

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol y Cyngor ei gynnal ar Dydd Iau, 18 Mai, 2017 am 7.45y.h.yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.45pm on Thursday 18th May 2017, in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

24/17 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

- The current Chairman Cllr Delyth MacRae opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee for 2017/18.

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Brian Roberts be elected as Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. Roberts indicated his willingness to accept the role as Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee for 2017/18.

- Cllr Roberts then requested nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Committee. It was PROPOSED that Cllr Richard Waters be elected as Vice Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Cllr Waters indicated his willingness to accept the role of Vice Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee for 2017/18

25/17 Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register

The Mayor, D A MacRae

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M.D. Bird; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; M Richards;

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

Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

26/17 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb - Apologies for Absence

None were received

27/17 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: 32/17

Cllr. S Jones-Roberts Min No: 32/17

Cllr. R G Waters Min No: 32/17

Cllr D MacRae Min No: 32/17

Cllr A Wood Min No: 32/17

Cllr. A Hunter Min No: 32/17

Cllr. S Rowlands Min No: 32/17

28/17 Cofnodion – Minutes

It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 20th April 2017

29/17 Matters arising on those minutes

(a) The agreement for the adoption of the listed BT phonebox, queries were noted at the last meeting was APPROVED for signing

(b) The Clerk provided an update with regard to the email from the Dept of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to the use of the mapping system for Town Council which was deferred from the last meeting. The Clerk informed members

that the Town Council will need to register with the organisation if they wish to continue to use the Parish online mapping system as it requires Ordnance Survey permission. It was agreed that the Clerk registers on behalf of the Council

- (c) The Clerk provided an update with regard to information received from Gwynedd Pension Fund with the Town Council's contribution rates to 2020, which was deferred to clarify why the rate and top up amount differ from other councils. The Clerk informed members that there are various factors that affect the percentage payable by the Council i.e. age of staff, demographics of the area, life expectancy and that the Abergele fund was in a good position at present as it was 100% with no shortfall due.

30/17 **Gohebiaeth - Correspondence**

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

- a) Forthcoming training opportunities from DVSC were RECEIVED.
- b) A letter from Post by Phone with regard to switching from post by phone to purchase power was RECEIVED. The Clerk informed members that by her calculations there was no benefit to changing and that it may be cost effective to remain with the current scheme, but to top up less often with a greater amount to save the transaction cost. It was AGREED by members of the Council to approve the recommendation by the Clerk.
- c) A copy of the NNDR charges for 2017/18 was RECEIVED.
- d) Confirmation that the new Mayor's account has been set up was NOTED
- e) An email from OVW with regard to their forthcoming Larger Councils and Innovative Practice Awards Conference on the 5th July 2017 was NOTED.

31/17 **Annual Grants**

A letter from Llangollen International Eisteddfod **DEFERRED** for clarification on what grants have been issued in previous years was RECEIVED. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVE a grant of £50 for 2016/17 under Entertainment, Culture & Arts section of the Grants.**

32/17 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	19348.72
Monthly Interest Account	80665.46
General Reserve	<u>52408.32</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>£152,422.50</u>
Hall & Development Account	<u>£59268.78</u>
(New account) Mayor's Account	<u>£3000.00</u>

33/17 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached were approved at £18,710.86.

34/17 **Quarterly Return**

A copy of the Quarterly Report as at 31st December 2016 was RECEIVED and 31st March 2017 was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

35/17 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Meetings / Committees were RECEIVED:

- (a) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 24th April 2017

36/17 **Llythrau o ddiolch/Letters of thanks**

The following letters of thanks were NOTED:

- a) Mr M Jones
- b) Mr D Hancock

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 18th May 2017

		Chq No:	Total	Incl. VAT	Notes / Statutory Powers
			£	£	(new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	DD	£4,614.44		monthly salaries
2	CCBC	DD	£761.00		monthly charge
3	Scottish Power	DD	£25.00	1.25	Monthly charge
4	Bank Charges	DD	£11.67		monthly charge
5	BT Phone	DD			
6	HMRC	DD	£1,440.86		monthly payment
7	Powlsons	DD	£262.14	1.19	2 x 5000 6pp DL leaflets one Welsh, artwork supplied.
8	Gwynedd Pensions	DD	£1,544.31		Monthly payment
9	Clerical Medical	DD	£40.00		
10	Cathedral Leasing	DD	£13.00	2.19	Hygeine Supplies
11	One Voice Wales	DD	£105.00		Understanding the law training course
12	Computer World x2	DD	£436.80	72.8	
13	Grwp Llandrillo Menai	DD	£258.00		ECDL course fee & exam fee for apprentice
14	Cllr Alan Hunter	000657	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
15	Cllr Shirley Jones Roberts	000658	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
16	Cllr D A MacRae	000659	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
17	Cllr B C Roberts	000660	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
18	Cllr S. Rowlands	000661	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
19	Cllr R Waters	000662	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
20	Cllr A Wood	000663	£100.00		Councillor annual allowance
25	Mayor's Account	TFR	£3,000.00		budget allocation
26	Abergele Golf Club	000664	£250.00		Grant
27	Abergele Bowling Club	000665	£500.00		Grant
28	Abergele Ladies Wednesday Club	000666	£200.00		Grant
29	Next Day Coffee	DD	£57.32		coffee/sugar/milk for AGM
30	Apogee	DD	£128.53	21.42	photocopier
31	4 Seasons Florist	000666	£35.00		Flowers for AGM
32	BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions	DD	£236.40	39.40	UTAX Photocopier
33	Petty Cash	000668	£69.25		petty Cash
34	NWN Media x3	DD	£1,385.95	47.45	Newsletter print and distribution
35	CCBC x2'	DD	£1,880.00		x6 CCTV Camera/trade recycling
36	Pitney Bowes	DD	£15.54	2.59	monthly rental
37	Patels Corner Store	000669	£21.51	2.39	newspapers
38	Cllr R Waters	000670	£65.50		Travel Expenses for April
39	Tina Heath	000671	£24.30		Travel Expenses for May
40	Rebecca Bryant	000672	£26.37		Travel Expenses for April
41	Post by Phone	000673	£100.00		Top up post
42	Cambrian Photography Ltd	DD	£175.00	29.17	Photo's taken for AGM/new councillor ID cards
43	Currys P C World	DD	£41.97	6.99	Charger's & Cables for Ipads
44	Mrs Buffet	000674	£286.00		AGM buffet services
Total Payments		10	£18,710.86	74.99	

** 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.