

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 17th December 2009, at approximately 8.30pm (immediately after the General Purposes & Planning Committee), in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

381/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. B.C. Roberts (Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; R.M. Medicott; P.D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock;

T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

382/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs

383/09 **Disclosure of Interest**

Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal and/or prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

None were declared

384/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee, held on Thursday 19th November, 2009.

385/09 **Matters Arising on Previous Minutes:**

a) Digital Mapping Software – Min. 319/09(a)

(i) The Clerk gave a brief verbal report from a recent meeting with Darren Fennell, E-Government Projects Officer, CCBC. It was NOTED that CCBC are not yet able to make mapping data directly available to Town and Community Councils in a format which can be used with free downloadable software.

(ii) **It was therefore RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to register with Parish On-line, a new low-cost digital mapping and aerial photography service being launched for Town and Parish Councils, at a cost of £110 per annum (based on population figures).**

b) Land at The Mount – Min. 319/09(c)

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the registration of the two parcels of land at The Mount.

(i) It was NOTED that the registration of the new parcel of land given to the Council by Stepnell Ltd had not yet been completed, due to some discrepancy in the wording of the transfer document and the associated plans. Progress was now being made to sort out this discrepancy and the application would be resubmitted to the Land Registry.

(ii) A quotation was received from Howell Jones & Co for the legal work and Land Registry fee to enable the land at The Mount to be registered.

It was RESOLVED to authorise the payment of £345 plus VAT to enable

the land registration to be completed.

- c) Pensarn Protection Measures – Min. 320/09(e)
The Clerk gave a verbal update on progress, following a meeting with Councillor Dave Holland yesterday. It was NOTED that possible sources of funding have now been identified to make up the £40,000 which it is estimated will be required to complete the scheme.
It was RESOLVED to authorise the submission of an application to the NW Coast Strategic Regeneration Area for funding of £20,000 towards the scheme.
- d) Annual Grants
It was NOTED that letters of thanks have been received from the following grant recipients:
- (i) 1st Abergele St. Michael's Scouts
 - (ii) Abergele Social Club for the Blind
 - (iii) Cymdeithas Emrys ap Iwan
 - (iv) Cylch Meithrin Abergele
 - (v) Pensarn Coffee & Chat Club
 - (vi) Abergele Ladies Wednesday Club
 - (vii) Abergele Autumn Club
 - (viii) Urdd Gobaith Cymru
 - (ix) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru
 - (x) Gele Singers
 - (xi) Parish of Abergele – Maintenance of Clock
 - (xii) Benefits Advice Shop
 - (xiii) PeBel Residents Association
 - (xiv) Royal British Legion – Abergele Branch
 - (xv) Wales Air Ambulance
 - (xvi) Colwyn Link Magazine for the Blind
 - (xvii) MacMillan Cancer Support
 - (xviii) Normandy Veterans Association
 - (xix) Age Concern
 - (xx) British Red Cross
 - (xxi) Home Start Conwy
 - (xxii) Abergele Golf Club
- e) **It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of a donation of £50 towards the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2010.**

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Correspondence:

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Draft Welsh Language Scheme
- It was NOTED that there are a number of paragraphs which require further explanation and/or clarification before the DRAFT Scheme, circulated to Members at the last meeting of the GP&P Committee, could be considered for adoption.
It was RESOLVED to REFER the draft Scheme to the Local Government Sub-Committee for further consideration.
- b) Society of Local Council Clerks
It was RESOLVED to authorise payment of the Clerk's membership fees for 2010 of the SLCC, incorporating membership of the Institute of Local

Council Management, at a cost of £278

- c) DWF LLP– Dylan Rhys Jones Solicitors
It was NOTED that a letter has been received from the Intervention Agent, DWF, confirming that various copy deeds and documents are currently in their custody. These will be sorted out and any relating to Abergele Town Council will be forwarded in due course (most relate to Abergele Urban District Council).
It was RESOLVED to ask CCBC for permission to view and/or have copies of those documents received from JR Williams & Co relating to the old Abergele Urban District Council.
- d) National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence)(Local Government) Order 2009
A copy of the Committee Report, summarising the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee following the recent consultation exercise, was RECEIVED and NOTED.

