

# **Abergele Town Council**

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, held at approximately 8.10 p.m. on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010, immediately after the General Purposes and Planning Committee, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

076/10 **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman, Cllr. K.J. Sudlow, called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee for 2010-11 (deferred at the last meeting).

Cllr. P.D. Meredith was proposed and seconded.

**There being no further nominations, Cllr. Meredith accepted the nomination and was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2010/11.**

077/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. R.M. Medlicott

Cllr. K.J. Sudlow (Chairman)

Cllrs: J.M.D. Bird; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A. MacRae; P.D. Meredith; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; A. Wood

Mrs C.J. Earley (Clerk)

078/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts;

T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters

079/10 **Disclosure of Interest**

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

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr. J. Stubbs – application for funding from Abergele Youth Action (see Min. 082/10(a))

Cllr. R.M. Medlicott – application for funding from Mynydd Seion (see Min. 082/10(b))

080/10 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

081/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- a) DWF LLP Legal Documents – Min. 435/09(d)

It was NOTED that Cllr. R.G. Waters is making good progress in scanning any documents which may be of local/historical interest.

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

An update from CCBC regarding an 'interim solution' for providing protection measures for the car parks at Pensarn Promenade was RECEIVED and considered.

It was NOTED that the budget of £12,500 set aside by this Council in

2009/10, which had remained unspent due to the delays with obtaining the remaining funding for the scheme, had now been carried forward to the current financial year.

Concern was expressed that other 'temporary' barriers erected by the promenade in 1986 were still there today and that there was no guarantee that a design would be agreed and funding made available to improve the appearance of the barriers at a later date.

**It was RESOLVED to write to request that the original 'hooped' design originally suggested by this Council be added to the barriers, as a temporary feature, until a standard design can be agreed and implemented across the area.**

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**Correspondence**

To receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) Abergele Youth Action- Request for funding for summer activities

- Cllr. J. Stubbs, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, retired from the meeting during consideration of this request.

It was NOTED that the Council's total budget for grants for youth activities had been reduced this year to £3,000. A full discussion took place and some concerns were expressed, including the cost of the proposed activities in relation to the total number of youths benefitting.

**Due to the number of questions/concerns raised, it was RESOLVED to DEFER consideration of the application and to request that Linda Tavernor attends the next meeting of the committee to provide the following additional information:**

- (i) **How many young people from the Abergele area (including Abergele, Pensarn, Belgrano, St, George and Bodtegwel) typically benefit from these activities?**
- (ii) **How old are the young people and how are they selected to participate?**
- (iii) **It was originally envisaged that Abergele Youth Action would be self-funding within a period of five years. How much longer is this expected to take?**
- (iv) **A full breakdown of the expenditure included in the accounts under the heading of 'Big Lottery Grant'.**
- (v) **Clarification of the relationship between Abergele Youth Action's activities and the PACE programme run by Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan**
- (vi) **The future direction / priorities for Abergele Youth Action**

- b) Mynydd Seion

A letter requesting funding towards path improvements and offering a visit to the upgraded centre was RECEIVED.

- Cllr. R.M. Medlicott, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, retired from the meeting during consideration of this request.

**It was RESOLVED to send out an application pack for a grant, for consideration in October alongside all other grant requests.**

- c) Information Board at The Mount  
A copy of correspondence with Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust regarding the proposed Interpretation Panel at The Mount was RECEIVED.  
It was NOTED that the budget of £1,750 set aside in 2009/10 remained unspent at the year-end and that the Environment Agency now intended to progress this as part of the River Gele flood defence mitigation works.
- d) It was NOTED that there were no additional items of URGENT correspondence.

083/10 **Sub-Committee Minutes**

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

- a) The Newsletter Sub-Committee, held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010

084/10 **The Financial Situation, as at today, was NOTED :-**

|                          | £                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Current Account          | 3,875.63          |
| Monthly Interest Account | <u>136,170.85</u> |
| TOTAL:                   | 140,046.48        |

It was NOTED that £70,000 from the existing monthly interest account is to be transferred to a new, higher interest account.

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| Hall & Development Account | 472.94           |
| Hall & Development Reserve | <u>71,123.15</u> |
| TOTAL:                     | 71,596.09        |

085/10 **Payment of Accounts**

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

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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