

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a virtual meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday the 18th July, 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor B. Goldsborough (in the Chair).

Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley, D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies, R. Davies, Mrs. C. Griffiths, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: M. W. Moore and I. B. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk

55. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th June, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

57. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

58. CARETAKER VAN

The Clerk reported that following discussions last month regarding the Town Caretaker requiring a van, circumstances have changed, namely, the way refuse is disposed of, Flintshire Streetscene services now collect locally. Therefore, the Clerk proposed the purchase of a van is placed on hold for some months.

The Clerk also proposed rather than paying mileage to the Town Caretaker, the Council opens a fuel account with a local garage and the Council will then pay directly and that the essential car allowance should be increased with in line with the new rates received via the SLCC.

Councillors agreed to the proposals.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will seek to open a fuel account and will amend the essential car allowance with immediate effect.

59. TOWN COUNCIL LOVING CUPPE

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Leader has asked she sought a quotation for a replacement replica Loving Cuppe. Quotations were obtained from Fattorinis and these were shared with Councillors.

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect informed the new Councillors that the Loving Cuppe went missing some years ago and this was a vital part of the Councils' Civic Regalia. Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect proposed that the Council obtains more information, images regarding the replacement replica and this item is deferred to the September Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will request more information and images regarding the replacement replica Loving Cuppe and place this item on the next agenda.

60. FIREWORKS DISPLAY FINANCIAL DONATION

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect said many residents have enjoyed the RNLI Fireworks display over the years and due to covid and then a technical issue, we have not had a display for two years. This has encouraged more private displays which no doubt will have put strain on our emergency services.

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect proposed that for this year only a financial donation of £6,000 is made to the RNLI in order for them to organise a Firework display this year. The RNLI do exceptional work and rely on donations and this event is an excellent charitable event for the RNLI.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will advise the RNLI of the financial donation of £6,000 for the Town's Firework display and will arrange to make payment directly to the Firework company.

61. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Council considered a quotation from Mega Electricals regarding maintenance works required on the Christmas Lights and connection points. The Clerk reported that all works must be carried out within two years in order to meet the requirements and safety regulations. The Council does not have the budget required in the Christmas Lights budget code, however, we do have budget available to pay for all the works required.

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect said our Town's Christmas lights of the envy of many other Town's and are very much appreciated by our residents and safety is of upmost importance therefore proposes all the maintenance works are carried out.

NOTE: Councillor Mrs. C. Griffiths abstained.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will instruct Mega Electrical Services to carry out all the maintenance works as per the quotations in order to meet the requirements and safety regulations.

62. IRPW – PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS 2021/22

The Council considered a report of the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated. This follows the advice received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) that the Council were required publish on the Council website the amount of

allowances and expenses paid to Members in that year by 30th September 2022. In addition, also to send a copy to the IRPW. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the actions as reported by the Clerk be agreed in relation to the Council's duties, as informed by the IRPW.

63. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 20TH JULY, 2022

The Chairman asked for all Members to approve and adopt the financial recommendations made at each of the Committee meetings earlier this evening.

RESOLVED: The Council approved and adopted all financial recommendations from the Committee Meetings.

64. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING RECESS PERIOD

The Chairman asked for all Member to approve that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be given power to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.

RESOLVED: The Council approved that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be given power to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 18 th July, 2022
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