

CYNGOR DINAS TYDDEWI ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Finance Committee 10th December 2024 @14:30 in the Drop-in Centre

Present: Cllr D. Griffiths; Cllr S Minas, Cllr B. Sehmi; Cllr R.Thornton plus RFO W Mann.

1 Apologies for Absence: None

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Confirmation of Minutes: Finance Committee Meeting 10th October 2024 - agreed

4. Matters Arising: *(The meeting agreed that the RFO should take the minutes for the meeting)*

- i. Options to invest a portion of General Reserves. It was RESOLVED that the committee take advice from SLCC / OneVoiceWales regarding recommended savings accounts before making any recommendations to council
- ii. Consideration of introduction of a Purchase Register. It was agreed that this would not be an additional requirement to the existing process.
- iii. Risk Assessment - Illegal activity or payment - “Educate council as to their legal powers” – The scope of this aspect is understood and it was agreed that it would continue to be part of the committees Risk Assessment.
- iv. Asset Register Section: City Hall & Memorial Hall caretaker has prepared a review. Meeting agreed to defer update of the register to January until items below are completed.
- v. Asset Register Section: Council Chamber: clerks’ to review of these items in time for January meeting
- vi. Asset Register Section: Memorial Playing Field: Deputy Clerk to review these items in time for January meeting
- vii. Asset Register Section: Street Furniture: Cllr Minas to review these items in time for January meeting
- viii. Asset Register Section: Waun Fawr: Deputy Clerk to review these items in time for January meeting
- ix. Preliminary Budget Water Rates House: meeting agreed not to recommend to discontinue supply. Meeting asked RFO to pursue meter installation to mitigate future charges.
- x. Preliminary Budget Heat & Light: meeting agreed not to recommend to discontinue supply on the basis that the cost of reinstating it once removed was disproportionate.
- xi. Preliminary Budget Council Tax Hall; to consider whether a proportional reduction of charges (available to charities) is possible in respect of the floor space occupied by Siop y Pobol. RFO has emailed PCC and awaiting a reply. Meeting requested that the issue is pursued

5 Review of Whitesands Ice-cream License (current license ended in October 2024) for recommendation to Council.

The following observations were made:

Clause 3 – should include specific requirements regarding pedestrian safety needs

Clause 4 – to be amended to include (subject to planning regulations) this should include wood-cladding

Clause 8 - that the licensee confirms agreement of shared electricity costs with the partner-supplier not licensor (SDCC). Historically the arrangement for electricity has been a shared arrangement between the licensee and the surf-hut – not SDCC.

In addition, consideration might be made to the permissions required to site a mobile (Mr Whippy - type) ice-cream van and whether the same anticipated planning restrictions would then apply to that arrangement. This is subject to the time-constraints between December and January and the success of the extant applications.