

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.40pm on Thursday 21st April 2016, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

687/15 **Chairman**

In the absence of the Chairman it was RESOLVED that the Vice-Chairman Cllr D MacRae would reside as Chairman for this meeting.

688/15 **Attendance Register**

Cllrs: M.D. Bird; J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; J.A. MacLennan; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae (Chairman); R.M. Medicott; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

689/15 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: M. Bond; D. Hancock; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood; S Rowlands;

690/15 **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: 696/15

691/15 **Minutes**

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the Thursday 17th March 2016

692/15 **Matters arising from those Minutes:**

- (a) An update following a request to confirm how many of the local primary schools are purchasing a commemorative coin following a letter from Tower Mint and the pupil numbers from the schools was RECEIVED and NOTED
- (b) As no update had been received from CCBC, following an email from Woodland Trust with reference to a Dog bin at Coed y Gopa, the matter was DEFERRED to the next meeting
- (c) An email letter from the Play Development Officer of CVSC with regard to funding the Playing out scheme for 2016 (note: £1500 has been included in the 2016/17 budget for the provision) (deferred from the last meeting, pending a presentation by the Officer) was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to thank Millie Boswell for her presentation and to approve one session per week over the five weeks, with three sessions in Pentre Mawr Park and two in Parc Gele, to take place on alternate weeks.**

693/15 **Correspondence**

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

- a) A gift from a resident of the Abergele quilt to the Town Council was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to send a letter of thanks to the resident and to donate £250 to the Asthma Charity as requested. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to obtain a cost for the framing of the quilt for members consideration.**
- b) A letter from the Town Councils Building Society with regard to their forthcoming AGM was NOTED
- c) A letter and breakdown of grant spending from Ysgol Glan Gele was RECEIVED.

- d) A email from CCBC with a request for members to confirm if they are happy for the proposed new street lighting along the A547 from Sea Road to the Business centre to be standard Steel columns. **It was RESOLVED to request a cost for the columns to be of the heritage design from Sea Road to the Castle gates**
- e) An email from Gwynedd Pension with regard to the following was NOTED:
 - (i) Employers Pension Contribution for 2016/17
 - (ii) Employees' Pension Contribution for 2016/17
- f) An email from OVW/SLCC with regard to the 2016 Conference in Swansea was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that at present, no members were attending due to a clash between two OVW meetings, but one may be changed. The Clerk had obtained costs, should a member wish to attend the meeting including, overnight accommodation, which was NOT APPROVED.
- g) An email from OVW with regard to the new Model Financial Regulations 2016 was RECEIVED
- h) An email from OVW with regard to proposing motions for debate at then AGM was NOTED

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.

694/15 **Quotations:**

- I. Quotations for the maintenance and seasonal planting of the Abergele Planters were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows :
 - a) Merion Jones Landscapes
 - b) Mark One Ground Care Services
 - c) Plantscape

The Clerk confirmed to members that Mark One Ground Care and Plantscape were unable to quote this year.

It was RESOLVED to approve the quote by Meirion Jones Landscapes for the 2016/17 maintenance

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to obtain costs for planting, maintenance and watering of 6 large planters and 10 railing planters at Pensarn and the Planter in St George from Mark One, Abergele Landscapes and Plantscape (photographs to follow from local member)

- II. A quote for the grass at the Town Hall to be cut during the summer season was RECEIVED and APPROVED
 - a) Mark One Ground Care Services
- III. Quotations for a new shredder following a recent PAT testing the Shedder failed the test were RECEIVED.
 - a) Ryman
 - b) PC World
 - c) Staples
 - d) Currys

Larger capacity Shredder

- a) Staples
- b) Viking

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk is delegated the budget of £750 to purchase an appropriate shredder

IV. Quotations for a new projector screen were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED

- a) Viking
- b) Staples
- c) Ryman
- d) PC World
- e) Office Furniture Online

The purchase of a projector screen was deferred as Cllr MacRae stated that Cllr Davies had one that she would have liked to donate to the Council.

695/15 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	23,266.92
Monthly Interest Account	55,000.00
General Reserve	<u>52,217.39</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£130,484.31</u>

Hall & Development Account	<u>£272.66</u>
Regeneration Reserve	<u>£58731.45</u>

696/15 **Payment of Accounts**

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

697/15 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) Swansea Building Society Annual Review 2015

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Abergele Town Council

SCHEDULE 'B'

Payments to be authorised as at 21st April 2016

	Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	£3,322.65	monthly Salary
2	CCBC	DD	£729.00	monthly payment
3	Scottish Power	DD	£49.00	£2.45 monthly payment
4	Bank Charges	DD		
5	BT Phone	DD	£90.00	£15.00 Qtrly charges
6	HMRC	DD	£1,138.30	monthly payment
7	Gwynedd Pension	000398	£1,082.58	monthly Salary
8	Clerical Medical	000399	£40.00	
9	Cathedral Hygiene	000400	£13.00	£2.17 monthly payment
10	CCBC	000401	£1,867.00	recycling/CCTV
11	MSI	000402	£37.20	£6.20 Replacement battery Alarm System
12	PWLB	000403	£1,754.17	
13	Clerks and Councils direct	000404	£48.00	annual subscription
14	Cllr B C Roberts	000405	£7.20	travel
15	North Wales Police	000406	£7,832.35	£1,110.84 annual charge for utilities
16	Kon-X	000407	£32.82	£5.47 Meterage
17	NAMWALC	000408	£15.00	Lunch Fee
18	Mrs T Heath	000409	£13.50	April travel
19	Mrs M Evans	000410	£18.45	April Travel
20	Mrs L Whalley	000411	£5.40	April travel
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Total Payments	19	£18,095.62	1,142.13	

** 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.