

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd cyfarfod y PWYLLGOR POLISI A CHYLLID am 6.45yh ar 15 Chwefror 2018, yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 6.45pm on Thursday 15th February 2018, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

609/17. **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, D A MacRae;

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; Dr. M. Baker; M.D. Bird; M. Bond; G. Frost; P Heap-Williams;

A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medicott; M. Richards;

B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood;

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

Member of the public

610/17. **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb - Apologies for Absence**

None

611/17. **Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad - Absence without Apologies**

None

612/17. **Datganiad o Ddiddordeb- Disclosure of Interest**

Atgoffir aelodau ei bod yn rhaid iddynt ddatgan bodolaeth a natur unrhyw fantais personol (gan ddefnyddio'r ffurflen a ddarperir ar gyfer y pwrpas hwnnw).

- 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: 618/17 (24)

613/17. **Visitor to the Council**

Standing orders were suspended

The Chairman welcomed Millie Boswell, Principal Play Officer from CVSC, to the meeting who provided members with an overview of the 2017 Playscheme and the forthcoming 2018 Scheme. Millie informed members that as the Principal Play Officer for CVSC she works in collaboration with CCBC to use sites and employ staff.

The sessions are free to attend and last for 2 hours, they alleviate parents concerns with the sessions having staff in the parks.

There is an Exclusion Worker whose role is to ensure that children with disabilities are able to attend by engaging with the families to encourage the child to take part. At risk children are also able to attend. The play is rich play and encourages more physically active play, which is child led and encourages children to make their own risk assessments.

For the 2017 scheme, the advert was in the Journal, presentations at school assemblies, facebook and flyers. There were family sessions in Abergele, who held picnics and socialised as parents.

The awareness of Parc Gele was raised and other organisations also attended.

Millie is hoping that the Town Council will commit to fund the 2018 scheme and that there is a Welsh Government grant available of £500 to improve play opportunities.

In 2019 it is hoped that the provision can be extended all year round and confirmed that the public are made aware that TCC fund these events. Open access play has an unlimited amount of children that can attend and are looking to recruit young volunteers for 2018.

Standing orders were reinstated

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council continue to fund the scheme and apply for the Welsh Government grant. If successful in obtaining the grant then the Council propose that there are 3 sessions in Parc Gele and 4 in Pentre Mawr Park in the summer. The decision on what days the sessions would take place was deferred to CVSC. It was FURTHER RESOLVED that CVSC are requested to ensure that the publicity is distributed in ample time.

614/17. **Cofnodion – Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 18th Ionawr/January 2018

615/17. **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

- a) An email from OVW/WG with regard to the new Welsh taxes was RECEIVED.
- b) A letter from HMRC with the submission dates for 2018/19 was NOTED
- c) An email from Darren Millar AM with further information regarding the NHS funded treatment overseas was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED to thank Mr. Millar for his email.
- d) An email from Zurich Insurance with regard to their new Community Insurance Helpline was NOTED
- e) A letters from the Alzheimer's society with a request for a donations was NOTED

616/17. **Abergele Place plan**

- (a) An update from the Clerk (deferred from the last Ordinary meeting) for OVW to seek legal advice with regard to the future of the Abergele Place Plan was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that OVW had advised that a Committee would be the best option for the Place Plan and that it would not be advisable for lay-members to have voting rights on the Committee due to the complexities of legislation around what they would and would not be able to vote on. It was NOTED that the Thematic groups would be best suited to become Advisory groups and could feed up to the committee. The Advisory groups could be made up of an unlimited number of lay-members and could make their recommendations to the Committee on priorities. OVW has agreed to contact their Solicitors in London to ensure that the information provided is correct. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts OVW to request an update following their clarification.**

- (b) Quotations from the Abergele Placeplan Board for Town Branding were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation from **View Creative** as the preferred contractor, as they are a local company who are offering an alternative vision to what other Town's in the area have.

617/17. **The Financial Situation as at today was RECEIVED:-**

Current Account	12915.30
Monthly Interest Account	69694.81
General Reserve	<u>52,459.36</u>
	<u>£135,069.47</u>

TOTAL:

Hall & Development Account £59,288.59

618/17. **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were RECEIVED as £12,094.32

619/17. **Monthly Report**

A copy of the Monthly Report as at 31st January 2018 was RECEIVED.

620/17. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- a) Confidential Staffing Sub Committee meeting held on the 11th December 2017
- b) Christmas Decoration Sub Committee meeting held on the 23rd November 2017

Meeting closed at 7:40pm

Signed
(Chairman)