

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Resources Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Lewis-Jones (Chair).

Councillors: L.A. Carter, P. Cooper, P. Corbett, J. Jones, B. Scragg, and M. Sprake.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE none were received. Cllr E.B. Palmer was absent without apology.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk). P. Islip and J. Kerrigan (Holywell Leisure Centre).

R30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None were declared.

R31. MEETING WITH HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE

The Holywell Leisure Centre representatives provided an overview of Centre operations and associated investments, over recent years. Members were keen to open negotiations and explore partnership working for the benefit of the community.

Cllr J. Jones joined the meeting at 5.45pm.

The contribution to the Centre from the Council had been ringfenced in next year’s budget. The Council’s contribution could be earmarked for a specific scheme if required. Some of the history was reviewed, and it was acknowledged that prior to 2017 the Centre had been running at a loss. Energy and employee costs were the biggest budget challenges. New cricket nets had been installed and the painting of the main hall floor had recently been completed. Some recent development work on the Centre’s social media channels and website had been well received and helped with the promotion of activities.

Members queried some of the past budget figures that had been supplied to the Council and the associated financial performance. The Centre agreed to investigate the figures and report back.

Members suggested that initial partnership working on the PACT related project would be a good starting point, as funding was ending shortly. The Council had already committed to funding refreshments associated with the PACT project for the first portion of the new financial year.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That an agreement in principle be agreed for the Deputy Clerk to review the PACT group sessions to date and draft a programme for the first quarter of the new financial year. The Centre would then consider how this can be supported operationally.
- 2) That the Leisure Centre representatives be thanked for their attendance.

R32. GREENFIELD BY-ELECTION RECHARGE

The Clerk reported that the Committee's query regarding the Greenfield By-Election recharge had been submitted and summarised the response received from the Flintshire Elections Office. Members were disappointed that the cost for the poll cards had been charged in full, despite there being issues with their delivery, and the listed polling station address.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk requests a full refund of the poll card charge on the basis that the Council did not receive the level of service it expected.

R33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.45pm. Clerk to advise members on the next meeting date at the proper time.

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Chair