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Minutes of the General meeting of Whitland Town Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm.

This meeting was open to the public via a live Zoom link, available on request to the Clerk.

Present: Cllrs J Davies-Scourfield (Chair), L Shipton (Vice Chair), B Chapman, F Scourfield, J Blandford and M McDowell.

Also present – The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 19.05

**2022/04 232 To accept Apologies for Absence – Cllrs R Jones and R Davies.**

None Contact from Cllrs E Eynon, J Jones and J Dobson

**2022/04 233 To Receive any Personal and Prejudicial Declaration of Interests - None**

**2022/04 234 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

Cllr Blandford proposed that the Minutes of the General meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting; Cllr Shipton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2022/04 235 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only**

It was reported that the unveiling of Cllr Ron Jenkins MBE (Rtd) plaque was well attended by Ron's family and Councillors. Following the unveiling all attending were invited into the Station House for light refreshments – The celebrations went on into the afternoon with a lot of reminiscing.

**2022/04 236 Mayor's Report**

Cllr Davies-Scourfield attended this seasons opening of the Bowling Club, making a donation of £50 to the Club on behalf of the Whitland Town Council.

**2022/04 237 To consider any account(s) for payment**

All Councillors confirmed that they had received the Finance Report

Cllr Davies-Scourfield proposed that the accounts, as presented, be paid in full; Cllr Shipton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2022/04 238 To consider the Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation**

<b>Cash Flow</b>	
<b>28.02.2022-31.03.2022</b>	
Balance	<u>£ 68,887.76</u> B/F
Payments Made	£ 11,722.45
Income Received	£ -
	<u>£ 57,165.31</u> C/F

Cllr Scourfield proposed that the bank reconciliation be signed as a true record of the Whitland Town Council's financial position as of the 31.03.2022; Cllr McDowell seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement

**2022/04 239 To approve the End of Year Income and Expenditure Report**

Cllr Blandford proposed that the Income and Expenditure report for the financial year 2021/2022 is a true representation of the Financial Year; Cllr Scourfield seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2022/04 240 To consider Planning Applications Received – None**

**2022/04 241 To consider any Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda.**

None received

**2022/04 242 To receive any Planning Decision Notices from the Carmarthenshire County Council - None**

**2022/04 243 Consideration of Correspondence Received**

- Information regarding 50% Rate Relief (from Gov.Wales) Emailed to all Councillors for onward submission.
- Email received requesting what business properties Whitland Town Council are able to offer. The Clerk responded advising that the author should contact the Carmarthenshire County Council for further information.
- Several Email sent requesting an update to the Whitland Town Council's application for Section 106 funding towards the resurfacing of the Bryngwenllian safety surfaces – No response despite the decision date being the end of March 2022.
- Email received advising that the Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme is open for nominations.
- Email received advising that the work on the bus park situate in West Street is due to commence 11.04.2022. The Clerk advised that the information has been published on the Whitland Toen Council's website.
- Email received from Western Power Distribution requesting permission to trim trees, situate in the Pocket park, which are interfering with the overhead cables. The Clerk approved the scheduled works.
- Email received advising that the deadline for the submission of the Capital Grant Funding application (second stage) has been extended to the end of November 2022. The land to be used for the car park is yet to be agreed upon, therefore the application process is not able to move forward until this has been confirmed.
- Email received from Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Enforcement Officer advising that an inspection will take place regarding the ongoing issues and possible flooding problems regarding the earth banks at Trevaughn Lodge.

**2022/04 244 To receive County Councillor's Report – None received**

**2022/04 245 To Receive Any Reports from Committees/Working Parties**

Cllr Shipton on behalf of the Grounds Working Party

- An infestation of moles has been noted at the Trevaughn play area – This matter is being addressed by a professional pest control company.
- Arrangements continue to remove the plaque from the stone structure and then the structure itself from the entrance to the Pocket Park.
- The Jubilee Beacon is in the process of being made.

**2022/04 246 To Receive Reports from Council Representatives**

Cllr Chapman on behalf of the LEADER Digital Project

- The Website is in the design stage
- The first draft of the design is expected very soon from the designers.
- The Welsh Translation may not be available on the initial launch of the site – to be confirmed as the design progresses.

- The software to be processed on the tv screens in shops is yet to be approved prior to the screens being installed.

**2022/04 247 To receive any updates regarding the Ten Towns Growth Project-** LEADER Funding and Capital EOI form – As correspondence

**2022/04 248 To Consider the Updated Asset Register**

Following consideration of the information provided and discussions regarding the information relating to the CCTV equipment – Cllr Chapman proposed that the Assets as listed for 2021/2022 is a true representation of the Whitland Town Council’s assets; Cllr Scourfield seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

**2022/04 249 To Consider a Date For The May 2022 Meeting Of Whitland Town Council** – Due to the Local Elections being held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 three clear days are required after the Election

The Clerk confirmed as no Election is required, returning Councillors can quite properly be summoned to the meeting with the requisite three clear days’ Notice, therefore the Annual Meeting of Whitland Town Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

**2022/04 250 To Consider Future Meeting Arrangements**

Councillors expressed in favour of continuing meeting via Zoom offering a live link to any persons who request such. The Clerk to make enquiries as to when face to face meetings have to re-commence.

**2022/04 251 Considerations for discussion at the next meeting**

- The possibility of Whitland Town Council purchasing a new Chain of Office as all the links are filled on the existing Chain.
- The possibility of Whitland Town Council commencing a Youth Council.

Meeting closed 20.11