

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, was held at 6.45pm on Thursday 17 February 2011, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

484/10 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

485/10 **Apologies for Absence**

-Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs: R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; J.E.H. Pitt; A. Wood

486/10 **Election of Chairman**

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mayor, it was RESOLVED to elect Cllr. J. A. MacLennan as Chairman for this meeting.

487/10 **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).

Cllr. J. MacLennan (Min. no: 497/10)

Cllr. B.C. Roberts (Min. no: 497/10)

Standing Orders were suspended

488/10 **Visitor to the Council**

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Elaine Bowley, from Perfect K9 4U to the meeting who explained that she had been a resident of Abergele for fourteen years and was a regular dog walker in Pentre Mawr Park. Mrs Bowley explained that the current scheme that she runs is of benefit all users of Pentre Mawr Park and that they focus on Dog walking, training and obedience, health issues to both dog and owners especially children, Health & Safety awareness and hold classes in other areas of the County such as Penrhyn Bay and Old Colwyn. They also provide talks in Schools, Brownies, and Scouts etc.

Mrs Bowley is proposing a pilot scheme that the dogs have permission to access throughout the park with the exception of the fenced play area, tennis courts and pitches and if found in any of these areas is proposing that the offender is fined double, and are willing to work alongside with Friends of the Parklands. Owners who have taken part in the training scheme to an acceptable standard could be allowed to use the park freely and could be identified through an arm band. Mrs Bowley is contesting several issues of the new Dog Control Orders set to come into force on the 1st April, 2011 and feels that the order has not been given sufficient amount of time for people to put ideas forward, i.e. the on lead restraint, asked to put dog on a lead by an Officer and the exclusion zone. The trainers are volunteers and are CRB checked and are aiming to assist Friends of the Parklands in obtaining green flag status. Mrs Bowley is not requesting funding

only support, and proposes that the scheme runs for two years, with a cleanup every six weeks. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC to ask why Abergele Town Council was not consulted on the matter during the consultation period and it was FURTHER RESOLVED that County Councillors make enquires with CCBC as to why Mrs. Bowley has not had a response to her letter.**

Standing Orders were reinstated

489/10 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 20th January 2011.

490/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) **Purchase of the Town Hall**

(i) A letter of response from NW Police regarding purchase of the adjoining Police Station was NOTED

(ii) An update from the Clerk regarding the confirmation letter in the archived file and a copy of the previous letter located was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Property Services CCBC to enforce that the Council would be interested in purchasing the adjoining building and FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk checks the Deeds to ensure that the building is freehold, and contacts the previous Solicitors to check what correspondence they hold on file.

b) **Gwynedd Pension Fund**

(i) Letter from Gwynedd Pensions deferred from the previous Meeting Minute No: 434/10 was NOTED

(ii) Update from the Clerk following a conversation with Gareth Jones of Gwynedd Pension Fund was NOTED

It was RESOLVED that the matter is deferred to the Summer following the annual Meeting and FURTHER RESOLVED that it is important to obtain answers to the Councils questions regarding the shortfall in the fund, the Clerk to rewrite to Gwynedd Pensions.

491/10 **Minutes**

- It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 16th December 2010 following amendment to the title of Mr. Crispin Jones.

492/10 **Urgent Item**

- At the request of the Mayor and the Local Government Sub-Committee and due to the importance of the issue it was Resolved at the Local Government Sub-Committee on the 15th February, 2011 that the following item be received and considered:

- (a) A letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding the Denbighshire Consultation Draft Residential Space Standards Supplementary Planning Guidance

- (b) To receive and consider a letter from Denbighshire County Council regarding Consultation: Draft Community Linguistic Impact Assessment of the LDP proposed Key Strategic Site at Bodelwydden
- (c) An attachments from Bodelwydden Development Action group in order to provide a response to the Question from the BDAG

It was RESOLVED that the matter is DEFERRED to the next Ordinary Meeting due to the absence of many Councillors and for further information to be included.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ordinary Meeting of the 3rd March is brought forward to Wednesday 2nd March due to the Referendum on Law Making Powers taking place on the 3rd March, 2011 to ensure members are able to attend.

493/10 **Correspondence**

- to receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) To receive and consider informal notes from the NWATLCC, point 8 Pensions was RECEIVED
- b) A Thank you letter from Abergele Golf Club was NOTED
- c) A letter from the SLCC regarding Welsh Training Bursary and Events in Wales 2011 was NOTED
- d) Annual Membership for the North Wales Play Association was APPROVED.
- e) To receive a letter from Abergele Theatre Group with confirmation of a production for grant funding pending was NOTED.

494/10 **Documents for Information**

- (a) Letters of thanks from the Grant recipients were NOTED
- (b) CVSC Membership E-mail information service – fit4funding Newsletter February 2011 was NOTED

495/10 **Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report**

To receive a copy of the Report 31st December 2010 was RECEIVED

496/10 **To Note the Financial Situation, as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	£ 9985.90
Monthly Interest Account	£ 47599.49
General Reserve	<u>£ 70400.35</u>
TOTAL:	<u>£127985.74</u>
Hall & Development Account	£ 473.10
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>£71900.44</u>
TOTAL:	<u>£72373.54</u>

497/10 **Payment of Accounts**

- Authorisation of payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was APPROVED.

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Signed: (Chairman)