

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Finance Committee held on Monday the 16th November 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.

Present: Councillors Colin Hughes (chairman), Roy Tickle (deputy chairman), Raymond Bartley, Colin L Hughes, Gaynor Wood, Catherine Jones and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Brian Davies.

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Declaration of Interest: The following declaration was received:

Cllr Raymond Bartley – agenda item 6(2)(3) – grant aid – Cymdeithas Gymraeg Dinbych – personal.

2. The minutes of the Environment and Finance Committee meeting held on the 19th October 2015 were received and approved.

3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

A. Environment. There were no Environmental matters.

B. Finance

1. Accounts: The following accounts were approved for payment:

(1)	Marian LI Rees – translation service 19.10.15 (Cheque no.005749)	-	£102.00
(2)	Marian LI Rees – translation service 26.10.15 (Cheque no.005750)	-	£102.00
(3)	Cllr Philip Stevens – Member’s allowance (2015/2016) (Cheque no.005751)	-	£100.00
(4)	Sodexo - grounds maintenance Dr E P Garden (October) (Cheque no.005752)	-	£605.88
(5)	Royal British Legion – poppy wreath (Cheque no.005753)	-	£30.00
(6)	Cllr Catherine Jones – member’s allowance (2015/2016) (Cheque no.005754)	-	£100.00
(7)	Town Clerk – travelling costs (Ruthin x 2 & Llandudno) (Cheque no.005755)	-	£38.09
(8)	Town Clerk – reimburse cost of torch batteries (Fireworks) (Cheque no.005756)	-	£3.00
(9)	BT – telephone bill (Cheque no.005757)	-	£173.11
(10)	DCC – Crowd barriers and street closure – Fireworks 5.11.15 (Cheque no.005758)	-	£360.00

Total payments: £1,614.08

2. The financial report for the period 1.4.15 – 31.10.15 was accepted and noted. In response to a query the town clerk stated, that should an election take place in respect of the council vacancy, the cost to the town council would be approximately £4,500 – the amount would need to be drawn from the council reserves.

3. **The receipt of £3,000 from Lock Stock** re fireworks sponsorship was noted.
4. **The receipt of £880.36** from the fireworks bucket collection was noted.
5. **The receipt of donations totalling £60** (J Williams Butcher; street vendor; Denbigh Chocolate Shop) re fireworks display were noted.
6. **Grant Aid:** 1. The letters and e-mails of thanks received from the (1) Denbigh Bowling Club, (2) British Red Cross, (3) Dial a Ride, (4) North Wales Deaf Association, (5) Denbigh Rotary Club, (6) Denbigh Gymnastics Club, (7) Llangollen International Eisteddfod were noted.

2. The following applications for grant aid were considered in detail and decisions on each made as follows:
 - (1) Capel Mawr, Denbigh. Application deferred pending the outcome of the other grant applications.
 - (2) Shirley Smith's Black Belt Academy. Application form sent – as yet not returned – agreed to withdraw from the agenda.
 - (3) Cymdeithas Gymraeg Dinbych - £250 (S.145)(Cheque no.005759)
 - (4) Marie Curie Nurses - £100 (S.137)(Cheque no.005760)
7. The quotation received from Catrin Gilkes for translation services from January 2016 onwards was considered and accepted.
8. The letter from pupils at Ysgol Frongoch requesting the council to donate a Christmas tree to the school was discussed. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **that the council contribute up to £60 for the purchase of a Christmas tree (S.137) and a suggestion made to the school that the tree be purchased locally.**
9. The e-mail received from Sue Williams of the British Legion re street closures on Remembrance Day was discussed and noted. It was reported that a query had been lodged with DCC officers and members as to what happens in other towns in the county, as this was a national event. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **that should a negative reply be received from DCC that the town council reimburse the British Legion the fee incurred in the sum of £120.**
10. The request received from the Denbigh Business Group for free parking on Saturday 28th November 2015 was considered. Following a short discussion it was agreed to accede to the request and also to remind the Business Group that free parking was available in the town after 3pm.
11. The town clerk referred to the letter received from the Denbigh Local History Society regarding a sale by auction in Essex of a rare photo album of 22 panorama photographs of Denbigh taken about 1890. The letter contained a request for the town council to consider purchasing this item for the Denbigh Archives. The auction catalogue priced the item between £50 and £100. It was agreed that this item was an important one and that it should be purchased. It was **Resolved** (unanimously) **to agree that a bid of up to £200 could be made in an attempt to purchase the item.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed:(chairman)

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