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Minutes of the Finance Committee
Held Wednesday 16th October 2024
The Village Hall Ruabon Commencing at 19.00

A G E N D A

Present: Cllrs Roberts J (JR - Chair), Kapas S, (SK); Davies D (DD), The Clerk

F005.24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: E. Jackson, J. Lowe, J. Taylor and A Tynan

F006.24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *In accordance with the Council's Code of conduct, members shall withdraw from any discussion or vote for which they hold a disclosable pecuniary interest.*

Cllr. D. Davies Scottish Power

F007.24/25 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS – *To allow members of the public the opportunity to speak on an item listed on the agenda for a maximum of 3 minutes.*

No Members of the public were present

F008.24/25 FINANCIAL PAPERS

- To discuss Accounts, Income, VAT, Bank Rec, Petty Cash Electronic, Balances and Budget to date
- Update with regards to Audit

In the absence of the vice chairperson and being quorate in numbers the Chair Cllr. J. Roberts was appointed to the chair of the Finance Committee. Cllrs Reviewed the Accounts presented by the Clerk.

The Council reviewed the accounts and budgets as per the Model Financial Regulations Adopted in 2019 with regards to these factors the Clerk highlighted an issue with balancing the accounts due to an anomaly which required rectification. However, the Clerk has confirmed to the Council that the books are financially sound, and all expenditure and income is accounted for.

Resolved:

- Council to receive the budget in its current format
- Council to agree that nominal codes were slightly out of synchronisation and additional expenditure not noted will be financed by the application of underspends in other areas to allow time for coding to be changed in 2025/2026.
- Council to consider budgetary needs and requirements in the precept meeting of December 2024
- The clerk to commence the preparation of the budgetary information for 2025/2026
- To note expenditure in retrospect of £11, 205.77

Update of Audit

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been submitted and the Council had noted on the website with the following being posted:

“The Accounting Statements in the form of the annual return have been published on the Council’s website. However, the Accounts are published before the conclusion of the audit. The Auditor General has not yet issued an audit opinion”.

Resolved:

To note the statement has been placed on the Council Website and notice board

The Clerk presented his report to the Finance Committee and the following points were resolved as follows:

Resolved:

1. To propose full council agrees to the renewal of membership of SLCC of £188.00
2. Following receipt of the costs of a Bike Marking event that the full council agrees to shared purchase to the Bike Register QR code system total cost of £350.00 for the full set the Community Council’s share to be £175.00. Sessions to be arranged in a number of parts, the second session to be just after the Christmas Holiday to allow children who have received new bicycles.
3. Given the Concerns raised within the community about the safety of the MUGA and also in relation to the recent ROSPA assessment that the clerk proceeds with obtaining quotations to secure the MUGA compound due to health and safety.
4. Christmas lights Switch on
A Donation of £60.00 to be made to the Salvation Army for attendance and support at the event.
Donation to the Friends of Ruabon towards the fuel for the Santa Sleigh attendance at the Christmas lights switch on and the visit to the village of £50.00 (donation to be made by Chair from the Chairs purse.

5. Planters and Costs – given the ongoing increase in costs and the Community Council ensuing greater control. To recommend the management and planting of the planters returns in house to the Community Council Staff.
6. Bins – The clerk noted that Wrexham still had not responded with regards to the June order for the street bins and requested agreement to find an alternative from Glasdon, noting this would place an additional cost on their replacement. To recommend sourcing a replacement elsewhere.
7. Uniforms – The Clerk has secured a donation from Tesco for the Community Council to provide an opportunity within the village for school uniform clothing. Cllr. Dana Davies would organise collection.
8. Trees and Street Lighting – The clerk noted that a streetlight had been damaged and noted that communications had been set in place to seek payment from the owner of the tree.
9. Community Agent Telephone – The clerk reported that the Community Agent Telephone was originally arranged by the Community Council, when the payment for the Agent reverted back to the Local Authority the Community Council continued with the telephone payment. Action Clerk to speak with AVOW to seek repayment.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.33