

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday 17th April 2023.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: Mrs. L. Leigh

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

240. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations.

241. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

242. 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.

243. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £21,379.00 were circulated to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £21,379.00 on the schedule be approved for payment.

244. IRPW - PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS 2022/23

The Council considered a report detailing the allowances and expenses paid to Members in the financial year 2022/23. The report is required by the IRPW and the Council is also to publish the report on the Council website by 30th September 2023. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the report in relation to the Council's duties, as informed by the IRPW are noted.

245. PLAY AREA MATCH FUNDING SCHEME

The council considered a letter from Aura Leisure and Libraires regarding an expression of interest for play area improvements at Pen Y Goch play area.

The Clerk reminded Councillors at the Budget meeting in January, £10,000 was allocated to Play Area Improvements.

Councillor Mrs. M. Perfect proposed £10,000 was committed from the Council. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will inform Aura Leisure and Libraries that the Council confirm their expression of interest in the scheme and will match fund £10,000.

246. EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the reports from the External Auditor for years: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22.

The Town Clerk advised that the Audits for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2021-22 had been qualified and shared the issues that had been raised by the Auditors.

The Town Clerk confirmed these issues have been or will be rectified and advised of the actions that have been or will be taken.

The Town Clerk also advised the conclusion of audit was being advertised as required by the External Auditors.

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual return be noted.
2. That with regard to the issues arising from the External Audit, the actions of the Town Clerk were noted and supported.
3. That the actions of the Town Clerk concerning giving Notice of Conclusion of the audit as required by External Audit be noted.

247. COUNCIL POLICIES

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

Multi Location Policy
Procedure for considering Planning Application

RESOLVED: That the Multi Location Policy and Procedures for considering Planning Application were approved and were adopted by the Council.

248. CCTV CAMERAS

The Town Clerk reported that a neighbouring Council is remove and sell two of their CCTV cameras at the cost of £180.00. One camera is similar to the current cameras the Council own; the other camera is a 360 degree camera.

The town Clerk reported she has spoken to both PCSO T. Hulse, who said additional CCTV cameras would always benefit the Town and spoke to Full Circle Security, who said both cameras have been fully maintained and that the 360 degree camera does require a new hard drive at an approximate cost of £125.00.

Councillor P. Cunningham proposed the Council purchases both these CCTV cameras as they will be a benefit to the safety of our Town and suggested Councillors email the Town Clerk with suggested hot spots to locate the new cameras. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will contact the neighbouring council and arrange to purchase the cameras and await suggested hotspots from Councillors.

249. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 17th APRIL, 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 17 th April, 2023
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