

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

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

PRESENT: Councillor J. Stoneley (in the Chair).

Councillors: D. Challenger, N. Davies, B. Goldsborough, C. Griffiths, E. Jones, L. Leigh, M. Moore, M. Perfect, V. Perfect and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: P. Cunningham, R. Davies and I. Roberts.

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

154. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

155. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

156. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th October, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

157. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £22,308.14 were circulated to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £22,308.14 on the schedule be approved for payment.

158. CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The Council considered the Christmas donations and agreed to donate £50 to a number of groups and organisations.

RESOLVED: That the below Christmas donations are made.

Name of School / Organisation	Amount
Ysgol Croes Atti	£50.00
St. Mary's Primary School	£50.00
Cornist Park Primary School	£50.00
Gwynedd Primary School	£50.00
Ysgol Pen Coch	£50.00
Flint High School	£50.00

St. Richard Gwyn High School	£50.00
Ysgol Maes Hyfryd High School	£50.00
1 st Flint Scouts Group	£50.00
3 rd Flint Rainbows	£50.00
3 rd Flint Brownies	£50.00
Mother Union	£50.00
St. John's Ambulance	£50.00
Messy Church	£50.00
Bolingbroke Heights & Richard Heights Association	£50.00

159. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the Financial Assistance applications, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed that the application received from the Flint Town United Ladies Football were given £600 and given from the Flint Festival 2023 budget. Also, that we should ask the Ladies team, if they would have the Flint Town Council Crest on their training kits as we would be a sponsor. Councillors agreed.

Councillor M. Perfect added that we will have discussions at future budget meetings regarding making an annual donation to the Ladies team as we currently support Flint Town United.

Councillor M. Perfect said that regarding the application received from St. Mary's and St David's Parish Church for the Town Clock, the Council already hold a budget of £200 for the clock and proposed we give this £200 now, with a caveat that we will look at the budget again when we meet at the end of the year with a view to giving a further donation if possible. Councillors agreed.

Councillor M. Perfect reported that she had given a commitment to the Church to help with letters of support for grants and can help with fund raising events.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed that on this occasion we do not give a donation to the Aura Sport Development team application as we already give a substantial donation annually to the Costal / Countryside Services. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following donations be agreed for this financial year: Flint Town Ladies United, £600 from the Flint Festival 2023 budget; St. Mary's and St David's Parish Church, £200 from the Town Clock budget and Welsh Air Ambulance, £100 from the donations budget.
2. That in relation to the application from Aura Sport Development team, no donation to be made.

160. IRPW: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

The Council considered the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2024/25. Copies of which had been previously circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

161. COUNCIL POLICIES

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

Press & Media Policy
Social Media Policy

RESOLVED: That the Press & Media Policy and the Social Media Policy were approved and were adopted by the Council.

162. 2022-23 NATIONAL PAY AGREEMENT

The Town Clerk reported that the 2023-24 national pay agreement had been announced and this will be back dated to April 2023.

RESOLVED: That the pay increase and back dated pay will implemented with payroll services.

163. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 20th NOVEMBER, 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 November, 2023
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