387/09 **Sub-Committee Meetings**

- The Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:
a) Local Government Sub-Committee, held on 23rd November 2009

388/09 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

- a) Denbighshire County Council Deposit Local Development Plan – Min. 331/09
- The representations submitted on behalf of the Council, as detailed in Schedule 'A' of the Minutes, were NOTED.
- b) Consultation on the Report of the Councillor Commission Expert Panel Wales – Are we being served? – Min. 333/09
- The comments submitted on behalf of the Council , as detailed in Schedule 'B' of the Minutes, were NOTED.

389/09 **The Financial Situation, as at today, was NOTED :-**

	£
Current Account	3,408.91
Monthly Interest Account	<u>79,841.82</u>
TOTAL:	83,250.73

Hall & Development Account	472.78
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>70,462.40</u>
TOTAL:	70,935.18

390/09 **Payment of Accounts**

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

391/09 **Confidential Business**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was considered advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded (none were present).

- a) Members received and considered two estimates received for the purchase of bespoke height barriers for Pensarn Promenade.

It was RESOLVED to accept quotation ‘B’ from D R Williams (Felinwnda) Ltd, for the supply of 4 no. height barriers at a cost of £6,635.50 plus VAT, to include round sections for all vertical posts and subject to agreement on the detailed specification of the barriers by Gareth Daniels, CCBC.

b) The Clerk gave a brief update on progress with obtaining further quotations for the outstanding premises maintenance tasks scheduled for completion in 2009/10:

(i) **It was RESOLVED to authorise the replacement of a faulty push button door entry lock by Alexander Locksmiths, at a cost of £180 plus VAT.**

(ii) It was NOTED that S. Roberts, Roofing Contractor, was due to visit the Town Hall on Monday 21st December to inspect the flat roof and give an indication of the rate of deterioration since it was last inspected and an estimate of the remaining life of the roof.

(iii) Ceilings – rooms 1,5 and 6
- It was NOTED that one further quotation was awaited

(iv) Light Fittings – main chamber
- It was NOTED that one further quotation was awaited.

The Meeting Closed at 9.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised on Thursday 17th December 2009:

	Chq No:	Total	Incl. VAT	Notes / Statutory Powers
		£	£	(new or unusual payments)
a) Salary payments	BACS	2,872.72		
b) Inland Revenue (Salaries)	103675	1,058.81		
c) Gwynedd Pensions	103676	958.07		
d) Tiscali (Broadband)	DD	18.79	2.80	
e) CCBC - National Non-Domestic Rates	DD	599.00		
f) Petty Cash Imprest Acc	103677	135.86		
g) EDF Energy	103678	80.55	3.21	
h) Alistair Bainbridge - work to table top in Rm 6	103679	165.00		
i) Walls & Fences - Christmas Trees	103680	1,707.75	222.75	
j) Racecraft Signs - Honours Boards	103681	1,495.00	195.00 **	
k) E N Roberts - auto flush systems	103682	414.00	54.00	
l) Merlin Lighting - 2nd invoice for Christmas Lighting	103683	4,565.50	595.50	
m) Staples - diaries, wall planner and ink	103684	63.51	8.28	
n) Meirion Jones - Sea Road flower bed	103685	690.00	90.00	
o) Direct 2 Door - December newsletter distribution	103686	97.65	12.74	
	103687	86.88	11.33	
p) BT - combined bill to 19/11	103688	252.75	32.96	
q) CCBC - supplementary invoice (VAT only) re: supply of flood lighting for Pentre Mawr Park	103689	1,267.23	1,267.23	
r) WNW - stationer and supplies	103690	63.57	8.29	
s) Canon UK - copier rental	103691	165.26	21.56	
t) Cariad Bride - Christmas window comp	103692	100.00		
u) Star Video - Christmas window comp	103693	50.00		
v) E G Jones & Co - Christmas window comp	103694	25.00		

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