

Minutes of Finance Committee held 24th April 2017

In attendance: Councillors S. Cleaver, J. Macdonald, M.J. Edwards, J. Holmes

Chair: Councillor J. Macdonald

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer: S Baxter

Apologies: Councillors M. Harriman, B. Watson

1. The Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th February 2017 were agreed as a true record.
2. Revisions to the Grant Procedures documents were discussed. The comments given by Paul Egan of One Voice Wales were noted. The issue of the definition of Commercial organisations were discussed in terms of Community organisations which work for the Community and need to make charges. Councillor Edwards suggested that each case needed to be looked at on its merits and to look at where any money is being generated from, locally or elsewhere. The Constitution shall be asked for if available. The criteria is to be used as a guide for consideration of each grant application. Councillor Cleaver proposed and it was agreed that the document be recommended to Council for adoption for a twelve-month period and reviewed annually.
3. The Clerk updated the Committee on progress with the Internal and External Audits. With regard to the Asset Register, confirmation was awaited from WCBC on the status of the MUGA and depending on this the Asset register may have to be revised.
4. The Clerk advised on Communication that had been received from the University of Wales and from a Solicitor acting on their behalf. Jerry O'Keefe had suggested that a site meeting might be useful to consider the land and access points before any documentation be agreed. Clerk to arrange.
5. The Clerk presented a draft Social Media Policy that had been received via One Voice Wales. The policy was considered and it was agreed to recommend adoption of the policy to the next Council meeting.
6. The Clerk presented a draft document Standing Orders and a discussion took place. It was suggested that a section be put in concerning the Welsh Language and the operating language of the Council. It was agreed that the document could stand as a draft and be given out to all Councillors on the understanding that it was at present a draft. Further work is to be done and it will be considered further at the next meeting of the Committee.
7. Date of the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting shall be held in June/ July 2017 and the Clerk will notify of the date, time and venue.