

Items 8 to 23

Council – 14 July 2022

Reports of the Clerk

8. Record of Payments

The table outlines a list of payments. The “Payments Raised at the Meeting” element of the table require a decision of Council. The payments were made in line with the Annual Council resolution of 19 May 2022 (Minute 23 “Constitutional Matters” refers).

| Payments | £ |
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| Clerk Salary (June 2022) | 413.81 |
| CCS Pension Fund (Clerk) (June 2022) | 162.06 |
| HMRC – PAYE Income Tax & NI Contributions 2021-2022 | 0.20 |
| HMRC – PAYE Income Tax & NI Contributions 2022-2023 | 310.40 |
| HB Enoch Owen – Payroll Services | 39.60 |
| AdvantEDGE Finance Software. Annual Fee. Year 3 of 5 Year Contract. | 264.00 |
| Introduction to the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) – Course attended by Clerk on 5 July 2022 | 70.00 |
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| Determined by Council | |
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| Payments Raised at the Meeting | |
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Resolved that:

- 1) The Payments & Receipts be noted.
- 2) The Clerk be authorised to pay the Payments Raised at the Meeting.

9. Financial Reporting (For Information)

i) Bank Accounts - Reconciliation

The Bank Accounts Monthly Reconciliation has been e-mailed to all Councillors.

ii) Community Council Giving Gifts

The Clerk spoke with One Voice Wales about the possibility of the Community Council giving a gift to an individual. One Voice Wales have given clear advice that no gifts can be purchased using public money.

iii) Contribution towards a Councillors Costs & Expenses

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) have determined that £150 may be given to each Councillor. The Clerk needs bank details to make the payment.

10. Correspondence (emailed to all Councillors)

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| One Voice Wales. Training Dates |
| Dogs Trust Service for your Community |
| City and County of Swansea. Decision List Week ending 24 June 2022 |
| One Voice Wales. Information Update |
| Ystadau Cymru. Assets Collaboration Programme Wales Phase 3 (ACPW3) Grant Scheme |
| Sustainable Futures. Shaping Wales' Future. |
| One Voice Wales. Wales Nature Week |
| One Voice Wales. Hello and welcome from the Local Places for Nature officer! |
| One Voice Wales. Young Traders Market |
| Public Sector Executive. Connecting the Welsh Public Sector |
| Swansea Council. Recruitment of a Community / Town Councillor to the Standards Committee |
| Society of Local Council Clerks. News Bulletin |
| Welsh Government. Finance & Governance Toolkit |
| Ystadau Cymru. Newsletter |
| Welsh Government. Statutory Guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 |
| One Voice Wales. Good Councillor's Guide 2022 |
| One Voice Wales. National Forest for Wales funding announcement |
| Planning Aid Wales. Training |
| Natural Resources Wales. Resilient Communities Grant Launch |

11. Feedback from Delegates on Outside Bodies (Verbal) (For Information)

12. General / ICT Matters (Verbal)

13. Workplan (For Information)

The Workplan is a living document that will continue to develop.

| Council Date | Workplan Items |
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| All Dates | Standard Items. Discussed each month: a) PCSO Report. b) Record of Payments. c) Financial Report. d) Correspondence. e) Feedback from Delegates on Outside Bodies. f) General / ICT Matters. g) Workplan. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) Planning Applications & Planning Matters - Swansea Council. i) Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways - Swansea Council. j) Training. k) Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update. <p>Additional Items. Discussed as required:</p> |
| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Budget & Precept for Next Financial Year. ➤ Set Amounts for Grants & Donations Policy. |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of Standing Orders. ➤ Review of Financial Regulations. ➤ Personnel Committee - Clerk's Appraisal. |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of Asset Register. ➤ Consider Requests for Grants and Donations. |
| April | - |
| May Annual Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Constitutional Matters. ➤ All Committees (Finance, Personnel). Elect Chair & Vice-Chair. |
| June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual Governance Statement. ➤ Internal Auditors Report. |
| July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider Requests for Grants and Donations. ➤ Christmas Tree, Illuminations & Festivities. |
| August | No Meetings. |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas Newsletter. ➤ Christmas Tree, Illuminations & Festivities. ➤ Remembrance Sunday. <p>Finance Committee. 6 Month Budget Monitoring.</p> |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas Newsletter. ➤ Christmas Tree, Illuminations & Festivities. ➤ Remembrance Sunday. |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider Requests for Grants and Donations. ➤ Christmas Newsletter. ➤ Christmas Tree, Illuminations & Festivities. |
| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finance Committee. Draft Budget for Next Year. |
| To be confirmed | Agree the External Auditors Report. |

14. Planning Applications & Planning Matters - Swansea Council (Verbal)

15. Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways - Swansea Council

- i) Road Safety – Crossing B4489 at Junction of Swansea Road & Pengors Road, Llangyfelach.

The Clerk will provide a verbal update.

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| Equality & Diversity. Two Cllrs. Once within Council Term | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mediation and Conciliation. Two Cllrs & Clerk. Once within Council Term | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planning. Two Cllrs. Once within Council Term | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Key: | 1 - Attended | 0 – Not Attended | NA – Not Applicable |
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17. Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update (Verbal)

Councillor Mark Tribe, Llangyfelach Ward Councillor on Swansea Council shall provide a verbal update relating to his Ward work.

18. Playground at Fairview Road – Provision of Two Benches

The Clerk shall provide a verbal update relating to the benches and concrete plinths.

Recommended that the update be noted.

19. Swansea Communities Feasibility Study

Councillors Paul Baker & Peter Gibson have been liaising with Officers from the Swansea Rural Development Programme as Llangyfelach is eligible for funding. The funding ends in February 2023 and the Local Action Group have offered to pay for a feasibility study in Llangyfelach up to the value of £10,000. More information regarding the Rural Development Programme is available at www.swansea.gov.uk/RDPmembership

Councillors Baker & Gibson will provide feedback from their discussions at the meeting.

Recommended that the update be noted.

20. Christmas Tree, Illuminations & Festivities

Traditionally, the Council places a Christmas Tree and Illuminations on the Green adjacent to the Plough & Harrow. Christmas Festivities have also been arranged in the past.

Council needs to consider what it wishes to do for Christmas 2022. All spend must be made in line with the Financial Procedure Rules.

Recommended. The views of Council are requested.

21. Consider Requests for Grants and Donations

No applications received.

22. Notice Board at Junction of Heol Pentre Felen & Bryn Hedydd, Llangyfelach

The Annual Council resolved that the Clerk investigate placing a Notice Board at the junction of Heol Pentre Felen & Bryn Hedydd, Llangyfelach near to the defibrillator. The Clerk is in contact with Swansea Council and finding suitable Notice Boards.

Recommended that the update be noted.

23. Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

The Clerk (Huw Evans) was appointed on 1 June 2020. At that time the Clerk was asked to undertake the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) in due course. The Clerk attended the Introduction to CiLCA course on 5 July 2022. Council paid £70 for his attendance.

The Clerk has stated that he is now ready to undertake the CiLCA qualification. The Community Council will need to pay for the course and associated costs; however, the Clerk will seek to access the financial bursary that is available from One Voice Wales and the Welsh Government. It should be noted that the course is scheduled to be approximately 200 hours of work over a year. The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) suggest that the Community Council should pay up to 70% of these hours.

Recommended that the Clerk be authorised to undertake the CiLCA qualification at the expense of the Authority providing the Chair of Council, Vice Chair of Council and Chair of Personnel Committee authorise each element of the spending in advance.

Huw Evans
Clerk to Llangyfelach Community Council