

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance and Management Committee (remote meeting) held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 6.20pm-7.02pm

PRESENT

Councillors: J. Thompson-Hill (Chairman), B. Murray, G. Frobisher, S. Frobisher, L. Muraca, A. Tomlin, G. Sandilands, T. Jones, K. Jones, G. Percival, A. Sampson, P. Penlington, P. Duffy, M. German, R. Flynn

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Highfield – Town Clerk, Mrs L. Fearn – Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant

APOLOGIES

Councillors:- G. Davies, T. Flynn.

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of need to disclose personal and/or prejudicial interests in tonight's proceedings.

82 PAID ACCOUNTS

Details of paid accounts May 2021 – August 2021 had been circulated with agenda.

Questions were raised about costs for the alarm systems, Cllr J. Thompson-Hill explained a full review would be done in the near future, PAT testing and also the finance and schedule of planting around town. Mrs Lisa Fearn, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to progress.

RESOLVED That Paid Accounts for May, June July and August 2021 be accepted

83 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Details of financial statements had been circulated with agenda. Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer raised concerns that general administration and office accommodation were high and would bring issues to the next Finance and Management Committee

Members raised concerns about the Boulevard area and the choice of plants this year. Issues will be discussed with the provider.

Cllr Sandilands enquired if it was possible to put a percentage of where Council are up to on their accounts. Mrs L. Fearn, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer explained she was at present looking into new account packages.

RESOLVED That Financial Statements be accepted.

84 INTERNAL AUDITOR 2021/22

Councillor J. Thompson-Hill, Chairman reminded Committee that a replacement Internal Auditor had not been found for Mr Tom Brown and Hacker Young had provided the service last year. The service had been good, but previously the Internal Auditor had attended meetings. He suggested that another Expression of Interest might be the solution to finding a new Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED That Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer draw up Expressions of Interest papers.

85 CLWYD PENSION FUND

Cllr G. Sandilands, J. Thompson-Hill and A. Sampson all declared an interest in this item.

Cllr T. Jones took the Chair.

Committee were informed that Clwyd Pension Fund had performed well over the year and Prestatyn Town Council had received a refund of £5,000.

RESOLVED That information be noted.

86 FESTIVE LIGHTING

Cllr J. Thompson-Hill explained that all contracts would be reviewed in coming months, but Mr N. Highfield, Town Clerk felt that existing contractor for Festive Lighting should be retained this year due to timing issues. The package would be identical to that of last year. Chairman agreed that there would not be time to look elsewhere. Councillor G. Percival suggested that a working party be set up in January to look at the Festive Lighting for next year. It was also suggested that solar lighting and rechargeables might be looked into and ways of preventing light pollution and reducing emissions

RESOLVED

- 1) That current contractor be retained this year.
- 2) That a working party be established in January to look into the Festive Lighting for 2022.

Chairman_____