

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 8.25pm on Thursday 20th March 2014, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

624/13 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, A. Wood;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond (Chairman); G.P. Davies; J.A. MacLennan; D.A.

MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; B.C. Roberts; M. Roberts; S. Rowlands; T. Rowlands; J.

Stubbs; K.J. Sudlow; R.G. Waters;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

625/13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs B. Kinsey, D. Meredith, J.E.H. Pitt

626/13 **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 B C Roberts Min No: 632/13

627/13 **Minutes**

- **It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 20th February 2014.**

628/13 **Matters arising on those and previous Minutes**

(a) An update from Gwynedd Pension Service with regard to the new pension scheme commencing on the 1st April 2014 was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to request that an Officer from Gwynedd Pensions attends a meeting to provide an overview of the new scheme directly to members.**

(b) An update from the Clerk with regard to the new Town signs. **It was RESOLVED to chase the officer for an installation date.**

629/13 **Correspondence**

- The following items of correspondence were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and NOTED:

a) An email from B2B Mobile partners regarding electronic devices

b) An email from OVW with regard to the Local Government Act 1972 repeal of s.150. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER to the Local Government Sub Committee for consideration.**

c) An email from Guardian 24 regarding lone workers iPhone and android app

d) Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the renewal for the Clerks & Councillors direct for 2014/15. The following were NOTED:

Cllrs: Sam Rowlands, Tim Rowlands and R Waters do not wish to receive a copy and Cllrs M Roberts, B Kinsey and A Wood were to be added to the mailing list.

e) A letter from CCBC for trade waste was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to continue with the previous provision.**

f) A letter from National Pen was NOTED

- g) A letter from One Voice Wales with regard to the 2014/15 subscription was RECEIVED. The matter was discussed in some detail and members requested a recorded vote for the renewal of the subscription as follows: 8 members voted to remain members of OVW as follows: Cllrs: J Stubbs, R Waters, G Davies, M Bond, K. Sudlow, M. Roberts, D. MacRae, M. Bird and 5 members were against as follows: Cllrs: Tim Rowlands, Sam Rowlands, J MacLennan, B. Roberts, A. Wood. The renewal of the membership was carried with a majority vote of 8 to 5. Cllr MacLennan wished of it to be NOTED that he does not wish to be a representative.

630/13 **To consider any urgent Items of Correspondence**

Cllr Roberts raised a matter with regard to the Lone Working Policy and a recent incident when a member of staff was alone in the building. **It was RESOLVED that the matter is DEFERED to the Staffing Sub Committee for consideration.**

631/13 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

	£
Current Account	12477.86
Monthly Interest Account	74357.07
General Reserve	<u>51,669.10</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	£ <u>138,504.03</u>
	£
Hall & Development Account	<u>£57,116.30</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>272.26</u>

632/13 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was APPROVED. **The matter regarding the online authorisation of payments was discussed and it was RESOLVED that in the short term and authorisation sheet would be drawn to approve the payments prior to submission. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the Town Councils bank to enquire if there is an Agency Manager to discuss the matter with.**

Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments authorised as at 20th March 2014

	Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	3146.27	March Salaries
2	CCBC	DD		no payment due
3	Scottish Power	DD	71.00	
4	Bank Charges	DD	15.73	
5	BT Phone	DD	412.03	68.67 quarterly phone bill
6	HMRC	DD	704.92	March payment
7	Gwynedd Pension	104855	843.59	March payment
8	Petty Cash	104852	144.84	March claim
9	Cathedral Leasing	104836	13.00	2.17 monthly charges
10	WPS Insurance Brokers	104835	52.77	amendment to insurance premium
11	MSI	104837	337.20	56.20
12	NWN Media	104838	330.00	55.00 advert
13	Meirion Jones Landscapes	104839	816.00	136.00 Sea Road Flower bed 2013/14
14	Delwedd	104840	671.28	111.88 Annual charge 2014/15
15	Digital Dream	104841	45.00	host charge March
16	CCBC	104842	2096.00	341.00 Car park charges Nov to feb/training
17	Clerical Medical	104843	20.00	Pension payment
18	Mandy Evans	104844	30.75	travel for March
19	WNW x 2	104845	262.04	40.60 stationery/ paper
20	Canon	104846	215.90	Rental for april to june
21	Best one	104847	14.42	quarterly paper bill
22	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	104848	28.96	4.83 engraving of medals
23	SJ Ward	104849	110.26	18.37 light repair
24	IWA	104850	12.00	2.00 Cllr Water & Roberts course
25	Trinity Mirror	104853	1798.80	299.80 advert
26	WNW	104854	7.08	1.18 paper
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Total Payments	25	12,199.84	1,137.70	

** 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 it's inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.