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Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 23rd November 2006 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

9674. **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. C.J. MacRae
Cllr. M. Bird (Chairman)
Cllrs: C.A. Billington; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; M. Medicott; K. Sudlow;
R.G. Waters

9675. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: G.R.K. Brown; J.A. MacLennan; R. MacRae; J.D. Mortimer; R. Peacock;
J.E.H. Pitt; J. Stubbs

9676. **Disclosure of Interest**

Cllrs: C.J. MacRae and D.A. MacRae – see Min. 9682(f)

9677. **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on Thursday 19th October, 2006**

9678. **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 9621(b) –Refuse Collections

(i) **It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of an invoice received for trade waste collection for the Town Hall for a 6 month period (April 2006 to September 2006) for £67.60 + VAT.**

(ii) It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of two invoices, for £41.60 and £135.20 + VAT, for additional bins for the churchyard at St. Michaels Church for the periods 6/2/06 to 31/3/06 (£5.20 per week) and 1/4/06 to 31/3/07 (£2.60 per week), as supported in principle by the Council on 2.2.06 – see Min. 9165(d).

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to include this item on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the future policy of the Council on this matter.

b) Min. 9621(b) - Repair / Renewal of Benches

(i) It was NOTED that the four new benches, provided by Laing O'Rourke / Welsh Water, have now been sited at the agreed locations.

(ii) It was NOTED that apologies had been received for the late commencement of the bench maintenance work. A new supervisor has been appointed and work is now scheduled to commence on 2nd December.

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c) Min. 9621(d) –Joint Burial Committee

It was NOTED that no response has been received to the letter sent to the secretary to request that a meeting of the Joint Burial Committee be convened as soon as possible to approve the precept requirement for 2006/07.

It was RESOLVED to write to Cllr. Byrne, Chairman of the Committee, to state the concerns of this Council and request progress is made.

d) Min. 9625 - Annual Grants

(i) It was NOTED that acknowledgements of annual grants have been received from the following recipients:

Abergele Rambling Club
Abergele Harriers
Abergele Badminton Club
Cymdeithas Emrys ap Iwan
Abergele Old People's Club
Abergele Blind Club
Pensarn Coffee & Chat Club
Abergele Theatre Group
Neighbourhood Watch
St. Michael's Clock
Wales Air Ambulance
St George Village Hall Trust
Hope House
Friends of Awel y Mor

e) Min. 9627 (b) – Microphone Equipment

(i) It was NOTED that the invoice raised by IDB for a recent visit had now been cancelled and that the company recommends that the equipment is serviced regularly.

It was RESOLVED to write to query the cost of an annual service visit.

(ii) **It was RESOLVED to authorise payment to R. MacRae of £200.00, being the cost of 10 custom made microphone stands.**

9679. **Correspondence**

a) **Annual Grants**

Late requests for grant funding were RECEIVED and considered from the following organisations:

(i) Cantorian Gele Singers

It was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £200 for 2006/07.

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(ii) 1st Abegele Brownies

It was RESOLVED to authorise a grant of £250 for 2006/07.

(iii) North Wales Association for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus

It was RESOLVED not to make a grant for 2006/07.

(iv) Abergele Youth Action

As a grant of £3,000 has already been made in 2006/07, it was RESOLVED not to make any further grant.

(v) Conwy District Citizens Advice Bureau

It was RESOLVED not to make a grant for 2006/07.

(vi) North Wales Deaf Association

It was RESOLVED not to make a grant for 2006/07.

(vii) Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre

It was RESOLVED to request recent financial statements and to DEFER consideration of this application until these are received.

(viii) Dawns i Bawb

It was RESOLVED not to make a grant for 2006/07.

9680. Annual Estimates

It was NOTED that the Estimates Sub-Committee will be meeting shortly to draft the annual Estimates for 2007/08. Members were asked to contact a Member of this sub-committee with any requests for consideration.

9681. The Financial Situation as at Today :-

	£
Current Account	2,792.79
Monthly Interest Account	<u>69,338.21</u>
TOTAL:	72,131.00

Hall & Development Account	444.28
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>62,571.69</u>
TOTAL:	63,015.97

9682. 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.

..... Chairman

Abergele Town Council

SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised on Thursday 23rd November 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 (Salaries)	743	766.93		
c) Gwynedd Pensions	744	534.92		
d) Tiscali (Broadband)	DD	18.79	2.80	
e) Petty Cash (November)	734	70.94		
f) Travel Claims:				
GRK Brown - LDP launch Conwy	735	10.40		
C J MacRae - mayors events July-Nov	736	88.20		
C J MacRae - Travel to Roissy en Brie	745	168.44		
g) The Computer Shop - new broadband router	711	69.99	10.42	
h) NW Play & Playing Fields Assoc	712	20.00		**
i) WNW - Stationery & Supplies	713	26.05	3.88	
	728	4.09	0.61	
	739	28.82	4.29	
	740	132.03	19.66	
j) B.T. - IT Line	714	49.67	7.39	
Alarm line	715	60.57	9.02	
k) CCBC re; refuse collection Feb/Mar 06	716	48.88	7.28	**
l) Merlin Lighting & Events 50% payment	717	3,011.00	526.93	
m) Brian Locking - Mayor's Charity Evening	718	300.00		
m) M.M. Catering - Mayor's Charity Evening	719	471.25		
n) Garden Pride - grass cutting - Sept	720	118.00		
- Nov	721	94.00		
o) Staples - stationery	722	33.75		
PC supplies / ink	723	88.46	13.18	
p) CCBC - repairs to manhole	724	175.49	26.14	
q) CCBC - September newsletter	725	573.50	3.50	
r) Canon - copier rental Jul-Oct 06	726	140.05	20.86	
s) Depositit - on-line data back-up	BACS	133.95	19.95	
t) NWP - festive lighting infrastructure	727	8,390.39	1,249.63	
u) Brian Lawrence Signs - wreath inserts	729	56.40	8.40	
v) LITE Ltd - Christmas lighting	730	1,419.41	211.41	
w) R MacRae - microphone stands	731	200.00		
x) Abergele Association of Traders - xmas trees	732	600.00		
y) C J MacRae re: Mayor's Charity Concert	733	326.25		(contra-entry)
z) Poppy Appeal (re: wreaths)	737	250.00		**
aa) SLCC - Membership Renewal	741	170.00		
ab) Re-imburse Clerk re: Christmas tree lights and barrel tub for Town Hall tree	742	66.98		

** 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.