

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 8.20pm on Thursday 21st March 2013, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

621/12 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, T. Rowlands;  
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; D. Meredith; R.D. Peacock; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; J. Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters (Chairman); A. Wood  
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

622/12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
 Cllrs: G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; J.E.H. Pitt;

623/12 **Disclosure of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests.  
 None were declared

624/12 **Minutes**

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 21st February 2013.**

625/12 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from previous Minutes.

626/12 **Correspondence**

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:
  - (a) A letter from the Town Council's Bank regarding a change to the interest rate
  - (b) An email regarding changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme
  - (c) An email with an offer for internal audit services and payroll services from a self-employed auditor
  - (d) A request from the HMRC regarding the recent switch to PAYE Real Time
  - (e) Confirmation from Gwynedd Pension Service of the 2013/14 employers rate
  - (f) The 2013/14 Subscription of the Clerks & Councils Direct was APPROVED.  
 Cllr Morris Roberts, Cllr T Rowlands and Cllr S. Rowlands requested not to receive a copy.
  - (g) An email from Gwynedd Pension service with regard to the collaborative working project
  - (h) An update from CCBC with regard to the installation of the Barrier in Pensarn. **It was RESOLVED due to the absence of no response from responsible Highways Officer that the matter is referred to the Chief Executive and Cabinet Member for their attention**
  - (i) An email from a potential Tree Warden for consideration. Members APPROVED the new Tree Warden subject to confirmation of qualifications and Insurance.

- (j) A request from Abergele Cricket Club to consider funding. **It was RESOLVED to request that a Grant Application form is submitted for the 2014/15 round of grants.**
- (k) An email from Gwynedd Pensions regarding Circular 267
- (l) Members considered the letter from OVW regarding their membership renewal for 2013/14 together with a copy of an ATC letter sent to OVW sent last year. **It was RESOLVED to write to OVW to request that the cost is reduced to 20p per chargeable dwelling at a total cost of £1077 per annum and that the net membership fee does not exceed this figure.**

627/12 **To consider any urgent Items of Correspondence**

- (a) Members considered the request from Abergele Rugby Club to fund the purchase of tables and chairs for the Club house, once approval has been granted from Building Control for the ongoing work to date. A vote was taken with 6 members in favour of providing and 6 against; the Chairman had the casting vote.  
**It was RESOLVED that the matter is deferred until the next round of the Annual Grants to be considered in line with item 626/12 (j) above and that a grant form is forwarded for their completion.**  
 Cllr Wood and Cllr Stubbs requested their vote in favour of funding to be NOTED.

*Cllr MacRae retried at this juncture*

628/12 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings/Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee Meeting held on the 21st January 2013  
 (b) Town Guide Sub Committee Meeting held on the 18th February 2013  
 (c) Newsletter Sub committee Meeting held on the 5th November 2012

629/12 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

	£
Current Account	16242.31
Monthly Interest Account	61504.15
General Reserve	<u>51389.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>82935.46</u></b>

	£
Hall & Development Account	<u>56352.34</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>521.94</u>

630/12 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was NOTED.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

## Abergele Town Council

### SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised as at 21st March 2013:

		Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	2915.22		March payment
2	CCBC	DD	670.00		March payment
3	Scottish Power	DD	67.00	10.59	March payment
4	Bank Charges	DD	13.78		March payment
5	BT Phone	DD	361.16	60.19	quarterly charges
6	Mr E Evans	104541	62.50		Gritting and clearing of car park
7	Petty Cash	104542	107.29		February Claim
8	Cathedral Leasing	104543	13.00	2.17	March payment
9	Scottish Power	104544	313.04	260.87	Xmas lights
10	Cllr B Roberts	104545	6.75		February Claim
11	Crescent Heating Services	104546	378.00	63.00	new sink in gents toilet
12	Denbighshire County Council	104547	1248.00	208.00	sockets for lamp columns
13	S J Ward	104548	59.20	11.84	repair to light in gents toilet
14	Meirion Jones Landscapes x 3	104549	4204.80	700.80	raised bed on Llanddulas Road/ winter planting Sea Road/New half barrels
15	Pennine Tea & Coffee	104550	48.88	1.40	
16	Gwynedd Pension	104552	875.31		March payment
17	HMRC	104551	690.95		March payment
18	MSI Alarms	104553	332.40	55.40	advance payment for alarm
19	Delwedd	104554	2998.20	499.70	new website
20	Canon	104555	215.90	35.98	copier changes for april - june 2013
21	Gareth Jones	104556	18.90		February Claim
22	WNW	104557	29.81	4.97	stationery
23	Petty Cash	104558	90.30		March Claim
24	Lite Technology	104559	372.00	62.00	Brackets for the 2013 scheme
25		104560			
26		104561			
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<b>Total Payments</b>		24	16,092.39	1,914.91	

\*\* Under the Local Government Act 1972, Sect. 137 & 139, the Council can incur expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.