

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

Cynhelwyd cyfarfod y PWYLLGOR POLISI A CHYLLID am 7.45yh ar Dydd Iau 21 Mawrth 2019, yn Neuadd y Dref, Ffordd Llanddulas, Abergele.

A meeting of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE was held at 7.45pm on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Town Hall, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

746/18 **Cofrestr Presenoldeb - Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; M. Bond; G. Frost; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; C. McCoubrey; D A MacRae; R.M. Medicott; B. C. Roberts; S Rowlands; R.G. Waters; A. Wood; Mrs. M. J. Evans (Clerk)

Members of the public

747/18 **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs: Dr. M. Baker; P Heap-Williams; M. Richards;

748/18 **Yn absennol heb ymddiheuriad - Absence without Apologies**

None

749/18 **Datganiad o Ddiddordeb- Disclosure of Interest**

Atgoffwyd 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: 756/18

750/18 **Cofnodion – Minutes**

Derbyn, cymeradwyo ac arwyddo fel yn gywir gofnodion y cyfarfodydd canlynol -It was RESOLVED to RECEIVE, APPROVE and SIGN the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee, held on Thursday 21st Chwefror/February 2019

751/18 **Correspondence**

- a) An email from Welsh Government with regard to the end of the contract with the External Auditor BDO was NOTED
- b) A copy of a letter from Cllr Jones-Roberts with regard to school budgets was RECEIVED. It was NOTED that the schools in England received £600 per pupil head than the schools in Wales. Welsh Government have decided not to spend the funding on Local Government. The funding mechanism is different for England.
- c) The renewal of the Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine for 2019 was RECEIVED. Current subscription 4 issues at £12 each = £48 per year was APPROVED.
- d) A copy of the NNDR for 2019/20 from CCBC was RECEIVED.
- e) A response from One Voice Wales with regard to the Annual Subscription for 2019/20 was DEFERRED to the next meeting for members to reconsider following a decision by the North Wales Association. Cllr Rowlands and Cllr Wood wished for it to be NOTED that they object to the item being deferred.

- f) An email from CCBC with regard to Rural Conwy Tidy Communities was RECEIVED. Members considered an item regarding litter on the A547 and it was RECOMMENDED that the Clerk obtains an update. **It was RESOLVED that the item is DEFERRED to the Parks, Street Scene and CCTV Sub Committee for consideration.**

752/18 **Draft Minutes**

A recommendation under Min No: 695/18 from the Newsletter Sub Committee - for the item to be deferred to the Place Plan Committee for the Newsletter to be included as a part of a subscription service was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED. It was NOTED that due to delivery problems that the current issue of the Newsletter would not be delivered to all of the homes in the area. Cllr Rowlands and Cllr Waters offered to deliver some of the undelivered homes on behalf of the Council.

- 753/18 **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.**

754/18 **Annual Grants**

Additional information received with regard to a grant for a local organisation from the 2019/20 budget was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED. It was NOTED that Cllr Wood would be happy to sponsor a skip for the event. It was FURTHER NOTED that Cllr B C Roberts abstained from the vote. **It was RESOLVED to APPROVED the grant amount of £500.**

755/18 **Quotes**

An update for the quotations for maintenance for 2019/20 was RECEIVED and CONSIDERED as follows:

- (a) A quote for the repair of a leaking skylight was APPROVED at £350.
- (b) Maintenance of open spaces for 2019/20:
- (i) An email update from Cllr. Frost was RECEIVED
- (ii) The quotations for the Footpath maintenance ATC budget is £2000 and CCBC reclaim £1500 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED. It was RECOMMENDED that the contractor follows the programme of work to ensure that the contract is completed. **It was RESOLVED that the shortfall between quotation and budget of £460 is taken from Reserves.**
- (c) The continued provision of a portaloo in Pentre Mawr Park for 2019/20 was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED for six months commencing from 1st April 2019.

756/18 **The Financial Situation as at today was NOTED:-**

Current Account	30,855.16
Monthly Interest Account	80,000.00
General Reserve	<u>52,544.88</u>

TOTAL: £163,400.04

Hall & Development Account

£49,412.66

757/18 **Payment of Accounts**

The payment of accounts falling due, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached was AUTHORISED as £27,809.10

758/18 **Monthly Report**

A copy of the Monthly Report as at 28th Chwerfor/February 2019 was RECEIVED

759/18 **Minutes**

The Minutes from the following meetings were RECEIVED:

- a) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 14th January 2019
- b) Marketing & Promotion Sub Committee meeting held on the 14th February 2019
- c) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 17th September 2018
- d) Newsletter Sub Committee held on the 20th February 2019
- e) Local Government Sub Committee meeting held on the 11th October 2018

760/18 **Documents for Information**

The following document for information was NOTED

- a) The Clerk

Meeting Closed at 8:05pm

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(Chairman)

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SCHEDULE 'A'

Payments to be authorised as at 18 April 2019

	Chq No:	Total £	Incl. VAT £	Notes / Statutory Powers (new or unusual payments)
1	Salaries	FP	£5,161.92	monthly salaries
2	HMRC	FP	£1,513.11	monthly payment
3	Gwynedd Pensions	FP	£1,751.58	monthly payment
4	Clerical Medical	FP	£50.00	monthly charges
5	Bank Charges	DD	£7.80	monthly charge
6	CCBC	DD	£803.50	monthly charges
7	BT	DD	£68.45	£13.69 quarterly charges
8	DCK	FP	£30.00	£5.00 Monthly Charge
9	Cathedral Hygiene	DD	£13.00	£2.17 Hygiene Services
10	Npower	DD	£51.46	£2.45 MUGA Pentre Mawr, floodlighting
11	A P Systems	FP	£54.36	£9.06 IT Monthly charge
12	Apogee	FP	£93.56	£15.59 Utax copier
13	Pitney Bowes	FP	£15.54	£2.59 Franking machine
14	Abergele Bowling Club	FP	£350.00	Grant Payment
15	Urdd National Eisteddfod	FP	£200.00	Grant Payment
16	Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	FP	50.00	Grant Payment
17	Cantorian Gele Singers	FP	£150.00	Grant Payment
18	St Michael's Church Clock	FP	£250.00	Grant Payment
19	Abergele District Action Group	FP	£500.00	Grant Payment
20	SSAFA	000799	£500.00	Grant Payment
21	Gwledd Abergele	FP	£500.00	Grant Payment
22	Ysgol Glan Gele	FP	£2,467.13	Grant Payment
23	Ysgol Glan Morfa	FP	£2,576.00	Grant Payment
24	Ysgol St Elfod	000800	£3,187.38	Grant Payment
25	St George School	000801	£1,269.50	Grant Payment
26	Mr Flyer Ltd	FP	£1,479.00	£104.00 Print and Distribution Newsletter
27	North Wales Association of Local Councils	FP	£48.00	3 x Lunches
28	Mrs Susan James	FP	£18.65	Travel claim
29	Mrs Tina Heath	FP	£7.20	Travel claim
30	CCBC	FP	£216.60	Rates
31	Mrs Lorraine Whalley	FP	£11.90	Travel Claim
32	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	FP	£712.80	£118.80 Year end closedown and mileage
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Total Payments	27	£24,108.44	£273.35	

** 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 its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.