

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Estimates Sub-Committee was held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 6.30pm in Room 4, Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

530/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,
Cllrs: A. Hunter; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk)

531/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs: S. Jones-Roberts;

532/18 **Moment Silence**

The Mayor informed members present of the recent passing of Mrs Joan MacRae, mother in law to Cllr Delyth Mac Rae and mother to past Mayor Chris MacRae and wife of past member Mr Ron MacRae and Mr John Fowler past Mayor. Members held a moment silence as a mark of respect.

533/18 **Declaration of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
None were declared

534/18 **Minutes**

- It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN** the Minutes of the Estimates Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6th December 2017.

535/18 **Annual Estimates 2019/20**

a) **Expenditure:**

- (i) A copy of the prioritised summary of action points/needs identified by the Council were RECEIVED and CONSIDERED.
- (ii) A copy of the 2019/20 Grants approved at the last Special Grants meeting was NOTED
- (iii) The estimated expenditure of the Council for 2019/20 was considered as detailed in the Draft Estimates provided by the Clerk. Members requested that the following items were amended as NOTED:

1 d	Travel etc.	reduced	from £1100 to £1000
3 c	Light, heat and Water	reduced	from £8000 to £6500
6	Petty Cash	reduced	from £1000 to £250
11 d	Pensarn/St George	increased	from £1000 to £1500
14 a	Christmas Decorations	reduced	from £25000 to £22500
14 b	Community Events	reduced	from £2000 to £1000
14 q	Car Parking	reduced	from £25000 to £20000

b) **Income:**

- (i) The estimated income for 2019/20, excluding the precept was CONSIDERED.
- (ii) The fees and charges applicable from April 2019 to March 2020 were CONSIDERED. It was RECOMMENDED, that the hire and advertising costs are not increased for the next financial year.

c) **Transfers to / from reserves:**

- (i) The Council's policy regarding the level of reserves held and that the Council aims to continue to retain a minimum general reserve of approximately 25% of the annual precept was debated and APPROVED. A Draft copy of the Policy as suggested by the Internal Auditor was RECEIVED. It was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk clarifies this requirement.
It was NOTED that the Draft Estimates predict a general reserve of £92,508 which is approximately 34.26% of the total precept.
- (ii) The Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19 as detailed on Schedule 'B' was reviewed. The RECOMMENDATION with regard to the Hall and Development Account to continue with the current level recommended by the auditor of a maximum of £60k to cover alternative planned work was APPROVED.

d) **Precept**

- (i) The recommended level of increase/decrease in the precept was REVIEWED. **It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that the precept for 2019/20 is set as £270,000 an increase of £11,807 from the 2018/19 precept of £258,193. This small increase has been offset by the increase of 63 dwellings to the Annual Council Tax Base rate. The average 'Band D' will therefore increase from £55.56 to £57.32, and that the estimated shortfall of income to expenditure of £17,201 is taken from the Council's general reserve. It was then FURTHER RESOLVED to REFER the DRAFT ESTIMATES for 2018/19 to the full Council for approval.**

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Signed
Chairman)