

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023.

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Shallcross, Councillors, A B Gregory, E Gregory, R Lloyd, R McKeown, A Roberts, and T Brown, Town Clerk

Councillors D Jones and M Robinson were also in attendance although not members of the Committee.

73 . APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors V Gay, and K Shallcross.

74. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75. CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest was made.

76 . GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

The Clerk briefed members on the relevant legislation in relation to Town and Community Councils giving funding to Churches. Members agreed to decline the application on the grounds that Town and Community Councils were prohibited to provide funding to Churches under the Local Government Act 1894.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

the application be declined a per Local Government Act 1894.

77. STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT 2023

Members considered the three-year street lighting contract for 2023 to 2026.

The Clerk was asked to inform Flintshire County Council to ensure the contract referred to Saltney Town Council.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

the Flintshire County Council Street Lighting Contract 2023-2026 be approved.

78. INTERNAL AUDIT - ACTION PLAN

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

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Clerks update 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.

79. TOWN COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Clerk reported on the position to provide all 14 Councillors having a Saltney Town Council email address, This was an action from the Data Protection Officer in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

It was strongly recommended that a professional approach to email addresses, with uniformity that instilled a certain level of trust in the source of the email. It also enabled the user to keep council emails separate from their own, which would keep things clearer.

Members asked the Clerk to obtain a quote from Prism the Town Councils internet provider and report back to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: That

the Clerk be asked to obtain a quote for 14 Town Councillor email addresses from Prism and report to Council.

80. CCLA FACTSHEET – (February 2023)

Members considered the February 23 fact sheets from the CCLA.

RESOLVED: That

the factsheets for February 2023 be noted.

81. ACCOUNTS

The bank statement was not received in time for the meeting.

Signed by the Chairman

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