two additional bins.

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(ii) It was FURTHER NOTED that an invoice had been received for £254.80 + VAT for one 240l bin every week at the Town Hall for the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006.

It was RESOLVED to query this invoice, as the Trade Waste collection had only started in December 2005, following implementation of the kerbside collection pilot scheme.

d) Min. 9261(f) – Repair / Renewal of Benches

No further update was available.

e) Min. 9262(a) – Safe Keeping (Deeds)

It was NOTED that the deeds had now been removed from HSBC to be lodged with the Council's solicitor for safe keeping.

f) Min. 9262(c) – Insurance Renewal

It was NOTED that the Town Hall Inventory had recently been fully updated by the Clerk, with assistance from Cllrs. D.A. Byrne and C.J. MacRae.

It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Clerk to amend the contents insurance in line with the figures from the updated inventory.

g) Min. 9264 – Abergele War Memorial

It was NOTED that a site meeting had not yet been held by the Task and Finish Group.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would send out a copy of the recommendations of the previous Task & Finish group for the members of the new group to make comments and agree priorities.

9297. Correspondence:

a) Grant Applications

(i) A request for financial assistance for the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in July 2006, previously deferred until the new financial year was considered.

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of £150.00.

(ii) A request from the Abergele Association of Traders for financial assistance towards the cost of hanging baskets for 2006 was considered.

It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of £650.00, to include five baskets for the Town Hall.

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b) Abergele Joint Burial Committee

It was RESOLVED to DEFER payment of the precept for 2006/07 to await confirmation of the amount due.

c) Town Guide

(i) The informal notes from a presentation by Plus Publishing Services on 3rd April were RECEIVED.

(i) **It was RESOLVED to REFER the formal offer received, along with suggested topics and draft production schedule, to the Newsletter Sub-Committee for full consideration.**

d) Sound Equipment

Members considered the quotation received following the demonstration of equipment by IDB at the Town Hall on 10th April.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with an order from IDB for a Conferencing System comprising 13 stations plus a chairman's unit, along with an infra-red system for the hard of hearing, including 2 off two channel loop receivers (for use by persons with hearing aids) at a total cost of £6,187 plus V.A.T.

9298. **The Financial Situation as at Today :-**

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Current Account	587.37
Monthly Interest Account	<u>47,600.86</u>
TOTAL:	48,188.23
Hall & Development Account	431.25
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>61,104.48</u>
TOTAL:	61,535.73

9299. **Payment of Accounts**

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

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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