

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.20pm on Thursday 17th November 2016, in the Town Hall, Llandulas Road, Abergele.

374/16 Attendance Register

The Mayor, J.A. MacLennan (retired at 7:55pm);
 Cllrs: J Hudson; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. MacRae; D.A. MacRae (Chairman);
 R.M. Medicott; G. Maddison; S Rowlands; T. Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;
 Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

375/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
 Cllrs: M.D. Bird; M. Bond; D. Meredith; B. C. Roberts;

376/16 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).
 Cllrs: J A MacLennan Min No: 380/16

377/16 Minutes

-It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on the Thursday 20th October 2016

378/16 Correspondence

- a) A letter from CCBC with the Draft Ratable Value for 2017/18 for Abergele Town Hall was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED that Cllr Wood would assist the Clerk with the confirmation of the measurements for the building.**
- b) An email from Marie Curie with a request for a donation was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED
- c) A letter from Begbies Traynor with regard to Action for Market Towns was NOTED
- d) A letter from Fields in Trust with regard to the offer of a refund for overpaid fees was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to request the refund.**
- e) The annual subscription for the NAMWALC was APPROVED.

379/16 Housekeeping

(i) Bank interest and investment rates

Bank interest rates for the General Reserve account was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to monitor the interest rates.**

(ii) Franking Machine

The provision of a franking machine for the Town Council was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. **It was RESOLVED to approve the quote by Pitney Bowes as the lowest cost and providing a saving in the first year.**

380/16 Draft Minutes

The Draft Minutes from the last meeting of the Events Committee held on the 17th October 2016 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED

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The Clerk provided members with an overview of the situation to date, with regard to a matter raised regarding the ticketed entry for parents, with options for consideration. The matter was discussed at length.

Cllr J A MacLennan retired at this juncture

It was **RESOLVED** to inform the school that the Council understand their situation, and their decision not to attend, and the Council will consider holding a concert for the schools at an alternative time of year.

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.

381/16 **Annual Grant**

A grant application from the newly formed Abergele Men's Shed was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for £1300 from the 2016/17 grant funding.

382/16 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	25934.96
Monthly Interest Account	37498.44
General Reserve	<u>52217.39</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£115,650.79</u>
Hall & Development Account	<u>£59,194.42</u>

The Clerk informed members that the Council's balances were low at present and prudence should be adhered when committing funds.

The requested from the Clerk for permission to transfer £10,000 from the General Reserve to the monthly interest account if required to cover payments in December was APPROVED.

383/16 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were APPROVED as £25,661.69

384/16 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Marketing and Promotion Sub Committee held on the 14th March 2016
- (b) Events Sub Committee held on the 28th July 2016
- (c) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 26th September 2016

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

Signed
(Chairman)