

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 6.45pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

### 247/15 Attendance Register

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; D. Hancock; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott; G. Maddison; T. Rowlands (arrived at 7pm); R.G. Waters; A. Wood (arrived at 7:10pm);

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Member of the public

### 248/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: M. Bond; B. C. Roberts;

### 249/15 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 Hunter                      Min No:            260/15

Cllr D Hancock                Min No:            260/15

Cllr C MacRae                  Min No:            260/15

Cllr S Jones-Roberts        Min No:            260/15

### 250/15 Before the Meeting Commenced members of the Council wished for the following to be NOTED

- (a) A local resident was missing, the thoughts of the council were with the family of the lady and hoped that she returned safely.
- (b) Mrs Pat Hughes, Past Clerk to the Burial Committee has passed away. The funeral will be held on Monday at 1:30pm in Bryn y Maen, Colwyn Bay. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter of condolence.**
- (c) The Mayor informed members of the news that the Post Office is to remain in its current location. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter of thanks to Mr Hunt and a press release to thank the public for their support**
- (d) County Councillor Rick Stubbs is unwell, any county matters to be deferred to Pentre Mawr County Members. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter wishing him a speedy recovery to Cllr Stubbs.**

### 251/15 Minutes

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the following meetings:**

(a) **Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

(b) **Confidential Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

### 252/15 Matters arising on those Minutes

- (a) An update with regard to the Hanging Basket columns in the Town Centre was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the columns should be installed next week. **It was RESOLVED to write to the Head of Service with regard to the delay in installation.**

*Cllr. T Rowlands arrived at this juncture*

- (b) An update from the Clerk with regard to the metered supply to the floodlights at Pentre Mawr Park was RECEIVED.
- (c) An update with regard to the raised bed planter at threeways Abergele was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that the planter was due to be installed over the next few weeks.

253/15 **Correspondence**

- (a) A letter from the Pension Regulator with regard to Automatic Enrolment was RECEIVED.

254/15 **Informal Meeting Notes from the Town Centre Working Group**

The meeting notes from the recent Town Centre Working Group meeting, with regard to defibrillators was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. The Mayor informed members that locations had been considered and the best options were from St John's Ambulance and Welsh Ambulance Service. Compatibility of cables was discussed and the cost for an externally located machine. **It was RESOLVED that the locations are Pentre Mawr Park, Pensarn promenade and outside the Optician in the Town Centre. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to request that one of the above groups makes a presentation to the Working Group and that funding may be available for the Churches, chapels from CVSC.**

**In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, it was RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw. (Agenda items 8, 9, 10 & 11)**

*Cllr Wood arrived at this juncture*

255/15 **Quotations for consideration**

- (a) A letter from the Town Council's bank with regard to the tariff payment from October onwards was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to approve option 2 the medium sized organization as the best fit for the Town Council at the present time.**
- (b) A quote from Fattorini for a consort's pendant was RECEIVED and DEFERRED at the present time.

256/15 A copy of the Leasing Agreement for the new telephone system was RECEIVED. It was NOTED to ensure that the system is covered under the Town Council's insurance.

257/15 Correspondence with regard to Japanese knotweed was RECEIVED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes.

258/15 **Grant funding**

- (a) A letter from Ysgol St Elfod with regard to Grant funding for 2015/16 was APPROVED. **It was RESOLVED to resend the letters to the schools who have not responded to date.**
- (b) An update from Abergele Neighborhood Watch County group regarding membership was APPROVED with the suggestion that the group also contact the Police and Crime Commissioner for additional funding.

259/15 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	19812.28
Monthly Interest Account	111430.60
General Reserve	<u>£51957.60</u>
	<u>£183200.48</u>

**TOTAL:**

Hall & Development Account	<u>£58274.23</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>£272.51</u>

260/15 **Payment of Accounts**

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

261/15 **Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report**

A copy of the Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was RECEIVED.

262/15 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees was RECEIVED:

- (a) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- (b) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

263/15 **Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> Abergele St Michael's Scout Group
- (b) St Michaels Church
- (c) Pensarn Coffee and Chat Club
- (d) Abergele Hospital League of Friends
- (e) Abergele Soroptimists
- (f) The Royal British Legion

264/15 **Documents for Information**

The following documents for information were NOTED

- (a) CVSC News

Meeting Closed at 7:40pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

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## SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 17th September 2015

		Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	£3,221.60		monthly salaries
2	CCBC	DD	£723.00		NNDR Charges
3	Scottish Power	DD	£38.00		monthly charge
4	Bank Charges	DD			
5	BT Phone	DD	£345.09	57.51	
6	HMRC	DD	£925.76		monthly payment
7	Gwynedd Pension	000230	£1,031.13		monthly payment
8	Clerical Medical	000231	£40.00		monthly payment
9	Cathedral Leasing	000232	£13.00	2.17	
10	Cllr A Hunter	000233	£100.00		Councillor Allowance 2015/16
11	Cllr D Hancock	000234	£100.00		Councillor Allowance 2015/16
12	Cllr C MacRae	000235	£100.00		Councillor Allowance 2015/16
13	Cllr S Jones Roberts	000236	£100.00		Councillor Allowance 2015/16
14	Mr H Jones	000237	£6.75		travel for August
15	Next Day Coffee	000238	£51.48	1.48	
16	CCBC	000239	£204.48	34.08	Hanging Baskets
17	C J Wright	000240	£60.00		Grass cutting
18	Best One	000241	£5.16		
19	D H Window Cleaning	000242	£22.00		
20	WNW	000243	£76.72	£12.79	Stationery
21	One Voice Wales	<b>000229</b>	£150.00		
22	PC World	000245	£1,194.30	199.04	Ipad's for new members
23	Mrs A Roberts	000246	£50.00		Civic Service
24	Powlsons	000247	£64.80	£10.80	kids Christmas Card competition
25	Ross David Design Ltd	000248	£45.00		email host
26	UHY Hacker Young	000249	£498.00	£83.00	Annual return
27	Aon Uk Ltd	000250	£1,528.22	£86.50	annual insurance
28	Staples UK Ltd	000251	£39.96	£6.66	Copier paper
29	NAMWALC	000252	£50.00		Subscription
30	Swansea University	000253	£1,356.00	£226.00	report
31	Petty Cash	000254	£124.91	0.95	Sept Claim
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<b>Total Payments</b>		27	£12,265.36	720.98	

\*\* 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.