

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the
FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE
held on **15 JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor R. McKeown (Chair)

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths

252/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

253/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Sue Stevens, Lindsay Jones, Ryan Mckeown and Linda Thomas declared an interest in the Budget 2019-20 item and duly completed their Declaration of Interest forms. In accordance with Standing Order no 88, they remained in the meeting but did not take part in any vote about the specific interests.

254/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

255/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to item 221/18, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that she had received letters of thanks from each of the recipients of the small grants and community chest schemes.

256/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the revised list of payments in the sum of £13,222.58.

257/18 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following items:

- The re-charges for the Joint Agreement for the month of January amounted to £4,410.32.
- The third element of the Council's precept of £35,700 had been received from Flintshire County Council.
- Kevin Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, had commenced a ten-week electrical installation course at Coleg Cambria.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and convey the Council's best wishes to Kevin Griffiths.

258/18 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2018-19:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had provided a summary report to apprise members of the income and expenditure position of the Council for the period ending 30th November 2018 and referred members specifically to the recommendations for discussion.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- I) To note the contents of the report;
- II) To approve the virement of mandatory member allowances equating to £1,800 to "Community Spend" for the purposes of introducing a Community Volunteer Award scheme; and
- III) Approve an increase to the two annual grants to the Community's two community halls from £1300 to £1500 per year.

259/18 BUDGET 2019-20:

The Chairman outlined the budget proposals and precept as presented within the report.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- I) If practical, to increase the number of Christmas Tree lights along Broughton Hall Road to the Country Park;
- II) Reduce the holding account from £63,000 to £20,000 due to the current negotiations for the replacement of play equipment at Broughton Country Park; and
- III) Agree to an increase in the Council Tax Precept of 2.5% which equates to £0.53 for a Band D property.

260/18 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the bank reconciliations for the periods 4th December 2018 and 4th January 2019 respectively.