

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday 20th March 2023.

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

Councillors: Ms. M. Buckley, Mrs. N. Davies, R. Davies, Mrs. C. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. L. Leigh, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect, I. Roberts, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: D. Challenger, P. Cunningham and M. W. Moore

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Town Clerk and Mrs. N. Thornton, Support Officer.

212. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Councillors in attendance declared an interest in Minute number 216 relating to IRPW Payments 2023/24.

NOTE: Councillor Mrs. C. Griffiths did not declare an interest.

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest forms will be completed and filed.

213. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

214. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

215. CLERKS UPDATE ON MATTER ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Town Clerk reported that she had met with the Flintshire Heritage Officer and a location for the Defibrillator was agreed, at the rear of the building and it is hoped it will be erected by next week. Defibrillator training has also been arranged to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 4th May at 1pm, the training is open to all.

RESOLVED: Noted.

216. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £20,917.00 were circulated to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £20,917.00 on the schedule be approved for payment.

217. IRPW - PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, together with an extract from the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, so as to enable the Council to make determinations applicable for the next financial year. The report of the Clerk advised of the current situation in relation to previous determinations by the Council. See Appendix A.

In addition, the report also pointed out that, in relation to payments to Members for this financial year then these would need to be listed and sent to the Panel as well as being displayed on the Councils website and Council notice board.

The Town Clerk reported that the report had an additional payment of up to £52 for reimbursement for the costs of office consumables. The Council must decide when and how to make this payment. Councillors agreed to pay up to £52 for consumables on production of receipts and amounts would be payable in March in line with the Extra costs payment.

RESOLVED: That in relation to the 2023/24 financial year, the determinations required concerning payments to Members be as follows:

Extra Costs Payment - Payment of £156 paid to Members – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

Reimbursement for Consumables - Payment of up to £52 on production of receipts – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

Senior Roles – The Chair of Finance & Policy was nominated to be paid by Council
Mayor or Chair – not to be paid by Council

Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chair – not to be paid by Council

Attendance Allowance – to be paid by Council

Financial Loss Allowance – to be paid by Council

Travel & Subsistence – to be paid by Council

Cost of Care or Personal Assistance – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

218. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This item was deferred as all the required information had not been received.

219. COUNCIL POLICIES

The Council considered the following Council Policies for approval and adoption.

Risk Assessment

Internal Controls

RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessment and Internal Controls were approved and were adopted by the Council.

220. CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

The Council considered the Civility and Respect pledge and agreed to sign and agree to the pledge.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed and the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect will sign the Civility and Respect pledge.

221. COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

The Town Clerk reported that recently due to the decrease of the covid clinic, the Community Room is no longer used all day on a Thursday and proposed that we open the hall up as a Community Coffee morning every Thursday between 10am and 12pm and serve complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. The Town Clerk added the financial cost would be minimal.

Councillors agreed this was a wonderful idea and was keen to start the Coffee Mornings as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That the Community Coffee morning would commence as soon as possible.

222. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 20th MARCH, 2023

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.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 20 th March, 2023
..... Chairman	