

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, held at 6.45pm on Thursday 21 April 2011, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

569/10 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr M Medicott

Cllrs: J M D Bird; M Bond; G P Davies; J A MacLennan; D A MacRae;

J D Mortimer; R D Peacock; S Rowlands; T Rowlands; J Stubbs; K J Sudlow;

R G Waters; A Wood

Mrs Ann Roberts (Admin Assistant)

570/10 **Apologies for Absence**

- To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr B C Roberts

571/10 **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).

Cllr T Rowlands- Min 575/10(k)

572/10 **Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 17 March 2011

573/10 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) **Purchase of the Town Hall**

A reply was still awaited to the Clerk's letter to CCBC dated 23 March 2011 enquiring about any restrictions on the use of the Police Station should it be sold.

It was RESOLVED to defer this matter to the next meeting.

b) **Gwynedd Pension Fund**

Reference was made to the Valuation Report (Actuarial Valuation 2010) received from Gwynedd Pension Fund. The matter was considered far too complicated and it was suggested that two expert opinions should be sought – one from a Gwynedd Pensions representative and another from an independent actuary.

It was RESOLVED that the Council approach One Voice Wales for advice.

c) **Perfect K9 4U**

(i) Mrs Elaine Bowley had now received a response from CCBC to her letter regarding the proposed new Dog Control Orders.

ii) Arrangements had been made for Cllr S Rowlands and a CCBC Officer to meet with Mrs Bowley again. Cllr A Wood requested to be present at the meeting.

- d) Footpath Links Abergele Lighting
An e-mail enquiry had been sent to Peter Adderley enquiring if CCBC would be willing to cover the cost of the running and maintenance of the electricity supply of the scheme.
It was RESOLVED that due to Peter Adderley's indisposition, that the e-mail be redirected to Val Adderley, PA to Stuart Davies, Highways CCBC.
- e) A request from Cllr Brian Roberts to consider refurbishment of Gwrych Castle Tablets through Grant funding (for consideration by the Heritage Committee).
(i) A reply was still awaited from Llanddulas & Rhyd y Foel Community Council to an e-mail sent by the Clerk requesting their support for the project to source grant funding for the refurbishment.
It was RESOLVED that, when a reply is received from Llanddulas & Rhyd-y-Foel CC, the matter to be further discussed at the May meeting.
- f) Urgent item approved by the Mayor for inclusion
Rhyl Journal Article
(i) A reply is still awaited from the Rhyl Journal to the Clerk's letter of objection
(ii) Code of Conduct enquiry – Mr Iwan Davies CCBC Legal Department advised that an individual has the right to air their view in a democratic manner and, as such, there had not been a breach of the Code of Conduct.
It was RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

574/10. **Correspondence**

- To receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- a) An e-mail from Cllr. Mortimer regarding the A55 Roadworks and a request for the Council to write to the North Wales Trunk Road Agency to ensure that the traffic management problems experienced do not happen again.
It was RESOLVED to write to NWTRA highlighting the problems experienced in the town during the A55 road works and requesting that better traffic management measures be put in place in the event of any future road works.
- b) Gwynedd Pensions – Valuation Report as at 31 March 2011
- c) Gwynedd Pensions – Funding Strategy Statement
The two above items were considered under Min 5(b)
- d) A request from the Charity of Robert Roberts Trustees to fund a full Survey on the Old People's Building (previously Red Cross Building).
Cllr. MacRae gave an update on the present position regarding the efforts being made to get the building back into the hands of the Community.
It was RESOLVED that the Town Council would fund the cost for a survey of the building (approx. £200 - £250).

- e) CVSC – WCVA Criminal Records Unit Brief on the Independent Safeguarding Authority Meeting 20 April & 20 May 2011 was NOTED.
- f) CVSC – Giving Wales surgery 6 May, 2011 was NOTED.
- g) Local Government - New mileage rates from January 2011 was NOTED.
It was RESOLVED to write to the Inland Revenue to clarify if the ceiling of 40p/mile remained or if it had been raised.
- h) Local Government Circular – Annual update March 2011 was NOTED.
- i) A letter from WREN regarding the Grant Application for Pentre Mawr Floodlighting.
It was RESOLVED that the declaration be signed and returned.

575/10 **Additional Item of Correspondence**

- j) E-mail with information regarding The Prince’s Countryside Fund – 2011 Round Open.
It was RESOLVED that Cllr M Medicott follow up this line of enquiry in connection with local footpaths.
- j) Letter from Mr Crispin Jones, Labour AM candidate in the Welsh Assembly Election, regarding the inclusion of the advert concerning Darren Millar in the latest Town Council Newsletter.
The advert had been inadvertently included in the March 2011 Newsletter, publication of which had been delayed until April 2011. The Town Council recognized that the inclusion of the advert was inappropriate in view of the proximity of the Welsh Assembly Election but wished to stress that they have no bias to any particular party.
It was RESOLVED to write a letter of explanation and apology to the four nominated AM candidates for Clwyd West constituency in the Welsh Assembly Government election, namely Mr Brian Cossey, Mr Crispin Jones, Mr Eifion Jones and Mr Darren Millar. In addition, a press release to be issued and publication of the apology to be displayed on the Town Council website

576/10 **Documents for Information**

- Play Wales – the biggest play and playwork conference 4-7 July
- CVSC April 2011 Newsletter

577/10 **To Note the Financial Situation, as at today :-**

Current Account	£ 1823.37
Monthly Interest Account	£24105.75
General Reserve	£70400.35
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£96329.47</u>
Hall & Development Account	£ 473.18
Hall & Development Reserve	£72056.46
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£72529.64</u>

It was noted that the totals were as of 31.3.2011, but funds had been transferred to cover payments due under Schedules 'A' and 'B' attached.

578/10 **Payment of Accounts**

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

Signed

.....(Chairman)