

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday the 17th October, 2022.

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

Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley, D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies, R. Davies, M. W. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I. B. Roberts, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk

96. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declaration of interests made.

97. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th July, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

98. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

99. FLINT FESTIVAL

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect reported she is in the early stages of planning of the Flint Festival 2023 and asked Councillors for authority to proceed and make booking and pay the necessary booking fees etc. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect has authority to proceed with plans for Flint Festival 2023.

100. TOWN COUNCIL LOVING CUP

The Town Clerk advised that following the last meeting where Council had requested more information regarding the replacement replica Loving Cup, a situation arose with the Mayoral robes and in consultation in with the Mayor, Deputy and Leader of the Council, it was agreed the replacement Loving Cup was put on hold.

The Town Clerk explained the Mayor's robe required repair and the Deputy Mayor's robe required replacing, costs were shared.

RESOLVED: That the replacement replica Loving Cup be placed on hold and the repairs to the Mayoral Robes be noted and approved.

101. TOWN HALL WINTER PLANTING & CASTLE WALK PLANTERS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect said the Council takes in pride in ensuring the Town looks presentable, clean, and tidy and proposed we have winter plants / baskets around the Town Hall this year, pots on the Church steps and the Castle Walk planters planted.

A quote had been received from a local company and the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect asked that powers to act is given to the Town Clerk to instruct the company to commence the winter planting. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact the company and will arrange for the planting to commence.

102. RICHARD HEIGHTS CAR PARK WORKS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect reported the area surrounding Richard Heights car park needs attention and to bring it to a state that the Town Caretaker can maintain, it requires assistance from a contractor.

A quote had been received from a local company and the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect asked that powers to act is given to the Town Clerk to instruct the company to start the works. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact the contractor and will arrange for works to be completed.

103. PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

The Council considered a letter and plans from Mr. R. Roberts, Play Design Officer, Aura Libraries and Leisure regarding match funding proposals at Cornist Park. The Town Clerk reminded Councillor they had previously agreed to match fund £10,000.

Councillor D. Challenger asked if we could confirm if the plans will include inclusive equipment for disabled users.

Councillor M. W. Moore asked if Oakenholt Play area will be considered for repairs and improvements.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact Mr. R. Roberts, Play Design Officer, Aura Libraries and Leisure to ask if the Cornist Park plans will include inclusive equipment, if so, will confirm the £10,000 match funding payment and to ask if Oakenholt Play area will be considered for repairs and improvements.

104. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Mayor, Councillor M. Perfect was approached by a local parent whose daughter is swimming in the British Championships and hoped the Council may consider making a financial donation.

Councillors said the Council would need a formal request from the swimming club and a breakdown of what a financial donation would be used for.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact the parent and advise a formal request from the swimming club is required and also a breakdown of what the financial donation would be used for.

105. ANNUAL REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 states that the Town Council's should produce an Annual Report, the first annual report is required for the 2021-2022 financial year and is due for publication as soon as reasonably practicable after 1 April 2022. Reports for future years should be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year.

The Council considered the Annual Report prepared by the Town Clerk and the Council approved for publication on the Council's website.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report is approved and adopted and will be published on the Council's website.

106. TRAINING POLICY

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 states that Town Council's should produce a Training Policy by 5th November 2022.

The Council considered the Training Policy prepared by the Town Clerk and it was approved.

RESOLVED: That the Training Policy is approved and adopted and will be published on the Council's website.

107. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement, copies of which had been previously circulated to Councillors. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the financial information be noted and approved.

108. IRPW: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The Council considered the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2022/23. Copies of which had been previously circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

109. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 17th OCTOBER, 2022

The Chairman asked for all Councillors 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.

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Date of Council Meeting	Monday 17th October, 2022
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