

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

12th January 2022

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 the **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** of LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL was held REMOTELY and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Monday, 12th January 2022 at 6.53 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors B.A.L. Roberts (Vice-Chair)(In the Chair), M.D. Cranham J.P. (Town Mayor), S.A. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (substitute for Cllr. J. Williams), T. Davies, J.S. Edmunds, L.A. Edmunds, J.P. Jenkins (Leader of the Council), J.E. Jones (substitute for Cllr. W.J. Lemon), S. Najmi, J.P., J.G. Prosser and W.E. Skinner.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER: Councillor S.L. Rees (Deputy Town Mayor).

APOLOGY: Councillor J. Williams.

75. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair (Councillor B.A.L. Roberts) remarked that it was with great sadness that she took the Chair due to the untimely death of the Chairman, Councillor Winston Lemon.

76. FINANCIAL REPORTS

(1) BUDGET REVIEW

Consideration was given to the Budget Review report of the Town Clerk (copies having been previously circulated to members).

RESOLVED – that the information be noted and approved.

(2) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED – that the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1st April – 31st December 2021, in the sums of £1,243,499 and £718,010 respectively, be approved.

(3) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED – that the payment schedule showing cheque payment No. 15855 and 15856 in the sum of £600, Direct Debit Nos. 165 - 191 (inclusive) in the sum of £13,972.42, BACS 127 – 140 in the sum of £18,867.64 and Electronic Payments Nos. 274 – 311 in the sum of £76,842.78 respectively, be approved.

77. COMMUNITY CENTRES

HIRINGS

Consideration was given to the summary schedule of hirings of all community centres during the month of December 2021 (copies having been previously circulated to members).

RESOLVED – that the information be noted.

78. TREE MANAGEMENT

Further to Minute No. 64 (2) of the Committee meeting held on 13th December 2021, members considered a report prepared by the Deputy Town Clerk and a report prepared by the Town Council contractor, The Arb Team (copies of both having been previously circulated to members).

A site visit had been undertaken by members to inspect Tree No. 281 opposite No. 3 and No. 4 Havelock Street with local residents in attendance. Following which a further inspection of the tree was undertaken by The Arb Team on 30th December 2021 at no additional cost. This inspection confirmed the previously received findings in relation to the condition of the tree and did not recommend its removal. It was also noted that should the tree be removed, it was highly likely that the resident birds would migrate to another nearby tree leading to possible further problems being experienced in that area.

Members felt that under the Town Council Biodiversity and Environmental Action Plan it was not appropriate to remove a healthy tree and it was

RESOLVED – that the tree remain in situ.

79. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(1) GRANTS

Councillor D.Ll. Darkin declared an interest in application (b) as he had previously carried out work for this Organisation and as he felt this was a prejudicial interest left the meeting prior to the discussion and voting thereon.

Having considered the following applications (copies having been previously circulated to members), it was

RESOLVED as follows –

- (a) The Art House – that a grant of £300 be made;
- (b) Llanelli & Mynydd Mawr Railway – that a grant of £800 be made.

(2) LETTERS OF THANKS

RESOLVED – that letters of thanks received from Llanelli Community Partnership, Llanelli Multicultural Network, CISS and Marie Curie be noted with pleasure.

The Meeting concluded at 7.07 p.m.