

At a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held via video conference on Wednesday 4th November 2020 commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor A. J. Rutherford (Chair)

Councillors B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, A. R. James, K. R. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, B. Mellor, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, Ms V. Roberts, T. Thomas, R. Turner and Miss C. L. Williams.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus – Deputy Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Councillor J. Ball, and Ms. J. McAlpine.

2. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS REPORT (SCHEDULE A) – OCTOBER 2020

The Chair referred to the Town Clerk’s report (circulated with agenda) detailing the schedule of payments made and income received.

Voucher No.	Supplier name	Amount £	Description of Goods & Services
1046	Shire Leasing	337.33	Avaya Telephone System Q3 for 2020/21
1049	BT	372.16	Line Rental and Call Charges
1048	BT	105.52	Line Rental
1047	HSBC	6.50	Bank Charges 17 August to 16 September
1050	Gunsmoke Communications	1,440.00	Management Fee Sept 2020
985	Benefit Advice Service	916.67	Appeals Officer 20/21 Payment 7 of 12
984	Denbighshire County Council	736.00	NNDR 20/21 for Wellington Road Office – Payment 7 of 10
1051	HMRC	2,702.39	PAYE Deductions Sept 2020
1052	Clwyd Pension Fund	4,224.77	Pensions Deductions & Deficit Funding Sept 2020
1053	RTC Staff	8,423.76	Staff Salaries October 2020
990	CAB	2,000.00	Fuel Poverty Officer 20/21 Payment 3 of 4
	Total payments	£21,265.10	

Category	Description	Amount
Interest Received	Santander 31 Day Notice Account	22.81
Interest Received	HSBC 7 Day Deposit	0.67
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	Total income	£26.16

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

3. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ADDITIONS TO APPROVED SUPPLIERS LIST (SCHEDULE B)

Further to minute no.143 of the meeting of Council held on 15th March 2017 and in accordance with the council's adopted financial regulations, the Chair referred to the Town Clerk's submitted schedule B (a list of non-regular payments to be released over the coming month) (circulated with agenda).

Voucher No.	Supplier Name	Description of Service	Amount £
1045	Royal British Legion	Wreathes for Remembrance Sunday	150.00
1054	Neopost	Top-up for franking machine	200.00
1056	Entertainers 4 U Ltd	'Dozy Dave' video for Christmas event	50.00
1057	JTM signs	Signs for Remembrance Sunday event	108.00
Total			£508.00

RESOLVED that the schedule was approved for payment, and would be signed by two councillors in due course.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Town Clerk to respond as a matter of urgency.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

The Town Clerk referred to his report (circulated with agenda) seeking members' confirmation of the remit of the council's committees and sub-committees.

RESOLVED that the committee and sub-committee structure and scheme of delegation was approved.

5. WELSH GOVERNMENT COVID-19 FUNDING GRANT

The Town Clerk reported receipt of information from Denbighshire County Council (circulated with agenda) with regard to a potential capital grant of £108,000 from Welsh Government, to be spent on town centre recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The county council proposes to use a portion of the grant to roll out a lighting project to coincide with Christmas for all eight town centres at a cost of £5,000 each to lift spirits and encourage high street shopping.

The county council suggests that the remaining £68,000 could be accessed by city, town and community councils for further spend on eligible town centre capital expenditure, with the councils needing to provide 20% match funding that they would be able to retrospectively claim back.

Members were supportive of additional town centre lighting, but felt that the money could be better spent via direct financial support to foodbanks given that demand had vastly increased since the outbreak of the virus at the beginning of the year.

Members asked for clarification on whether the lighting would be permanent or just for the Christmas period, and suggested that the lighting of the Vale Road bridge might be positively received?

RESOLVED *that the Town Clerk to:*

- (i) establish the planned period of lighting and how city, town and community councils would re-claim their match funding?*
- (ii) ask what finances Denbighshire County Council are to receive from Welsh Government as a result of Covid-19 as a whole, and ask for consideration to be given to an amount of it being donated to foodbanks county wide.*

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair:

Date: