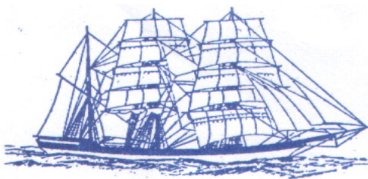


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FINANCE AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE In Y Ganolfan at 19.00 on Tuesday January 28 2025

MINUTES

In attendance :- Councillors :- Aled Griffith (Chairman); Trefor Jones; Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Karena Owens; Alwyn Gruffydd; Glenda Murray; Michael Roberts
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent :- Cyng Llywelyn Rhys

C1.1.25 Apologies:- Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards

C2.1.25 Audit the accounts. (Balance sheet up to January 20 2025 attached).

Decision:- the balance sheet was accepted as correct as proposed by Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding.

C3.1.25 Invoice 3,4,5 and 6 were added to the original agenda.

The following payments were authorised by a motion proposed by Cllr Gwilym Jones, seconded by Cllr Glenda Murray :-

1	ALAN G. JONES	Removal of flagpoles and repair to Borth y Gest toilet ridge tiles	£432.00
2	GARETH GRIFFITHS	Installation and removal of Christmas tree lights	£1152.00
3	BAND YR OAKELEY	Performance at Goleuo Port 29.11.24	£350.00
4	WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS	Delivery of Christmas trees.	£288.00
5	WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS	Skip for Cae Pawb after storm Darragh	£312.00
6	GWYN VAUGHAN JONES	Presenting at Goleuo Port 29.11.24	£30.00

C4. 1.25 Christmas expenditure

- Investigate the possibility of changing the arrangements for Christmas 2025

The Clerk had prepared a detailed breakdown of the Christmas expenditure for 2024 and was very concerned that it was all going to cost **almost £29,500** - which is **almost half of the annual Precept of £66,962.10**. The fact that Gwynedd Council's bill of £2,367.26 on 9.4.24 for erecting and removing Christmas trees in 2023 was included in the 2024 budget and the added expense of £12,799.44 for 12 new lights in 2024 meant a significant increase to the normal annual costs.

She had researched the Christmas provision of other nearby towns:-
Pwllheli – £100,000 for a 5 year contract with the Lite company
Caernarfon – contract with Lite company

Prestatyn - (population of 19,000 / 6 wards / 18 councillors / Precept 2023-24 of £497,299) contract with Lite - expenditure on Christmas lights 2023-24 = £25,000.

The Clerk had passed on information about mega-electical.co.uk (based in Mold) and Festive Lighting Company for comparison.

It was noted that Christmas arrangements in the past used to be undertaken by Ffrindiau Port and Caru Port and the Town Council met the costs. The responsibility of organising and coordinating activities / entertainment/ guests / Christmas illuminations / electricians / Christmas trees / contractors now falls on the shoulders of the Town Council Clerk.

Decision :- The Clerk to ask Dolgellau Town Council about the price of their Christmas tree; arrange 3 quotations to be received within the month (current provider included) for a 3 year Christmas lights service agreement as proposed by Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding.

C5.1.25 Planning Applications

No planning applications received.

The meeting ended at 20.00

Marian Roberts

(Clerk)

29.1.25