

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, was held at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 March 2011, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

539/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, R.M. Medicott;
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; R.G. Waters;
 A. Wood
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Member of the public

540/10 **Apologies for Absence**

- Apologies were received from:
 Cllrs. D.A. MacRae; T. Rowlands; K.J. Sudlow;

541/10 **Election of Chairman**

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

542/10 **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. A. Wood – Min No: 549/10

543/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED To RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 17th February 2011.

544/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) **Purchase of the Town Hall**

- (i) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Property Services CCBC to enforce that the Council would be interested in purchasing the adjoining building was NOTED
- (ii) 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 was NOTED
- (iii) A copy of the plan and an extract from the deeds outlining rights of way was NOTED
- (iv) Update from Clerk regarding the rights of way following information provided by Solicitor was NOTED.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to CCBC to enquire if there is a restriction on future use of the Police Station should it be sold and if so how long does the restricted use stand for. Future possibilities for the use of the building were briefly discussed and it was PROPOSED and SECONDED and RESOLVED that a small working group is formed to discuss the issue and names should

be provided to the Clerk. Cllrs: M. Medlicott, J. MacLennan, S. Rowlands, R. Waters, and A Wood forwarded their names.

- b) Gwynedd Pension Fund
- (i) It was RESOLVED that the matter is deferred to the Summer following the annual Meeting was NOTED
 - (ii) FURTHER RESOLVED that it is important to obtain answers to the Council's questions regarding the shortfall in the fund, the Clerk to rewrite to Gwynedd Pensions. **It was RESOLVED to keep this issue on the Agenda until the response is received.**
 - (iii) An e-mail from Aon Hewitt regarding LGPS was NOTED
 - (iv) Gwynedd Pensions banding contributions for 2011/12 were NOTED
- c) Denbighshire County Council Draft Consultation Document
- (i) 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: regarding the Denbighshire Consultation Draft Residential Space Standards Supplementary Planning Guidance and the Draft Community Linguistic Impact Assessment of the LDP proposed Key Strategic Site at Bodelwydden and attachments from Bodelwydden Development Action group in order to provide a response to the Question from the BDAG, it was Resolved that the matter was deferred to the Ordinary Meeting 2nd March, 2011 and at that meeting it was RESOLVED that a meeting was to be held on Monday 7th March to include Darren Miller AM and Peter Lloyd Planning Consultant for a letter to be drafted was NOTED.
 - (ii) Cabinet Report by CCBC regarding the Denbighshire LDP was NOTED
- d) Perfect K9 4U
- Mrs Elaine Bowley provided an overview of Perfect K9 4U with details of her proposed pilot scheme and why she is contesting the proposed new Dog Control Orders.
- (ii) 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 was NOTED
 - (iii) it was FURTHER RESOLVED that County Councilors make enquires with CCBC as to why Mrs. Bowley has not had a response to her letter was NOTED
- It was RESOLVED to keep the above issue on the Agenda until the issue is RATIFIED by CCBC.**

545/10 **Correspondence**

- to receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) Local Government Pensions Committee, Circular details of Annual LGPS Conference in June was NOTED
- b) Details of the approved list of Doctors for the Local Government Pension Scheme was NOTED
- c) An e-mail from Cllr. Sam Rowlands regarding Footpath Links Abergele Lighting. Cllr Rowlands gave an overview of which footpaths that are not lit and the hazards associated with them. Costings from CCBC were

provided for a scheme and it was requested that a future project be considered with possible match funding from the SRA funding. **It was RESOLVED to support the project in principal, with the Eldon Drive and Derrie Avenue to be considered for a first phase as they have no lighting at all. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquires with Peter Adderley CCBC if they would be willing to cover the cost of the running and maintenance of the electricity supply and that the project is placed on the list for inclusion with the Estimates for 2012/13.**

- d) A request from Cllr Brian Roberts to consider refurbishment of tablets through Grant funding for consideration by the Heritage Committee. Cllr. Roberts gave an overview of the condition of the tablets and **it was RESOLVED that the matter is forwarded to the Heritage Committee for further consideration. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Rhyd y Foel and Llanddulas Town Councils to support the issue and the possibility of Grants and support from the Historical Society.**
- e) To consider the purchase of two Mini Tower PC packages for the Clerk and the Admin. Officer as per quotation by Barry Richards plus Office software was APPROVED.
- f) One Voice Wales Training Programme for 2011/12 was NOTED and names to be submitted to the Clerk.
- g) Energy Saving Trust – renewable energy programme was NOTED
- h) Urgent item approved by the Mayor for inclusion – from the Rhyl Journal was discussed and members stated that the rates have not been raised but maintained and that the Councillor should have attended the meeting to answers members questions. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Newspaper to inform of the facts and members objected to the word ‘insane’ being used in the article and for the Clerk to look at the code of conduct of members.**
- i) Urgent item AA Drive request to hire the chamber for two Saturday’s in May was APPROVED.

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Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on 10th November, 2010
- (b) Town Guide Sub-Committee Meeting held 27th January, 2011
- (c) Newsletter Sub-Committee Meeting held 3rd November, 2010
- (d) Local Government Sub-Committee held 9th December, 2010

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Documents for Information

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- Letters of thanks from the Grant recipient
- Countryside Council for Wales Funding Newsletter
- CVSC – Wren drop in sessions
- Welsh Assembly Government – A Shared Community Final Guidance
- CVSC Big Lottery Improving Futures

548/10 **To Note the Financial Situation, as at today :-**

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| Current Account | £ 19384.04 |
| Monthly Interest Account | £ 24105.75 |
| General Reserve | <u>£ 70400.35</u> |
| TOTAL: | <u>£ 113890.14</u> |

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| Hall & Development Account | £ 473.18 |
| Hall & Development Reserve | <u>£ 71900.44</u> |
| TOTAL: | <u>£72373.54</u> |

549/10 **Payment of Accounts**

- To authorise the payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were APPROVED

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Signed :
(Chairman)