

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 6.45pm on Thursday 16th February 2017, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

557/16 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan;  
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae;  
 D.A. MacRae; R.M. Medicott; G. Maddison; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands;  
 T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters;  
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

558/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:  
 Cllrs: M. Bond; D. Meredith; A. Wood;

559/16 **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: 565/16  
 Cllr. B C Roberts Min No: 567/16

560/16 **Visitor to the Council**

*Standing Orders were suspended*

The Chairman welcomed Millie Boswell, Principal Play Officer, to the meeting who provided members with information regarding the Playschemes for 2017. Millie provided an overview of the scheme and open access cover, including the ability for children to have freedom to come and go as they wish. The service is inclusive for children with disabilities, and work with the disability team regarding venerable children. They work in consultation with children and provide a safe environment. A form can be downloaded from the website. Children develop resilience and problem solving skills. The Staff are trained to manage risk, promote happiness and wellbeing. This is child led play and encourage parental feedback.

The attendance in Abergele was low last year and this could have been down to the provision in two parks being confusing and would recommend concentrating on one park only. The service changed over from CCBC to CVSC. The publicity was also late and the Clerk has suggested linking to contact the Schools and other groups. Printing a flyer for each child is included in the cost of £1218.10 for one session per week over the five weeks of the summer holidays. It was suggested that the flyer is added to the Summer Edition of the Newsletter to raise awareness. There are grants available through galaxy hot chocolate up to £300, Tesco Groundwork between £1k and £5k, and Awards for all give up to £5k through the Big Lottery. CVSC can assist with the completion of the form, and there is also the possibility Welsh Government funding.

*Cllr MacLennan arrived at this juncture*

All staff are First Aid and DBS checked trained Play workers. The sessions are two hours long and can be on any day Monday to Friday. The closing date for confirmation is the beginning of March.

The Chairman thanked Millie for attending and providing the overview to members.

*Standing orders were reinstated*

561/16 **Minutes**

**-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

562/16 **Matters arising on those minutes**

- (a) A contribution to the 2017 Playschemes following the presentation by CVSC was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. Members enquired if CCBC were running a similar scheme. **It was RESOLVED to approve one session per week, three in Pentre Mawr Park and two in Parc Gele. It was FURTHER RESOLVED to enquire with CCBC if they are offering any Play schemes for 2017 before confirming the above to CVSC.**
- (b) An email from Darren Millar with regard to the maintenance of the watercourse in Pensarn was NOTED.
- (c) An email from CCBC with regard to the adoption of the telephone boxes and the closure of bank branches in the Town was NOTED
- (d) An update from CCBC CCTV with regard to the funding for 2017/18 was NOTED

563/16 **Correspondence**

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

- a) An email from a local resident with regard to the provision of a ramp at Groes Lwyd, Abergele was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to inform the resident that there is a path that runs alongside the bowling green, which was created for this purpose, as it was not feasible to add a ramp to the steps as they are coming down directly on to a road.**
- b) An email from OVW with regard to Audit Wales was NOTED
- c) Requests for donations from the following organisations were NOTED:
  - (i) Alzheimer's Society
  - (ii) British Heart Foundation
- d) A letter of thanks from Save the Children from the collection of the Christmas jumper day
- e) A letter from OVW with reference to the 2017/18 Membership was RECEIVED. Cllr Water informed members that he had discussed the matter with OVW at their recent meeting and OVW were concerned that the Town Council were not renewing their subscription at this time as there were many areas that the body are able to assist with such as Training, Management Procedures, and Audit. **It was RESOLVED not to renew the subscription for 2017/18 and will reconsider in the future.**
- f) A letter from Kidney Wales requesting that the Town Council arrange an event en-route for the 'Walk around Wales'. **It was RESOLVED to forward to the Events committee for consideration.**

564/16 **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.**

*Cllr Hunter retired at this juncture*

565/16 An email with a request to confirm if the Town Council are to fund materials purchased for work to a bridge was RECEIVED and NOTED on the CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES.

*Cllr Hunter returned at this juncture*

566/16 **To Note the Financial Situation as at today:-**

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Account            | 27999.99                  |
| Monthly Interest Account   | 52660.00                  |
| General Reserve            | <u>42408.32</u>           |
| <b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>       | <b><u>£123,068.31</u></b> |
| Hall & Development Account | <u>£59,268.78</u>         |

567/16 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were AUTHORISED at £27,833.29.

568/16 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Confidential Staffing Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- (b) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

569/16 **Documents for information**

The following documents for information were NOTED:

- a) Abergele District Action Group
- b) Plaswood Seating by Amberol
- c) Self-watering planters by Amberol
- d) Bins by Amberol
- e) Woodberry
- f) Save the Children Certificate
- g) Kidney Wales
- h) St Kentigern
- i) A letter of thanks from St Kentigern
- j) Colwyn Bay and Abergele Twinning Association
- k) Alzheimer's Society

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)