MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor A B Gregory, Chair, Councillors, V Gay, E Gregory, R Lloyd, A Roberts, M Robinson, J Shallcross, K Shallcross and T Brown, Town Clerk

9. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor R McKeown.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (*NB The meeting on 5 September 2023 was not quorate).*

11. CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT - ACTION PLAN

The Clerk briefed members on the updated recommendations of the internal auditor's report and suggested that the Committee continue to work on the action plan.

A large majority of the action points raised in the audit plan had now been implemented.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Clerks updates be noted.

(2) the Finance and General Purposes Committee continue to work on the action plan and make recommendations to Council prior to the interim audit taking place.

13. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES 2024

Members considered the detailed letter from Flintshire County Council on the plans and costs for the 2024 summer playscheme.

The costing structure was considered for the 3-year option, by which opting in to the 3-year cycle allowed Town and Community Councils to budget much further in advance thus ensuring that the County Council could budget in advance ensuring the continued running of the scheme.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

Council be asked to approve the Town Council opting into the 3-year summer playscheme.

14. CCLA FACTSHEETS - OCTOBER 2023

Members noted the Public Sector Deposit Fund fact sheets for October 2023.

RESOLVED: That

the fact sheets be noted.

15. ACCOUNTS

In accordance with one of the instructions from the Internal Auditors, that members receive a copy of the Annual Budget by Centre, and the Detailed Receipts and Payments by Budget and Bank Reconciliation reports to enable members to contribute to the fiscal management of the Council.

There were no questions to the Clerk on the financial reports.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

Council be asked to approve the accounts at the Council meeting on 10 January 2024.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That

a resolution be passed to excluding the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business under discussion the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the public interest under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

17. DRAFT BUDGET REPORT 2024-25

The Town Clerk reported on the proposed budget report for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

Council be asked to approve the budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year and to consider any alternative budget proposals for the precept 2024-25 proposed by members.

Signed by the Chairman ……..

Date……..