

**MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, Buckley
on
Tuesday 26th February 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor J F Thornton – in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek	Cllr H D Hutchinson	Cllr C M Preece
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr P G Shone
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A Woolley
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr N Phillips	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Personal Assistant
Mrs T J Reece – Personal Assistant

17454- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors J S Jones (illness), R B Jones (holiday), S Peers (work commitments), M P Teire (work commitments) and A G Williams (family commitments).

17455- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made in relation to this Agenda. It was –

Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.

17456- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Economic Development Committee held on 22nd January 2019, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

17457-ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved - (i) that the accounts numbered 11642-11666 (inclusive as detailed in the Schedule of Accounts Number 496 dated 26th February 2019 [a copy of which had been distributed to all Members] and amounting in total to the sum of £20,984.32) be

approved for payment and the Town Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the payments were properly actioned through the Council's Bank Current Account in accordance with the Council's Internal Financial Controls.

(ii) that the expenditure be authorised in accordance with powers contained within the relevant local government acts and as identified and described within Appendix 1 of the NALC advice 'Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales, a Practitioners' Guide' as revised and amended.

17458- BANK RECONCILIATIONS

The Committee received the monthly Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2019.
It was –

Resolved – that the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2019 be received, noted and approved.

17459- DEFIBRILLATOR

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which advised that the BEATS organisation was closing down and had approximately £1,400 it wished to donate to the installation of a defibrillator at or near to the Town Council Offices. Following detailed discussions with Flintshire County Council it had been resolved that the County Council would have no objection under Listed Building Consent if the defibrillator was placed on the hoarding in between the two main Council Offices. There was an indication of an approximate cost of £1,900 to both acquire and install the defibrillator. The BEATS organisation had requested that a plaque be placed at the defibrillator indicating that it had funded it. No costings had been considered in relation to the plaque.

During the ensuing debate a Member advised the Committee that the family of a deceased lady had indicated that they would like to make a donation from the estate to the installation of a defibrillator in Buckley. This money would therefore be used to supplement the cost of the purchase and installation of the defibrillator. The Clerk sought the Committee's approval to earmark £500 towards the supply and installation of the defibrillator. In answer to a question the Clerk advised the Committee that should any monies be left over, they could be placed in a Specific Reserve for future consideration of further defibrillators being installed in the town. It was –

Resolved – that the Clerk's report be received and noted, that a letter be forwarded to the Chair of the BEATS organisation expressing the Council's appreciation for all the organisation's efforts in trying to promote the town. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to have the defibrillator installed as soon as possible and if any monies were left over, they should be placed in a Specific Reserve for the potential future acquisition and installation of defibrillators in the town.

17460- INFORMATION BOARD – REVEALING BUCKLEY’S HERITAGE

The Committee received and considered a report from the Clerk, which advised that in 2018 the Clerk had been approached by the Buckley Society to write a letter of support in relation to a Bid that was being prepared to install an Information Sign in the centre of Buckley. The sign would advise people of the sites of historical interest and where they could be viewed in the town. The sign also showed a précised history of the town. The Clerk had forwarded the supporting letter to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 9th November 2018. The Clerk had also, in discussions with the Buckley Society, indicated that the Town Council would probably positively consider a £250 contribution to match-fund the development of the sign. The Clerk had also indicated to the Buckley Society that the Town Council would act as the applicant if planning approval was required, provided that the Buckley Society funded the planning application.

The Clerk reported that the matter had developed to the point where it was hoped that the sign could be erected by June 2019. It was –

Resolved – that the Committee received and noted the Clerk’s report and endorsed and approved the Clerk’s actions in the matter. It was also resolved to approve the £250 contribution to match-fund the development of the sign.

17461- ITEMS TABLED FOR MEMBERS’ PERUSAL

The following items were tabled for Members’ perusal: -

1. Auditor General for Wales:-
 - (a) Report on the Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017/18.
 - (b) Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales.

Resolved – that the items tabled for Members’ perusal be received and noted.

CHAIR