

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs V Smith J.P. (Chairman)
Councillors B Cossey J.P., P Edwards, Mrs L Lyon,
Mrs V Perry, P Richards, Mrs A Robinson B.E.M.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Clerk

365 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Edwards,
G. Jones J.P., A.Khan & Mrs H Meredith.

366 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr B Cossey made a Declaration of Interest with regard to the Tan Lan
Community Centre and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on
the application.

367 TAN LAN COMMUNITY CENTRE – KIDZ CLUB:

This item had been deferred from the previous meeting of the Committee for
the production of a bank statement. This had now been submitted.

**Resolved that a grant in the sum of £500 be donated to the Tan Lan
Community Centre – Kidz Club.**

368 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS:

The Clerk submitted, for authorisation, a list of payments made on behalf of
the Council for the period 04/12/2009 – 15/01/2010. (See attached list)

Resolved that the payments, as submitted, be authorised.

**The empowerment for these payments is made in accordance with the
guidance given in Local Council Services and Powers as listed in Local
Councils' Governance and Accountability Guidance.**

369 ESTIMATES 2010 - 2011:

The Clerk submitted for approval the draft estimates for the financial year
2010 – 2011 together with explanatory notes. (attached to minutes)

Members noted that the precept per household in Band D would remain
unchanged. Last year's precept was set at £376,201. The income was likely to
decrease owing to external financial circumstances.

Councillor Cossey raised the issue of events to be staged in the Town, which could be enhanced. This was felt to be an issue that the Amenities Committee should address.

Resolved that:-

- 1. The Estimates as submitted be approved for the year 2010 - 2011.**
- 2. The Precept to be set at £380,000 for the financial year 2010 -2011.**
- 3. The Committee recommends that the Amenities Committee meets in the near future to consider the provision/enhancement for events in 2010-2011.**
- 4. The Council considers subsidising free Christmas Parking for residents in 2010.**

370 INTERNET BANKING AND ELECTRONIC RETURNS:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, letters from Mr David Jones MP and the Department of Communities and Local Government.

Members noted that the matter had been passed to the National Assembly for Wales.

Resolved that the letters be received and noted.

371 SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR THE YEAR 2010 - 2011:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a letter from the Welsh Assembly Government regarding the limit for expenditure for the year 2010 – 2011.

The Clerk informed the members that the upper limit would be £153,750. Last year's (2008-2009) expenditure under Section 137 was £46,330.

Resolved that the letter be received and noted.

372 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPITAL FRAMEWORK:

The Clerk submitted for consideration a letter and consultation document from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The majority of the changes did not impact on Town and Community Councils. Those applicable to the Town Council had been highlighted.

Resolved that the documents be received and noted.

373 CREST CO-OPERATIVE LTD:

The Clerk submitted a letter from Crest Co-operative Ltd offering to give a presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

Resolved that the letter be received and noted.

Further resolved that the offer be accepted and that an invitation to attend the Council Meeting to be held on 26th April 2010 be sent.

374 LETTER OF THANKS:

A letter of thanks from the Upper Colwyn Bay Community Centre Group Ltd for grant aid was submitted.

Resolved that the letter be received and noted

375 NORTH WALES CONFERENCE OF THE WALES WOMEN'S NATIONAL COALITION ON THE EUROPEAN YEAR FOR COMBATING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION:

Notification of the meeting to be held on 5th February 2010 at the Community Club, Llandudno Junction from 10.00am – 15.15pm was submitted.

Resolved that the notification be received.

Further resolved that individual members would make their own bookings if they wish to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.