

Abergele Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 19th February at 8.45pm, immediately after the General Purposes & Planning Committee, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

526/08 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr R D Peacock
Cllr K J Sudlow (Chairman)
Cllrs: M Bond; G P Davies; D A MacRae; R M Medicott; B C Roberts; S Rowlands; ~
J Stubbs; R G Waters; A Wood.
Mrs J Ann Roberts (Admin Assistant)

527/08 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M Bird; J A MacLennan; D Meredith; J D Mortimer; T Rowlands.

528/08 Disclosure of Interest

Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

The following personal interests were DECLARED:

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| Cllr D A MacRae | Item 6a | Abergele Joint Burial Committee |
| Cllr B C Roberts | Item 6a | Abergele Joint Burial Committee |
| Cllr R G Waters | Item 6a | Abergele Joint Burial Committee |
| Mrs J Ann Roberts | Item 6a | Abergele Joint Burial Committee |
| Cllr B C Roberts | Sch A(Item n) | Travel Claim |
| Cllr A Wood | Item 5e(ii) | Cylch Meithrin Grant Application |

529/08 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on Thursday 22nd January 2009.

530/08 Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:

- a) Traffic Calming – Pentre Mawr Park – Min. 417/08(a)
It was NOTED that work is due to commence on 23rd February.
- b) Landscaping work at The Mount – Min. 472/08(e)
It was NOTED that Stepnell Ltd still had not undertaken the landscaping work at The Mount.
It was RESOLVED to send a letter to Stepnell Ltd, offering that the Council carry out the work and send them the bill.
- c) Use of Town Council's Logo – Min. 419/08(b)
 - (i) It was NOTED that the logo is not registered with the College of Arms and, therefore, there are no restrictions on its use.

(ii) It was NOTED that advice had been received from One Voice Wales to confirm that they see no reason why the logo could not be used by the football team.

iii) It was NOTED that the logo had been issued to the Club, in accordance with the resolution of the Council and subject to the agreed conditions.

d) Home Start Conwy funding application – Min. 473/08(b)(i)

(i) A response to the letter sent to the Head of Service, CCBC, was NOTED.

(ii) The contents of a letter from Llandudno Town Council regarding funding provided for Conwy Home Start was NOTED.

(iii) The application for funding, deferred at the last meeting, was reconsidered.

It was RESOLVED not to grant any funding, as the Town Council should not be expected to fund social services.

e) Annual Grants

(i) A letter of thanks and the handprints of the children at Abergele Mother and Toddler Group was NOTED.

(ii) An urgent request for further funding from Cylch Meithrin Abergele was RECEIVED and considered.

It was RESOLVED not to grant further funding this year, but to advise them to approach CVSC.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED that any grant applications received in future should be advised by letter and/or Application Form that grants are considered in October each year.

531/08 **Correspondence:**

a) Abergele Joint Burial Committee

Notice of the precept request of £3,932 for 2009/10 was RECEIVED.

b) Standard Life

Notice of interest rate change was RECEIVED.

532/08 **Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:

a) The Town Guide Sub-Committee, held on 26th January 2009

b) The Newsletter Sub-Committee, held on 27th January 2009

533/08 **To Consider the following Matters Arising from Those Minutes:**

a) Town Guide Sub-Committee

(i) Tourism Signs – Min. 483/08(a)

It was NOTED that the sub-committee will begin a review of the current signage in the town shortly, with a view to making recommendations for improvements back to the Policy & Finance Committee.

(ii) A copy of a reply received by Darren Millar, AM, to his request for tourism signs for Abergele on the A55 was RECEIVED.

(iii) Town Guide 2009/10

It was NOTED that the editorial content for the second edition is almost complete and will be forwarded to Plus Publishing by the end of this month, for production of the new guide by the end of March.

b) Newsletter Sub-Committee

(i) March 2009 Newsletter – Min. 492/08

It was NOTED that the March edition of the newsletter has now gone to print and should be delivered to residents on Wednesday 4th March.

(ii) Advertising – Min. 492/08(a)

It was RESOLVED to ENDORSE the following recommendations of the sub-committee:

- 1. The Council should write to the Farm & Pet Place to enquire about sponsorship for the quarterly newsletter**
- 2. An article should be placed in the next edition to see if there is any interest from local tradesmen in joining together to have a regular half or full page advertisement.**

(ii) Website – Min. 493/08

It was NOTED that the sub-committee will be meeting again in March to review the Council's website and consider how it can be further developed.

534/08 **To Note the Financial Situation, as at 13 Feb 2009 :-**

| | £ |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current Account | 2487.72 |
| Monthly Interest Account | <u>131,429.99</u> |
| TOTAL: | <u>133,917.71</u> |
| | |
| Hall & Development Account | 472.42 |
| Hall & Development Reserve | <u>69,327.81</u> |
| TOTAL: | <u>69,800.23</u> |

535/08 **Payment of Accounts**

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

The Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

.....(Chairman)

Abergele Town Council

SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised on Thursday 19th February 2009:

| | Chq No: | Total | Incl. VAT | Statutory Powers |
|---|----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | (new or unusual payments) |
| a) Salary payments | BACS | 2,666.53 | | |
| b) Inland Revenue (Salaries) | 103339 | 976.31 | | |
| c) Gwynedd Pensions | 103340 | 873.03 | | |
| d) Tiscali (Broadband) | DD | 15.99 | 2.00 | |
| e) University of Gloucestershire - Clerk's Training | DD | 131.00 | | |
| f) CCBC - National Non-Domestic Rates | DD | NIL | | |
| g) Petty Cash Imprest Acc | 103341 | 93.96 | | |
| h) NWP Power Systems - new timer | 103331 | 66.70 | 8.70 | |
| i) Livetech - website hosting & .gov domain renewal | 103332 | 287.50 | 37.50 ** | |
| j) WNW - stationery & supplies | 103333 | 73.58 | 9.60 | |
| k) Banner Business Supplies - stationery | 103334 | 69.15 | 9.01 | |
| l) E.N. Roberts - emergency plumbing (ladies wc) | 103335 | 92.69 | 12.09 | |
| m) S Miller - wedding cancellation (50% refund) | 103336 | 25.00 | | |
| n) Travel & Subsistence claims: Mrs C J Earley - University of Gloucestershire residential weekend 30th Jan - 1st Feb | 103337 | 298.95 | | |
| Cllr B C Roberts - meeting & CCTV visit | 103338 | 10.65 | | |
| o) Pennine Tea and Coffee | 103342 | 41.45 | 1.05 | |

** 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.