

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a virtual meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday the 16th November, 2020.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms. M. Buckley and Councillor Rev. B. Harvey (in the Chair).

Councillors: D.L. Cox, J.P., Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham, J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. L. Jones, S.K. License, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect and I.B. Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: M. Evans, J.P., M.W. Moore, Miss. S. Moore and Ms R. Johnson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk and Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

295. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor P. Cunningham declared an interest in the Christmas donation to St. Marys Primary School. Minute No.302.

Councillor Rev. B. Harvey declared an interest in the Christmas donation to Gwynedd Primary School. Minute No.302.

296. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th October, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

297. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment on the attached schedule be approved for payment.

298. TOWN HALL HEATING

The Town Clerk reported that following a recent service on the Town Hall boiler by British Gas, we have been issued a warning notice and therefore a replacement boiler is required. Quotations are being sought and contact has been made with Mr. C. Rees-Jones, Flintshire Heritage Officer, who will meet with the contractor prior to a new boiler being installed.

Councillor I. B. Roberts proposed we seek advice from a Heating Consultant and/or Flintshire County Council as it may be an option to have a new system design in place.

Councillor Mrs. N. Davies suggested we could look into applying for a grant. The Town Clerk reported she had already been in contact with Ms. H. Blythyn, MS regarding this matter.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact a Heating Consultant and Flintshire County Council for advice and that powers be given to act to the Chair of Finance & Policy, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader, Deputy Leader and Town Clerk.

299. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20

The Council considered the Internal Audit Report 2019/20 from JDH Business Services. The Town Clerk reported that all issues have been addressed.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Report 2019/20 be noted.

300. CASHFLOW REPORT

The Council considered the Cashflow Report as prepared by the Town Clerk. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the Cashflow Report be noted.

301. BUDGET CONSIDERATION

The Council considered the Budget Consideration Report as prepared by the Town Clerk. See Appendix B.

The Council agreed the following amounts to be included in the budget report for January:

Security Alarm - a sum of £1,000.

Lift Disabled Access - a sum of £2,500.

Portrait - a sum of £1,000.

Caretaker Van - Councillor Mrs. V. Perfect will obtain quotations for the leasing of a van.

Remembrance Service - a sum of £1,000.

Flint Festival - a sum of £9,000. Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect proposed that an amount is also included in the budget for the Jade Jones Celebration event.

Townscape Heritage - a sum of £10,000. Councillor I. B. Roberts proposed that the £20,000 reduction in this budget head is reallocated to another budget area.

Countryside Contribution - a sum of £2,000. However, this is pending a report from Flintshire Countryside Services.

RESOLVED: That all the above amounts are included in the budget report for January and that powers be given to act to the Chair of Finance & Policy, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader, Deputy Leader and Town Clerk.

302. CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The Council considered the Christmas donations and agreed to give the Primary Schools a £100 donation towards their Christmas celebrations.

The Council agreed that due to Covid preventing many local groups and organisation meeting, that these donations will be held until the groups re-form.

NOTE: Councillor P. Cunningham declared an interest in the donation to St. Marys Primary School.

Councillor Rev. B. Harvey declared an interest in the donation to Gwynedd Primary School.

RESOLVED: That the below Christmas donations are made.

Name of School / Organisation	Amount
Ysgol Croes Atti	£100.00
St. Mary's Primary School	£100.00
Cornist Park Primary School	£100.00
Gwynedd Primary School	£100.00
Ysgol Pen Goch	£100.00

303. CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Council agreed the office will close on Wednesday 23rd December, 2020 and re-open on Monday 4th January, 2021.

RESOLVED: That the office closure be noted.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 16 th November, 2020
..... Vice Chair	