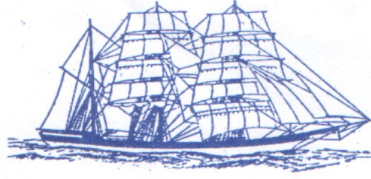


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FINANCE AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE In Y Ganolfan at 19.00 on Tuesday November 26 2024

MINUTES

C.1.11.24 In attendance:- Councillors :- Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Aled Griffith (Chairman); Alwyn Gruffydd; Glenda Murray
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent :- Councillors:- Trefor Jones; Llywelyn Rhys

C2.11.24 Apologies:- Councillors:- Dr Melfyn Edwards; John Gwynedd Roberts; Michael Roberts; Karena Owens

C3.11.24 Audit the accounts. (Balance sheet up to November 18 2024 attached).
The Balance Sheet was accepted and found correct and the Clerk explained how the figures on the Excel spreadsheet were transferred to the Balance Sheet. The Clerk had prepared tables and graphs to show a comparison of expenditure between 31.3.24 and 19.11.24 and an estimate of possible expenditure up to 31.3.25. The Clerk explained that expenditure up to 19.11.24 was so high because a number of payments from the 2023-2024 budget had been carried over to the 2024-2025 budget; that there was a 50% increase in the Clerk's working hours; that the Financial Contributions which are usually distributed in February each year were not distributed until April 2024.

C4.11.24 Expenditure estimate up to 31.3.25 (copy attached) and decide on priorities for 2025-26

See comments C3.11.24. It was agreed that the Precept will have to be raised in order to meet the financial requirements of 2025-2026.

C5. 11.24 Start a discussion about the 2025/2026 precept. (See relevant documents and Precept Table attached)

The Clerk had not received the relevant documentation in order to start discussing the Precept as Gwynedd Council has not yet set their budget for 2025-2026. It will therefore be necessary to continue with the discussions at the Full Committee meeting on 10.12.24. It was noted that the Town Council had raised the Precept last year for the first time in 4 years. It is anticipated that the Precept will have to be raised once more this year. The Clerk will have prepared further for the members to come to a decision at the 10.12.24 meeting.

C6.11.24 To decide on the advertising of the 2025-26 grass-cutting agreement

Decision :- to advertise for a tender for a grass cutting contract for 3 years in Yr Wylan and in Y Ffynnon and to inform any prospective applicants that National Grid will start digging Bodawen Playground in 2025 for the installation of the underground electricity cables.

C7.11.24 Appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2024-2025 audit

Decision :- to ask the Luned Fôn Jones team of auditors at Gwynedd Council, to undertake the work.

C8.11.24 Bills to be paid - expected expenditure

The following payments were authorised on the motion of Cllr Glenda Murray, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding:-

1	CLEAR COUNCILS	Increase in annual insurance premium to insure Howard Bowcott's art installations.	x 3 = £21.38 x 1 extra = £17.72
2	ALAN G JONES	Repair of Aldi bus stop seat	£120.00
3	ALAN G JONES	Removal of flagpoles	£456.00

C9.11.24 Planning applications

(A) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0792/44/AM (wedi ebostio 12.11.24)

Lleoliad / Location: The Garage, Porthmadog, LL49 9DF

Bwriad / Proposal: Dymchwel modurdai presennol ac adeiladu tŷ 2/3 ystafell wely newydd ar wahân

Demolition of existing garages and construction of a new detached 2/3 bedroom

Townhouse

Decision :- No objection

The meeting ended at 20.45

Marian Roberts

(Clerk)

28.11.24