

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 8.15pm immediately after the General Purpose and Planning Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 00153/11 Attendance Register

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird (Retired at 9:20pm); M. Bond; G.P. Davies; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; D. Meredith; J.D. Mortimer; R.D. Peacock; J.E.H. Pitt; B.C. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood (Retired at 8:35pm)

Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

### 00154/11 Apologies for Absence

- To receive apologies for absence from:

Cllrs. J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow;

### 00155/11 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).

Cllrs. M.D. Bird                      Min no: 165/11

J.A. MacLennan                      Min no: 165/11

A. Wood                                Min no: 165/11

R.G. Waters                            Min no: 165/11

### 00156/11 Election of Chairman

**As this was the first meeting for Cllr. T. Rowlands following his accident, it was RESOLVED that the Vice Chairman Cllr. R. Waters would act as Chairman for this Meeting.**

### 00157/11 Minutes

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

### 00158/11 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(a) The Clerk provided an update stating that Conwy CBC had verbally stated that they were not willing to fund the installation of the bollards at Llwyn Onn. **It was RESOLVED to gift the six bollards to the land owner with a disclaimer that any future problems were his responsibility. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to authorise payment of the invoice for the bollards and the cost of installation upon receipt of the disclaimer.**

(b) The Clerk provided an update that the Tribunal Service had agreed to a contribution towards the cost of a new shredder.

### 00159/11 Correspondence

- To receive and consider the following items of correspondence:

- (a) An e-mail from Unlock democracy regarding a House of Commons Early Day Motion was NOTED
- (b) An e-mail from CCBC requesting to display a Housing Benefit/Council Tax stand in the Town Hall was APPROVED.
- (c) A letter from SLCC regarding Clerk training was NOTED
- (d) A letter from Shelter Wales regarding their funding and surgeries in the area. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Shelter Wales to inform them that the matter will be forwarded on to the next round of the Community Grants for consideration.**
- (e) A letter from the North Wales Royal British Legion regarding a donation was NOTED.
- (f) Minutes & Agenda for the OVW Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 was NOTED.
- (g) A letter from CCBC regarding the Summer Playschemes to raise awareness was NOTED.
- (h) A request from Cllr Medicott to consider distribution of the Walks leaflet through Snowdonia Publications at £32 per 1000 leaflets. **It was RESOLVED that circulation of the leaflets is APPROVED up to a maximum of £100.**
- (i) A request from Cllr Wood to transfer funds from the Gates to the Toilets in Pentre Mawr Park was discussed and **it was RESOLVED to request that Friends of the Parklands presents a Business Plan to the Estimates sub-committee for consideration for funds in 2011/12.**
- (j) A request from the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee to vire the surplus 2010/11 Budget to the 2011/12 Budget of £5000.00 was APPROVED, which potentially may have to cover an outstanding invoice of £3000 from 2010/11 which is being discussed with Conwy CBC. The cost for hiring the Christmas motifs on a three year contract was approved at the initial cost of £4560 was APPROVED but the costs will increase when the exact scheme is chosen.
- (k) To receive a copy of the approved medical practitioners from Gwynedd Pensions was NOTED and it was queried why so many of the GP's are from out of Wales?
- (l) To receive a letter from Scottish Power regarding the supply to the MUGA at Pentre Mawr park was NOTED
- (m) To receive a Report from the Clerk regarding energy costs from September 2011 was CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to stay with Scottish Power on a fixed 3 year contract as being most cost effective.**
- (n) An e-mail from Garden Games regarding free outdoor equipment was NOTED.

00160/11 **To consider any urgent Items of Correspondence**

With the permission of the Chairman the Clerk provided an update to the potential lease of rooms to Conwy CBC. **It was RESOLVED that the offer from Conwy CBC was still too low and the Clerk to request that they consider a cost of £8000 per annum with no service break over the three year period. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk requests a Valuation of the area is carried out by a professional Valuer to ascertain the current market value.**

00161/11 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings/Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee held 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2011
- (b) Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee held 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2011

00162/11 **Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report**

A copy of the Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 was RECEIVED and members wished to thank the Clerk for preparing the Report.

00163/11 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) CVSC Finding and getting money flyer
- (b) Gingerbread ILM Conwy
- (c) Dignified Revolution Newsletter July 2011
- (d) Silhouette Contemporary Play

00164/11 **The Financial Situation, as at today was NOTED:-**

	£
Current Account	14050.35
Monthly Interest Account	36657.15
General Reserve	<u>70400.35</u>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>£121107.85</u></b>

	£
Hall & Development Account	473.26
Hall & Development Reserve	<u>72300.41</u>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>£ 72773.67</u></b>

00165/11 **Payment of Accounts**

- The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were AUTHORISED. Cllrs: J. A. MacLennan and R. G. Waters were excluded under Min: no: 155/11.

Meeting Closed at 9:25pm

Signed .....

(Chairman)