

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday 15th January 2024.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor L. Leigh

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

181. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

182. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

183. MINUTES

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th November, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

184. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £36,832.96 were circulated to Council for approval.

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £36,832.96 on the schedule be approved for payment.

185. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

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

Councillor M. Perfect proposed that the application received £100 as the Rotary Club bring us much joy over the festive period and they do excellent work within our Town. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £100 is made to the Rotary Club – Flint and Holywell from the donations budget.

186. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

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

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the financial information be noted and approved.

187. PRECEPT 2024/25

The Council considered the report, which was prepared in consultation with the Leader, Mayor and Chair of Finance and Policy. See Appendix B.

The report indicated the cost of the Band D property would be £50.86, which is an increase of £2.39 or 4.9% if the proposals, as submitted, were approved.

Councillor M. Perfect reported as Leader of the Council that it is with regret, we have to present an increase in the precept, but this is due to inflation and rising costs. This is the first increase in some years.

In order to continue to deliver services and projects that we do as a Council, such as the Summer Playscheme, Play Area Improvements, CCTV, Grit bins and to be able to employ a Town Caretaker who maintains the Town and Town Hall to a high standard. Also, local Police have said that the Town Council events help to combat anti-social behaviour in our town and boosts the community spirit.

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That a precept of £257475.00 be made on Flintshire County Council for 2024/25, which equated to a Band D charge of £50.86 and the report was agreed and approved.

188. COUNCIL POLICIES

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

Annual Investment Strategy
Financial Regulations

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Investment Strategy were approved and were adopted by the Council.

189. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 15th JANUARY 2024

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

Councillor C. Griffiths abstained from the vote.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 15 th January, 2024
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