Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.10pm on Thursday 18th February 2016, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

607/15 Attendance Register

The Mayor, S Rowlands;

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D. Hancock; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts;

J.A. MacLennan; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medlicott;

D. Meredith; B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters (Chairman);

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

608/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from:

Cllrs: G. Maddison; A. Wood;

609/15 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. B C Roberts Min No: 615/15 (16)

610/15 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the Thursday 21st January 2016

611/15 Correspondence

- a) The Clerk provided information with regard to the microfiche machine from Abergele Library to members. It was RESOLVED to request that the machine is transferred to the Town Hall.
- b) A letter from the Town Councils bank with regard to changes to the FSC scheme
- c) A letter from National Pen with regard to a pen offer was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to purchase the offer of 30 + 30 free pens for £30
- d) The membership renewal for the SLCC was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED
- e) A letter from the Pension Regulator with regard to auto enrollment was RECEIVED.

612/15 Matters Differed from other Committees

- A provision towards the funding of the Abergele CCTV cameras at £1686 for 2016/17 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was RESOLVED to contribute to CCTV for 2016/17 and FURTHER RESOLVED to write to the Police Commissioner to request that the Police make a greater contribution to the service.
- b) A RECOMMENDATION from the Draft Minutes of the Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee to fund a maintenance support contract for the server and computers was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to obtain three quotes and to clarify as to why an anti-virus such as Norton could not ensure that cookies are deleted.

c) RECOMMENDATIONS from the Draft Minutes of the Street Scene Sub Committee was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. All items were APPROVED with the exception of the funding of the coupe at the rear of the Bee. It was RESOLVED to contact Lees Brewery to request that as substantial work is to be undertaken that the coupe is incorporated in the said work.

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.

613/15 **Quotations for consideration**

- (a) An update with regard to the request for the provision of a shed was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to amend the budget for the shed, with a vote in favour to £900. Cllr Sam Rowlands voted against and Cllr T Rowlands abstained.
- (b) The quotations for the provision of a new photocopier and lease were RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Konex Wales as the lowest costs received and that Towyn & Kimnel Bay were happy with the service that they had received. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to include the booklet sorter with the copier.
- (c) The statement of accounts from Conwy Coastal Community First Responders regarding the Defibrillators was RECEIVED and APPROVED for payment with the normal annual grants in May.
- (d) A quotation from GWP electrical for a Wi-Fi point to be added to the bottom end of the building was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED that the matter was DEFERRED for the Mayor to obtain a Wi-Fi booster and for additional quotes to be received.
- (e) A copy of the Accounts from the Urdd as requested for the grant payment was RECEIVED and APPROVED for payment with the normal annual grants in May.

614/15 The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-

Current Account	15,857.89
Monthly Interest Account	90,004.13
General Reserve	<u>52,217.39</u>
TOTAL:	£ <u>158,079.41</u>

Hall & Development Account £58,602.29 Regeneration Reserve £272.61

615/15 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were APPROVED.

616/15 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees was RECEIVED:

- (a) Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee held on the 16th November 2015
- (b) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 13th November 2015
- (c) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 28th September 2015

617/15	Letters	of Tha	anks
--------	---------	--------	------

The following letters of thanks were NOTED

- (a) The ladies Wednesday club
- (b) Beulah Brass
- (c) Abergele Harriers(d) Benefits Advice Shop

618/15 <u>Documents for information</u>
The following documents for information were RECEIVED.

- (a) FSCS Information sheet
- (b) Business Banking notice of variation

Meeting closed at 8pm	
Signed(Chairman)	

Abergele Town Council

SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 18th February 2016

		Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT	
1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Salaries CCBC Scottish Power Bank Charges BT Phone HMRC Petty Cash Gwynedd Pensions Clerical Medical Cathedral Leasing Bebbington & Wilson A&R Locksmiths Mark One Ground Care x 2 One Voice Wales ClIr B C Roberts Scottish Power Play Wales St George Parish Church Best One WNW SLCC Mrs L Whalley NWN Media D H Window Cleaning Services	DD		£ 5.26 2.17 422.00 9.19	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments) monthly Salary monthly payment monthly payment chqs out/cash paid in Qtrly charges monthly payment January petty Cash/stamps monthly payment monthly payment monthly payment Festive Lighting key code Grass cutting (x4) Weed treatments (x6) Membership fee January Travel Christmas lights electricity Annual subs donation for flower display January newspapers Cleaning Materials Membership fee travel January advert Journal window cleaning
30 31					

Total Payments 22 £12,287.56 553.46

^{**} 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.