

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, held immediately after the General Purposes and Planning Committee, at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 22nd April 2010, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

574/09 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. D.A. MacRae

Cllr. K.J. Sudlow – Chairman (in the absence of Cllr. B.C. Roberts)

Cllrs: M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medlicott; R.D. Peacock;

T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

575/09 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; J.D. Mortimer; B.C. Roberts; J. Stubbs

576/09 **Disclosure of Interest**

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

The following members declared an interest in agenda item 5(a)(ii), as members of the Governing Body of Ysgol Glan Gele:

Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; R.M. Medlicott; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters

Cllr. J.A. MacLennan also declared an interest in agenda item 11 – Payment of Accounts, in relation to a claim for travel expenses.

577/09 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 18th March 2010

578/09 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) Annual Grants for Schools – Min. 210/09

(i) A letter from Ysgol Glan Morfa, confirming how the grant proceeds received in 2008/09 and 2009/10 have been used, was RECEIVED.

(ii) A letter from Ysgol Glan Gele requesting assistance towards the purchase of a mini-bus was RECEIVED.

Due to the fact that five members of the Council had declared a personal and prejudicial interest, as members of the Governing Body of the School, and that their retiring from the Chamber would leave the meeting not quorate, **it was RESOLVED to DEFER the request until the July meeting, when annual grants to the schools were usually considered.**

b) Pensarn Promenade Protection Measures – Min. 479/09(c)

It was NOTED that talks are ongoing between Cllr. Dave Holland, County Councillor for Pensarn, and Officers from CCBC to establish whether the protection measures could be installed sooner rather than later, as a standalone scheme, due to concerns about the length of anticipated delays in waiting for a wider scheme of improvements to be designed and

implemented across the North Wales Coast SRA.

- c) Draft Welsh Language Scheme – Min. 439/09(a)(ii)
- (i) Information from One Voice Wales on the proposed Welsh Language Measure and the impact this will have on Welsh Language Schemes was RECEIVED.
It was NOTED that the Measure proposes that the Welsh Language Board is abolished, a Welsh Language Commissioner is appointed and that guidelines are introduced which would replace the current Welsh language schemes.
- (ii) It was NOTED that the Heritage Sub-Committee had reviewed the proposed amendments to the draft Scheme at its meeting on 15th March 2010 and had recommended that this now be considered for submission to the Welsh Language Board and subsequent adoption by the Council.
However, in light of (c)(i) above, **it was RESOLVED not to proceed with the adoption of a formal scheme at the present time and to await further developments with the Welsh Language Measure.**
- d) North Wales International Music Festival
Members considered the request for Community Tour Sponsorship, previously deferred to the new financial year. A brief discussion took place regarding the cancelled Rotary concert.
It was NOTED that the budget for grants had been reduced by the Council for 2010/11 and **it was RESOLVED not to sponsor a community tour package this year.**
- e) Gwynedd Pensions – Min. 534/09(b)
- (i) It was NOTED that the informal employer meeting, due to be held on 15th April, has now been re-arranged to Wednesday 5th May.
- (ii) Communications Policy Statement
It was NOTED that a copy of the new booklet is available on request from the Clerk.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED and considered:

- a) Standard Life Bank plc
It was NOTED that Standard Life Bank plc became part of the Barclays Group on 1 January 2010.
- b) CCBC Trade Waste Service
Information on the new recycling services for businesses was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the new charges were within the budget previously set by the Council.
- c) CCBC Owned Bus Shelters
- (i) A letter requesting an annual payment towards bus shelter maintenance was RECEIVED and considered. It was NOTED that the list of shelters in this area had not yet been received.
It was RESOLVED to raise concerns with Darren Millar, AM, regarding the request that this Council is now expected to pay an annual sum for bus shelter maintenance.

(ii) A proposal was made that a new bus shelter be provided at the business park.

It was NOTED that a request has already been submitted to CCBC and that this had been added to the list (for 2011/12?).

d) It was NOTED that there were no additional items of URGENT correspondence.

580/09 **Abergele Regeneration Team**

A written request from Cllr. S. Rowlands that enquiries are made to establish whether the Abergele Regeneration Team, which is presumed to have now folded, has any funds remaining from the grant given by this Council and, if so, to request that these now be repaid was considered.

It was RESOLVED to write to the ART to request that, if the group is now inactive, any remaining grant funds are donated towards the 2010 Mediaeval Fayre.

581/09 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the following sub-committees were RECEIVED:

a) The Local Government Sub-Committee, held on 12th April 2010

582/09 **Matters Arising on Those Minutes:**

a) Min. 558/09 – Environment Agency Wales, Abergele Flood Risk Management Project

It was RESOLVED to NOTE and ENDORSE the response sent to the Scoping Consultation Document, as detailed in Schedule ‘A’ to the Minutes

b) Min. 559/09 – Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales: Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Conwy

It was RESOLVED to approve the response to the consultation document, as detailed in Schedule ‘B’ to the Minutes.

583/09 **The Financial Situation, as at today, was NOTED :-**

	£
Current Account	4,253.05
Monthly Interest Account	<u>100,104.60</u>
TOTAL:	104,357.65

Hall & Development Account	472.86
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>70,899.77</u>
TOTAL:	71,372.63

584/09 **Payment of Accounts**

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

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

..... Chairman

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised on Thursday 22nd April 2010:

	Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
a) Salary payments	BACS	2,983.41		
b) Inland Revenue (Salaries)	103770	1,113.80		
c) Gwynedd Pensions	103771	986.41		
d) Tiscali (Broadband)	DD	18.79	2.80	
e) CCBC - National Non-Domestic Rates	DD	609.00		
<u>O/S Payments from 2009/10, paid 31/3/2010:</u>				
f) CCBC - installation of xmas lights infrastructure	103751	192.11	28.61	
g) Abergele Joint Burial Committee - store room hire	103752	200.00		
h) EDF Energy - floodlights	103753	284.70	13.56	
i) Abergele Tree Services - pruning	103754	176.25	26.25	
j) Pennine Tea & Coffee - supplies	103755	58.91	3.85	
k) WNW - stationery & supplies	103756	92.73	13.81	
l) Colwyn Link Tap Magazine - March newsletter	103757	100.00		
m) CCBC - skip hire	103758	282.00	42.00	
n) One Voice Wales - member training	103759	100.00		
o) Petty cash imprest acc	103760	26.62		
<u>2010/11 Payments:</u>				
p) NWATLCC - quarterly meeting	103761	50.00		
q) CCBC - bulb planting 2009/10	103762	881.25	131.25	
r) Canon - copier service charge 4/1 to 3/4	103763	140.65	20.95	
s) One Voice Wales - membership	103764	1,314.00		
t) NWATLCC - annual membership	103765	57.00		
u) Merlin Lighting - Bright Ideas motif	103766	465.89	69.39	
v) Staples - ink	103767	223.71	33.32	
w) Public Works Loan Board	DD	2,279.17		
x) Abergele Carnival Association - signs	103768	120.00		
y) WWW - supplies	103769	72.00	10.72	
z) Travel Claims:				
J A MacLennan - OVW meeting in Llandrindod Wells	103772	104.40		
C J Earley - NWAT&LCC mtg in Flint	103773	29.70		

** 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.