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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT
BOROUGH) with LLANBLETHIAN
TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF
Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol)
gyda LLANFLEIDDAN

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee
held in the Council Chamber and by Video Conference on Tuesday the
1st^{of} February 2022 at 8.00pm.**

Present:

Cllr A Trousdell (Chair of the Committee)
Cllr S Vaughan (Mayor of the Council)
Cllr J Andrew (Deputy Mayor of the Council)
Cllr M Wilson
Cllr S Cox
Cllr G Cox

Ms C Kennedy, Town Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr R Watkins and Cllr N Thomas

The Meeting was Recorded.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Apologies were noted from Cllr Geraint Baty and Cllr R Watkins.
- b. Automatic apologies were noted from Cllr N Thomas, as per unique dispensation.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

**3. MINUTES
RESOLVED**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 7th of December 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the meeting held on the 7th of December 2021.

Cllr Trousdell reported that he had circulated all Councillors with the locations of Council land but had been unable to find a suitable map and would try to see if Google maps had something suitable.

ACTION

Cllr Trousdell to present a marked-up map to the next meeting and thence to the Full Council

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial reports for December and January were presented. Cllr Wilson asked if it was possible to present negative amounts in red for ease of reading. The Town Clerk confirmed that this was not possible with the present system.

The Mayor asked if the final precept payment had been received and went on to comment that we could have a large surplus at the end of the year. However, there would be substantial payments made in respect of the heating and the roof. The Town Clerk confirmed that the final precept payment was made on the 31st of December

The Mayor expressed concern at the high cost of the payments for electricity. This was due to the use of electric heating which had been on all of the time to help conserve the building. As the new gas boilers were in the process of being fitted, the electricity bills would decrease.

Cllr Trousdell reported that at the recent One Voice Wales meeting, Penllyn CC had reported that HSBC were implementing bank charges from 1st January 2022. Consensus was that other banks would follow, and steps should be taken to reduce costs by eliminating cash and cheques. Some small hirers persisted in paying by cheque and it was agreed that pressure should be increased to stop this practice. There had been some issues with some fairly large payments which had been refused.

ACTIONS

- a. Cllr Trousdell to prepare a cash flow statement to the end of the year.
- b. Cllr Wilson to supply contact details for energy brokers with a view to consolidating all supplies.

RESOLVED

The Financial Report was approved.

RECOMMENDATION

Letters would be sent to those still paying by cheque with their next invoice stating that the Town Council would no longer be able to accept cheques from the 1st of April 2022 as there were no facilities for banking them in Cowbridge.

6. GRANTS

The Town Clerk presented a Grant application from Dementia Friendly requesting a grant of £80 towards the cost of hiring the Main Hall and Lesser Hall for a Dementia Friendly open day on 21st June 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. To charge Dementia Friendly £160 for the use of the Halls.
- b. To pay Dementia Friendly a grant of £160.

7. IT SUPPORT & COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk presented a proposal for a new Word Press Website to replace the current Umbraco Website, along with ongoing IT support.

ACTION

Contact the current IT support provider to offer them the opportunity to provide a more competitive quote.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday the 1st of March at 8:00pm.

Cllr A Trousdell (Chair of the Committee)