

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.25pm on Thursday 18th June 2015, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

114/15 Attendance Register

Cllrs: M. Bond; D. Hancock; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts;
J.A. MacLennan; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; G. Maddison;
B. C. Roberts; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

115/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
Clls: M.D. Bird; S Rowlands;

116/15 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).

The following declarations were RECEIVED:

Cllr. J Hudson	Min No	118/15 (c)
Cllr. R M Medicott	Min No	118/15 (c)
Cllr. A Wood	Min No	118/15 (c)

117/15 Minutes

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

- (a) Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 21st May 2015
- (b) Confidential Policy & Finance Committee, held on the 21st May 2015

118/15 Matters arising on those Minutes

- (a) An update from the Clerk with regard to the raised bed planter at threeways Abergele was DEFERRED to the next meeting to reconsider. A progress update on the other approved planters was RECEIVED.
- (b) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Planning Aid Wales Training to be held at Colwyn Bay on the 15th July 2015 was RECEIVED and the Clerk informed members that another course on the 21st July in Venue Cymru was also running. Members to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend.

Cllr B C Roberts arrived at this juncture

- (c) An update from Councillors who are members of the newly formed Abergele & Pensarn Community Group with regard to the status of the group, as a letter had been forwarded to the Town Council for a donation was RECEIVED. Members informed the Council that the existing Friends of the Abergele Parklands and PeBel are merging to become the Friends of Abergele and Pensarn Parks and Open Spaces. The group is holding their first event on the 9th August with a Prom day in Pensarn, after that date the two groups constitutions and accounts will be dissolved and become one. Members of the Town Council were concerned that the group must display community involvement in order to qualify for grants. The original letter has now been withdrawn and the matter is closed until a later date.

It was RESOLVED that the group clarifies the situation regarding grants with the County Council.

- (d) An update with regard to the Hanging Basket columns in the Town Centre was RECEIVED. Members queried who would be watering the baskets and the Clerk informed members that she would need to speak to the Staffing Committee in the first instance but Cllr Wood had also offered for water for this year. Members thanked Cllr Wood for his offer.
- (e) An update from the Clerk with regard to the Declaration of Interest form was RECEIVED. County members felt that the information from OVW and SLCC with regard to a Register of Interest was not correct and that the Clerk should clarify with the County Council.

119/15 **Correspondence**

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

- (a) An email from DVSC with regard to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was RECEIVED. It was PROPOSED by Cllr MacLennan and SECONDED by Cllr B Roberts to request a copy of the Minutes from the meeting for members' observations.

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 7, 8 & 9)

120/15 **Quotations for consideration**

Various quotations were RECEIVED as follows:

- (a) Quotations to have the trees at the front of the Town Hall maintained. **It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation by the Town Council's Tree Warden to have the trees maintained.**
- (b) Quotations for a new printer for the Clerk was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk is delegated the task of selecting a printer with a budget of £500.**
- (c) An initial program and cost from the approved Pest Control Company for the pigeon problem in the Town Centre was RECEIVED and APPROVED.

121/15 A letter from the Town Council's solicitor was RECEIVED and NOTED on the Confidential Minutes

122/15 **Draft Minutes from the Staffing Sub Committee held on the 16th March 2015**

The recommendations from the Staffing Committee on the Draft Staffing Minutes were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED by members for RATIFICATION by the full Council at the next Ordinary Meeting.

123/15 **The Financial Situation as at today was RECEIVED as follows:-**

Current Account	12248.57
Monthly Interest Account	105418.61
General Reserve	<u>51957.60</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£169624.78</u>

Hall & Development Account	<u>£58077.84</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>£272.46</u>

124/15 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' of £12,050.03 was APPROVED.

125/15 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 9th March 2015
- (b) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee held on the 9th March 2015

126/15 **Letters of thanks**

The letters of thanks received were NOTED

- (a) Beulah Brass
- (b) Abergele Ladies Wednesday Club
- (c) Abergele Harriers
- (d) Cantorion Gele Singers
- (e) A letter/card of thanks from the partners of recently deceased Councillors
- (f) Soroptimists

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 18th June 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	£395.26	£65.87	Quarterly charge
6	HMRC	DD	£925.76		monthly salaries
7	Ty Gobaith	00168	£100.00		Donation re Cllr GP Davies
8	Ty Gobaith	00169	£100.00		Donation re Cllr J Pitt
9	NW Cancer treatment Centre	00170	£50.00		Donation re Cllr K Sudlow
10	St Kentigern's Hospice	00171	£50.00		Donation re Cllr K Sudlow
11	Petty Cash	00172	£125.88		May Claim
12	Gwynedd Pension	00173	£1,031.13		monthly payment
13	Clerical Medical	00174	£40.00		monthly charge
14	Cathedral Leasing	00175	£13.00	£2.17	Hygiene
15	Ross David Designs x 3	00176	£135.00		Monthly charges
16	Powison's	00177	£166.80	£27.80	Pull up Banner
17	JDH Business Services Ltd	00178	£436.80	£72.80	Internal Audit fee
18	CCBC x 2	00179	£30.00	£5.00	Print Services
19	MSI Alarms	00180	£78.00	£13.00	Annual Service
20	Depositit	00181	£238.80	£39.80	Annual Cloud backup
21	One Voice Wales	00182	£80.00		Larger Councils Conference x 2
22	Firemaster	00183	£59.04	£9.84	Annual Service
23	Computer World	00184	£54.00	£9.00	support
24	Steve Mainstone	00185	£220.00		Photographer AGM
25	NWN Media x 2	00186	£415.20	£69.20	Public Notices
26	Sugg Lighting	00187	£938.40	£156.40	Bollards
27	Mr H Jones x 2	00188	£16.20		June Mileage
28	Displaysence	00189	£57.96	£9.66	cardboard ballot box for xmas comp
29	Petty Cash	00190	£78.46		June Claim
30	Blachere	00191	£1,392.00	£232.00	Tree Lights
31	Staples	00192	£89.74	4.46	Stationery
32	Planning Aid Wales	00193	£150.00		Training
33	Cllr J Hudson	00194	£100.00		Annual Allowance
34	National Library of Wales	00195	£500.00		Donation to digitize local newspapers
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Total Payments		27	£12,050.03	717.00	

** 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.